

HCS 2011 Ireland Tour Itinerary



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The Houston Choral Society
Performance Tour of Ireland - June 13-23, 2011

Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Flight from Houston, Texas US to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2: Dublin

Lunch on your own
Dublin Castle
Hotel check-in
Welcome Dinner at a restaurant in the city center
Overnight in Dublin

Day 3: Dublin

Four Courts - Supreme Court
Christ Church Cathedral, dating from 1038.
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Trinity College (Book of Kells)
Royal Irish Academy
National Museum
Phoenix Park
Afternoon/Evening - possible performance - St. Patrick's Cathedral or Christ Church Cathedral.
Dinner on your own
Overnight in Dublin

Day 4: Dublin – Waterford

Kilkenny - the Marble city of Ireland
Waterford - the oldest city of Ireland founded by the Viking's in 914
Waterford Crystal factory
Possible afternoon concert at Waterford Cathedral
Group dinner at the hotel or local restaurant
Overnight in Waterford

Day 5: Waterford – Killarney

Blarney Castle - the Blarney Stone
Killarney
Dinner on your own
Overnight in Killarney

Day 6: Kerry/Killarney

“Ring of Kerry” - Iveragh Peninsula - County Kerry
Killarney - Killarney National Park
Group dinner at the hotel
Overnight in Killarney

Day 7: Killarney, Adare, Limerick

County Limerick
Adare
Tipperary Glass
Limerick
At the end of the afternoon or evening it may be possible to have a performance in St Mary's Cathedral or a possible joint performance with a local band and/or chorus.
Bunratty Castle and Folkpark
Group Medieval Banquet
Overnight in Limerick

Day 8: Bunratty Castle -Cliffs of Moher-Galway

Cliffs of Moher
O'Brien's Tower
Galway
It may be possible to sing at a Mass at Galway Cathedral in the evening
Group Dinner at a local restaurant
Overnight in Galway

Day 9: Galway

Galway - Guided walking tour
Eyre Square
St. Nicholas' Church
Lynch's Castle
Shopping or Galway City Museum or Salmon Weir Bridge
An afternoon/evening performance at the St. Nicholas Collegiate Church is a possibility.
Dinner on your own
Overnight in Galway

Day 10: Galway – Dublin

Breakfast at hotel
Travel from Galway to Dublin (140 miles)
Clonmacnoise Monastery
Continue to Dublin and upon arrival check into your hotel.
Farewell dinner with live Irish music and dancing!
Overnight in Dublin

Day 11: Departure

After breakfast, load your coach and head for the Dublin Airport for flight to the USA.