

SAMPLE ITINERARY IRELAND PERFORMANCE TOUR

(itinerary subject to change)

DAY ONE: DUBLIN ARRIVAL → LIMERICK (D)

Morning	Arrive into Dublin, Ireland! Collect your luggage and move through customs and immigration. Meet your local Irish Tour Manager and load the coach. Depart for Limerick (approx. 2.5 hour drive + stops).
Afternoon	Lunch on own en route. Arrive into Limerick and transfer/check-in to a local hotel.

Limerick, which lies on the River Shannon in the western Irish province of Munster, became Ireland's first National City of Culture in 2014. The city gives its name to the limerick, a humorous, 5-line poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme. Limerick University, founded in 1989, hosts the Irish Chamber Orchestra and the Irish World Music Centre, and boasts a state-of-the-art, 1,000-seat concert hall.

This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Bunratty Castle, the most complete, authentically restored and furnished castle in Ireland. Continue to the Folk Park, a "living museum" which recreates the general feel of the 19th century thanks to reconstructions of historical cottages and buildings. Explore shops and houses on the village street and have a chat with the costumed characters including the Bean a Ti (woman of the house), R.I.C. policeman, school teacher, and so on.

Evening	Enjoy a Medieval Banquet Dinner at the 15th century Bunratty Castle. After dinner, return to the hotel.
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DAY TWO: LIMERICK (B,D) – Performance #1

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Depart on a half day trip to the Cliffs of Moher.
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The Cliffs of Moher are the most majestic cliffs in Ireland. They rise from the Atlantic Ocean at 215 meters and extend for over 7 kilometers. From this height, you can admire the Aran Islands, the Connemara Mountains and the many sea birds that colonize this place to nest in spring.



Afternoon	Lunch on own en route.
Mid-Afternoon	Return to Limerick. Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly Limerick University Concert Hall or St. Mary's Cathedral – TBC or similar).
Evening	Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue. Dinner as a group at a nearby restaurant. Performance in Limerick possibly at Limerick University Concert Hall or St. Mary's Cathedral (TBC or similar). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble. Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.

DAY THREE: LIMERICK → CORK (B)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel, load the coach and depart for Cork (~2 hour drive total). En route, enjoy a visit to the Blarney Stone which visitors from all over the world flock to Blarney Castle to see. Kissing the stone is a long standing tradition, intended to confer a magical eloquence! It is set in the wall below the castle battlements – the visitor is grasped by the feet and suspended backwards under the parapet!
Afternoon	Transfer to nearby Cork – lunch on own.



	<i>1st a monastic settlement then a Viking trading post, the historic port of Cork is the Republic of Ireland's 2nd largest city. Approximately 6 million people emigrated from Cork to the USA between 1848 and 1950. Recently, Cork has been gaining in diversity with immigration from Europe - mostly from Eastern European countries such as Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia and Hungary. This is reflected in the growth of multi-cultural restaurants and shops in the city.</i>
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Late Afternoon	This afternoon, enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Cork which will take you past highlights such as St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Shandon Church, the Cork City Gaol and more.
Evening	Transfer and check-in to a local hotel. Dinner on own followed by time to explore Cork.

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DAY FOUR: CORK / COBH (B,D) – Performance #2

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Following breakfast, depart for the nearby town of Cobh. Upon arrival, enjoy a visit to the Cobh Heritage Centre.
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Here you will learn about the 6 million adults and children who emigrated from Cobh, the single most important port of emigration from Ireland, between 1848 and 1950. This mass exodus was largely a result of poverty, lack of opportunity and crop failure, most notably the devastating potato famine of 1846-1849 which wiped out vast swathes of the Irish population.



Afternoon	Lunch on your own in Cobh. After lunch, return to the hotel in Cork. Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly Cork City Hall or St. Fin Barre's Cathedral – TBC or similar). Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue. Dinner as a group at a nearby restaurant.
Evening	Performance in Cork possibly at Cork City Hall or St. Fin Barre's Cathedral (TBC or similar). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble. Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.

DAY FIVE: CORK → DUBLIN (B,D)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel, load the coach and begin your journey towards Dublin. En route, enjoy a stop in Glendalough – an important monastery complex in the midst of the Wicklow Mountains. Enjoy a visit to the Glendalough Visitor's Centre & Monastery which houses a very comprehensive exhibition on Glendalough detailing the history, archaeology, wildlife and much more. The visit will also include a tour of the monastery.
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Founded by the Vikings in the 9th Century, Dublin became Ireland's principal city following the Norman Conquest of Ireland in the 12th Century. Dublin was established as the capital of the Republic of Ireland following the Irish War of Independence and the Partition in 1922. Today, Dublin is the cultural and economic center of Ireland and well-known for its convivial pubs, beautiful parks, Georgian architecture, and its charismatic locals.

Evening	Upon arrival in to Dublin, transfer and check-in to a local area hotel. Dinner as a group in Dublin then return to the hotel.
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DAY SIX: DUBLIN (B,D) – Workshop & Performance #3

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. This morning enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Dublin including all of the major sights such as Dublin Castle, St. Stephen's Green, Christ Church Cathedral, and the River Liffey.
Afternoon	Lunch on your own in Dublin. Following lunch, transfer to a local venue in Dublin (TBC). Enjoy a workshop with a noted musician / music educator in Dublin (TBC – possibly Fergus O'Carroll or James Kavanagh). Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (possibly Gleeson Hall or St. Patrick's Cathedral – TBC or similar). Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.
Evening	Dinner as a group at a nearby restaurant. Performance in Dublin possibly at Gleeson Hall or St. Patrick's Cathedral (TBC or similar). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble. Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.



DAY SEVEN: DUBLIN (B,D)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. This morning enjoy a visit to Trinity College and the Book of Kells.
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Trinity College is the oldest university in Ireland. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, it was built on grounds confiscated from an Augustinian priory.

The Book of Kells, crafted in a Columban monastery around 800AD in either Britain or Ireland and now housed in the Treasury of Trinity College, Dublin, is a four-volume, illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels of the New Testament together with various prefatory texts and tables in Latin.



Afternoon	Lunch on own in Dublin. The remainder of this afternoon is free to enjoy Dublin! Possible activities could include (all costs on own):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wandering the shops on Grafton St. and in Temple Bar * Exploring historic Dublin Castle * Touring the beautiful St. Patrick's Cathedral * Exploring Irish history at the National Museum of Archaeology * Visiting the Kilmainham Gaol – a potent symbol of British oppression in the 18th and 19th century

Evening	Late afternoon, return to the hotel. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner as a group to celebrate your Ireland Performance Tour! Return to the hotel.
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DAY EIGHT: DUBLIN DEPARTURE (B)

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to Dublin International Airport. Arrive at Dublin International Airport and check-in for your flights.
Afternoon	Depart Dublin.

WELCOME HOME!!



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INCLUSIONS:

- ¤ Round-trip, economy class airfare including taxes/fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ¤ Accommodation:
 - LIMERICK – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
 - CORK – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
 - DUBLIN – Three (3) nights at a local hotel
- ¤ Breakfasts: Daily (seven (7) total) at the hotels
- ¤ Dinners: Six (6) as a group at local restaurants
- ¤ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ¤ One (1) local tour manager per coach with the group in Ireland
- ¤ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - LIMERICK:
 - * Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
 - * Cliffs of Moher
 - CORK:
 - * Blarney Castle & Stone
 - * Guided Sightseeing Tour
 - * Cobh Heritage Centre
 - DUBLIN:
 - * Glendalough
 - * Guided Sightseeing Tour
 - * Trinity College & Book of Kells
- ¤ Performance and workshop setup in Ireland as follows:
 - LIMERICK:
 - * Performance in Limerick possibly at Limerick University Concert Hall or St. Mary's Cathedral
 - CORK:
 - * Performance in Cork possibly at Cork City Hall or St. Fin Barre's Cathedral
 - DUBLIN:
 - * Workshop with a noted musician / music educator – possibly Fergus O'Carroll or James Kavanagh
 - * Performance in Dublin possibly at Gleeson Hall or St. Patrick's Cathedral
- ¤ Large Percussion / piano rental as required by the ensemble
- ¤ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ¤ Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- ¤ Ground Transportation from Home Airport
- ¤ Checked Baggage charges / Excess or overweight baggage charges
- ¤ Meals not listed in "Inclusions" / Drinks at included dinners
- ¤ Sightseeing entrances not indicated in the itinerary/inclusions list
- ¤ Passport processing fees
- ¤ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ¤ Tips to Tour Managers or Drivers
- ¤ Trip Cancellation Insurance