

Irish Melody



Day 1 USA to Ireland
Depart St. Louis to Ireland.

Day 2 Dublin



Morning arrival in Dublin. Be met with an Irish welcome by your tour guide. Bus tour of Dublin. Our local guide will elaborate on the history and sites of Dublin. Filled with lovely tree-lined squares and some of the best preserved Georgian-style architecture, Dublin has much to offer. Among the many sights to see are St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College and the Book of Kells - where Jonathon Swift was once dean, Christchurch Cathedral and the Shrine of St. Valentine. See the Georgian Squares, Leinster House, O'Connell Bridge and the Four Courts. Check into the hotel with free afternoon to relax or shop. Opportunity (optional) to see an Irish dancing show. Dinner at or near hotel in Dublin. (B, D)

Day 3 Dublin

Free time in morning. *Sing at a lunchtime concert (pending confirmation) in St. Patrick's Cathedral.* Depart for nearby village for afternoon rehearsal. Dinner in village at local restaurant. *Evening concert in Irish village with receptive audience.* Overnight in or near Dublin. (B, D)

Day 4 Powerscourt / Glendalough



Travel to Waterford via Powerscourt Gardens and Glendalough – one of the best preserved monastic settlements in Ireland. Dinner and overnight Waterford. (B, D)

Day 5 Waterford / Lismore

First stop will be a visit to the **magical** Waterford Crystal Glass where you can see how the beautiful pieces are produced. Roam the world's largest display of Waterford and browse through their gift stores or relax at the café. Visit Lismore Castle and Gardens. Sing a concert this evening. Overnight Waterford. (B, D)

Day 6

Distillery / Kinsale



Depart for Cork. Continue on to a distillery to see how Irish whisky is made. Check into our hotel. Depart for village and rehearsal. Free time in village. Dinner in a

wonderful typical restaurant. *Perform an evening concert.* Overnight Cork. (B, D)

Day 7

Blarney Castle / Muckross House

Morning visit to Blarney Castle. Kiss the famed Blarney Stone, said to bestow eloquence on all who dare. Lunch on own while shopping for tweeds, knitwear, linen, crystal and china. Continue to Killarney. Visit the elegant Muckross House and Gardens, a magnificent Victorian mansion, for a guided tour. Dinner and overnight Killarney city centre. (B, D)

Day 8

Ring of Kerry

Prepare yourself for one of the most gorgeous drives in Ireland - the Ring of Kerry - taking in the panoramas of mountains, lakes, valleys, seacoast and bogland, interspersed with colorful villages. *Perform evening concert in Killarney.* Dinner and overnight at Killarney. (B, D)

Day 9

Adare / Bunnratty / Cliffs of Moher



Head north to Adare Village – a blissfully picturesque village where castles, manors and thatch-roofed cottages create an unforgettable ambience. Visit Bunnratty

Castle and Folk Park. See how the Irish lived in the last few hundred years. Continue along Ireland's spectacular Atlantic coastline seeing the Cliffs of Moher, then across the limestone plateau of The Burren. We will have a stop for a traditional Irish coffee break and then continue on to Galway where we check into our hotel. Relax or explore Galway on your own. Dinner and overnight Galway. (B, D)

Day 10

Connemara / Kylemore Abbey

After breakfast, continue west to the natural and unspoilt environment of Connemara. Remote and isolated, this region is populated largely by sheep. Gaelic is spoken here. We will be amazed by the breathtaking views of mountain and lakes. Visit the home of the Benedictine Nuns at Kylemore Abbey. *The choir (upon confirmation) will perform at the Abbey.* Stroll the picturesque gardens and visit the Gothic church. Browse the craft shop and don't miss getting a picture of the majestic Abbey reflecting in the lake. Return to Galway. Dinner and overnight Galway. (B, D)

Day 11

Return to US

Enjoy your last Irish breakfast saying good-bye to the Green Isle. Arrive in the US on the same day.