

Alpharetta High School Chorus American Celebration of Music in Ireland

Custom Tour #1 (6 nights/8 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2

Dublin / Bunratty / Killarney (D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Killarney via Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. The Folk Park is a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century Ireland

Continue to Killarney for late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Renowned for its beauty, famed for the splendor of its scenery, Killarney is one of the world's best-loved tourist spots. Killarney (Cill Airne - The Church of Sloes) became a magnificent town around 1750 when the local magnate, Lord Kenmare, developed the tourist business and four major roads were built to the outside world

Day 3

Killarney (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Full-day excursion along the Ring of Kerry, a 179 km road circuit around the Iveragh Peninsula. It has captivating mountain and coastal scenery, dotted with slate-roofed fishing villages. The Ring is one of Ireland's premier tourist attractions

Lunch, on own

Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland*

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Killarney / Blarney / Kilkenny (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

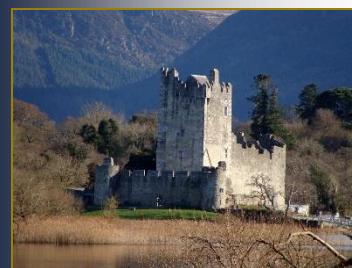
Transfer to Blarney where we will visit the Blarney Castle and Stone. The castle dates from 1446 and is built on solid limestone in beautiful grounds. The sacred stone is found at the top of the castle and when you catch a glimpse of it, you may well feel compelled to bend over backwards and kiss it!

Lunch, on own

Continue to Kilkenny

Evening dinner and overnight

Kilkenny is considered by many to be second only to Dublin in its attraction for visitors. Its narrow winding streets lend it an atmosphere of old world charm; its terraces of handsome Georgian houses give it elegance; and with all this it is a busy modern town and market center for a fertile agricultural area



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Day 5 **Kilkenny** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Morning sightseeing in Kilkenny. Enjoy a tour of Kilkenny Castle, begun by William de Marshal in the 13th century. From 1391 to 1931 the castle was the principal seat of the Butler family. Finely situated on the high river bank and surrounded by gardens, the castle is now open to the public. Some of the rooms have been restored; particularly charming is the Victorian Great Hall
Lunch, on own

Concert as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland*
Evening dinner and overnight



Day 6 **Kilkenny / Dublin** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Dublin
Lunch, on own
Enjoy a tour of Dublin including St. Stephen's Green, South Bank, College Green, Merrion Square, Liffey Footbridges, Grafton Street, Temple Bar, O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, and entrance to Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university. Trinity College contains the Book of Kells, which dates from AD 800, making it one of the oldest books in the world. Also visit Dublin Castle

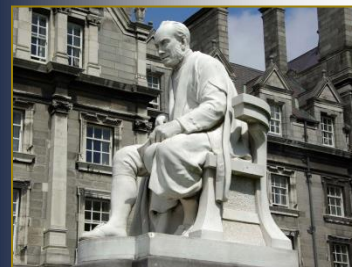
Recital as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland*
Evening dinner and overnight

Dublin is Ireland's capital and its largest, most cosmopolitan city. The 'boom years' came in the 18th century and the city expanded across the river forming a new Dublin of stately squares, streets and Georgian mansions. Today, with its elegant Georgian streets, gregarious inhabitants and long history, it's little wonder Dublin is a city of writers



Day 7 **Dublin / Glendalough** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Excursion to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains. The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the "valley of the two lakes" harbor one of Ireland's most atmospheric monastic sites — established in the 6th century. Here we see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin's Cross and Kitchen, and Gatehouse
Lunch, on own
Return to Dublin
Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

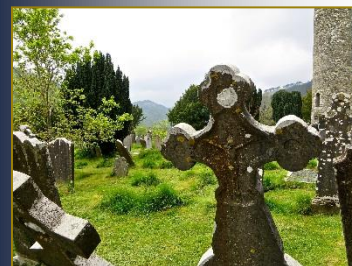


Day 8 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Dublin's airport for return flight

****Subject to confirmation***

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.



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