

Join the Carolina International Chorale to Experience...

# ireland

*the scenic  
splendor of  
lofty mountain  
peaks, crystal  
lakes, and leafy  
vales combine  
with legendary  
irish warmth  
to create a rich  
tapestry in this  
memorable  
9-day tour.*

Galway ✕ Aran Islands ✕ Burren Region ✕ Cliffs of Moher  
Clonmacnoise ✕ Kilbeggan ✕ Dublin ✕ County Wicklow ✕ Glendalough

July 20 - 28, 2014

*Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

## Day 1: Depart USA

We depart on our overnight transatlantic flight to the Emerald Isle. Meals and snacks are served on board.

## Day 2: Arrive Ireland - Galway

Upon arrival in Ireland, we are greeted by our World Cultural Tours representative. We are escorted to our private motor coach and depart for Galway. This delightful city, with its narrow streets and old stone and wooden shop fronts, has attracted a bohemian crowd of musicians and artists who add even more character to the city. We visit Galway Cathedral, one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway City. We continue to our hotel for check-in, and have our Welcome Dinner together this evening.

*(D) Carlton Hotel or similar*

## Day 3: Galway - Aran Islands - Galway/Performance

Following breakfast this morning, we depart for a full-day excursion to the Aran Islands. The three Aran Islands, Inisheer, Inishmaan, and Inishmore, stand out in the Galway Bay. Of the three Gaelic-speaking islands, Inishmore is the largest and is made up of 14 tiny villages. We arrive here, via ferryboat, and begin our guided tour of the area, including a visit to Dún Aengus, a huge prehistoric fort built on the edge of one of the island's 300-foot cliffs. We return to Galway this afternoon and prepare for a performance at St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church (*subject to confirmation*). Dinner is under our own arrangements tonight.

*(B) Carlton Hotel or similar*

## Day 4: Galway - Burren Region - Cliffs of Moher - Galway

After breakfast this morning, we depart for a visit to the Cliffs of Moher, traveling through the Burren Region en route. Burren, meaning "large stones," describes this strange and unique region perfectly. This area is a high plateau of porous limestone, and we discover its rich history of countless castles and monastic ruins. We continue to the Cliffs of Moher, the most majestic cliffs in Ireland, rising from the Atlantic Ocean and extending for over seven kilometers. From here, we can admire the Aran Islands and the Connemara Mountains. We return to Galway, where we enjoy for rest of the day at leisure. We make dinner arrangements on our own this evening.

*(B) Carlton Hotel or similar*

## 9-Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 7 Nights Accommodation
- Luxury Motor Coach
- Tour Manager Throughout
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner
- 1 Additional Dinner
- Farewell Dinner with Entertainment
- 3 Performances
- Sightseeing Per Itinerary
- Beer and Whiskey Tastings
- 1 Ticket to *Jig*, Irish Dance
- 1 Ticket to a *Steeple Series Concert*
- Musical Pub Crawl
- Gratuities
- Air Taxes up to \$500

\$3,499 P/P Dbl. Occ.  
(Plus Air Taxes Exceeding \$500,  
Pending Air Confirmation)



## Day 5: Galway - Clonmacnoise - Kilbeggan - Dublin/Musical Pub Crawl

This morning after breakfast, we check-out of our hotel and travel to Dublin. En route, we enjoy a guided visit to the historic monastery of Clonmacnoise. Once a great center of learning, it has been plundered numerous times for its monastic treasures throughout history. We continue to Kilbeggan Distillery, established in 1757 and believed to be the oldest licensed pot still whiskey distillery in the world. Here, we have a guided tour and tasting. Upon arrival in Dublin, we check-in to our hotel. We dine together before embarking on a Musical Pub Crawl, an excellent way to experience the Dublin pub scene and the rich heritage of Irish music.

*(B, D) Jurys Inn or similar*

## Day 6: Dublin/Jig/Joint Performance

After breakfast, we have a panoramic tour of Dublin city, whose north side of the River Liffey offers sights of great striking monuments such as the General Post Office on the city's main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, the Custom House along the quays, as well as Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast Georgian Squares, such as Merrion Square, where Oscar Wilde's House can still be found. Not so far from St. Stephen's Green, on Kildare Street, you may see the house of Bram Stoker, author of *Dracula*. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College, home to the famous *Book of Kells*. The University is facing the medieval district where Dublin Castle and the two Anglican Cathedrals can be found. After our tour this morning, we have the unique opportunity to experience Jig, an Irish Dance Show in Dublin. This afternoon, we enjoy a tour of the Guinness Storehouse and a tasting in the Gravity Bar. This evening we have a joint performance with a local ensemble at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral (*subject to confirmation*). Dinner is under our own arrangements tonight.

*(B) Jurys Inn or similar*

## Day 7: Dublin - County Wicklow - Glendalough - Dublin/Steeple Sessions Concert

After breakfast, we depart Dublin and travel through County Wicklow, known as the "Garden of Ireland." We visit Glendalough, "Valley of the Two Lakes," where St. Kevin, son of the king of Leinster, founded a monastery in the 6th century. From a simple beginning, the site became famous as a center of learning through Europe. Standing for 600 years, it was destroyed in 1398 and much of what is seen today dates from the 10th to the 12th century. We return to Dublin, and enjoy the afternoon at leisure for independent sightseeing, shopping and relaxing. We make dinner arrangements on our own this evening before attending a Steeple Sessions Concert, where we experience traditional Irish Music in its purest form (*subject to confirmation*).

*(B) Jurys Inn or similar*

## Day 8: Dublin/Midday Recital

Following breakfast this morning, we visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland. Built in honor of Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick's Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it, Saint Patrick baptized converts during his visit to Dublin. Here, we enjoy a midday recital (*subject to confirmation*). We have the balance of the day at leisure for last minute shopping and sightseeing. We have our Farewell Dinner together at Merry Ploughboys Pub this evening, featuring Irish music and entertainment.

*(B, D) Jurys Inn or similar*

## Day 9: Depart Dublin - Arrive USA

After our last hearty Irish breakfast, we board our private motor coach and transfer to the airport for our return flight home to the USA. *(B)*

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

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