

Cherokee Trail High School
Concert Band & Jazz Band
2024 Ireland Performance Tour
Proposed Itinerary #2IRE - 8 Days/7 nights
March 13 – March 20, 2024



DAY 1: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - DENVER TO DUBLIN

The group meets their American International Travel & Tours Tour Manager at Denver International Airport to board an overnight flight to Dublin. Food will be served on the plane.

DAY 2: Thursday, March 14, 2024 - WELCOME TO DUBLIN!

The group arrives at the Dublin Airport. Meet with your English-speaking guide and driver and transfer to Kilkenny.

Visit Kilkenny Castle

One of the most instantly recognised buildings in Ireland, Kilkenny Castle has been an important site since it was built by the Anglo-Normans in the 12th century. The castle has been remodeled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830's splendour, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery. A suite of former servant's rooms is now the Butler Art Gallery, which mounts frequently changing exhibitions of contemporary art. The Parade Tower is the Castle's conference venue.

Lunch in the area (on your own).

Continue to your hotel and check in (*which may not be possible before 3:00pm*).

Overnight, dinner and breakfast at your hotel in Kilkenny or area.

DAY 3: Friday, March 15, 2024 - KILKENNY TO CORK

Breakfast at the hotel. Today journey from Kilkenny to Cork. En-route visit the **Rock of Cashel**.

Possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, the Rock of Cashel towers over the town of Cashel from its perch on a 200-foot high outcrop of limestone. Once the seat of the Kings of Munster. St. Patrick visited the rock in 450 AD, while Brian Boru was crowned the first high King of Ireland here in the tenth century. Granted to the church in the twelfth century, by the O'Brien clan, today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, a cathedral, a twelfth century Romanesque chapel and high crosses. The Vicars Choral has been recently restored and its basement houses a small museum of artefacts found on the site. One of the leading visitor attractions in Ireland, in 2011 it was visited by Queen Elizabeth II on her historic first visit to the Republic of Ireland.

Next, visit **Blarney Castle**.

Attracting visitors from all over the world, Blarney Castle is situated in Blarney village, 8 km from Cork city. An ancient stronghold of the McCarthy's, Lords of Muskerry, it is one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles, and one of the strongest fortresses in Munster. Built in 1446, Blarney Castle is famous for its Blarney stone, the Stone of Eloquence, which is traditionally believed to have the power to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who kiss it. Many legends tell the story of the Stone, but why not kiss it and find out the truth behind the legend. The Castle gardens covering 60 acres of land are under constant change and over the past few years, a water garden, fern garden and poison garden have been developed and are all open to visitors.

Continue to Cork. In the evening, enjoy a possible performance in the area. Check in to your hotel.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in **Cork** or area.

DAY 4: Saturday, March 16, 2024 - CORK TO GALWAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards, visit the **Cliffs of Moher**.

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren region, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O' Brien's Tower built by Cornelius O' Brien, a descendant of Brian Boru, to entertain his lady friends. A visit of the tower is also possible. The sweeping view across the Atlantic has recently been ranked the best 'cliff-view' on the planet by Conde Nast Traveler. The respected travel publication has voted the world-famous landmark at the top of a new chart of 'Nine Gorgeous Cliff Views That Rival The Grand Canyon'.

In the afternoon, enjoy a possible joint performance with a local school or similar. Return to your hotel.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in the **Galway** or area.

DAY 5: Sunday, March 17th, 2024 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN GALWAY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today spend the full day at leisure to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day parade in Galway.

***The parades generally start at 12 noon**

Possible performance on this day (to replace day 3 if possible).

Check in to your hotel. Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in **Galway** or area.

DAY 6: Monday, March 18, 2024 - DUBLIN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today journey from Galway to Dublin. Enjoy a **panoramic city tour** of Dublin.

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin City. Here you will discover the north and south side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on the city main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as the 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 (today owned by an American College), its colourful doors, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Not so far from St. Stephen's Green, in Kildare St., you will see the house of Bram Stoker, the author of Dracula. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of Trinity College, where the famous book of Kells is permanently exhibited in its library. The university is facing the medieval district where Dublin Castle and the two Anglican Cathedrals can be found.

Visit **EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum**.

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands, the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. Over the centuries, some 10 million people have left the island of Ireland. At EPIC you can step through 20 themed galleries to find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today. Immerse yourself in the stories of some of the most remarkable tales of sacrifice, endurance, adventure, and discovery the world has ever known. EPIC brings these amazing stories to life in a unique and spectacular way.

In the evening, enjoy a possible performance in the Dublin area. Return to your hotel.

Overnight, dinner, bed and breakfast at your hotel in **Dublin** or area.

DAY 7: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - GLENDALOUGH

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, enjoy an excursion to **Glendalough**.

The English name Glendalough originated from the Irish "Gleann Dá Locha", which translates as "The valley of the two lakes". It was here that St. Kevin, son of the king of Leinster, founded a monastery in the 6th century. From a simple beginning the site grew to become famous as a centre of learning throughout Europe. Standing for 600 years it was destroyed in 1398. Much of what is to be seen today dates from the 10 to 12th century. One of the most attractive features is the fine 34m high round tower. A cathedral, stone churches and decorated crosses also survived albeit as ruins. Beautifully scenic walking trails take visitors on a circular route by the lakes from the Car park. Glendalough has an excellent visitor's centre and display area, which is located at the entrance to the Valley. It houses a very comprehensive exhibition on Glendalough detailing the history, archaeology and wildlife of this area of Wicklow. An entrance charge applies to the visitor centre.

In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at **The Merry Ploughboy Pub** or similar with Irish entertainment. Return to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and breakfast at your hotel in **Dublin** or area.

DAY 8: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - FLYING FROM DUBLIN TO DENVER

Today transfer to the Dublin Airport for your flight back home.

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TOUR PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip commercial airline flights from Denver to Dublin, Ireland
- Private modern motorcoach(es) for the tour
- 6 nights at 4-star Irish hotels with private baths or showers, as indicated in the proposed itinerary
- Meals: 6 Breakfasts (at the hotels) and 6 dinners
- English speaking guide accompanies the group in Ireland
- Panoramic city tour of Dublin
- Visits the following sites: Kilkenney Castle, Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, Glendalough, and St. Patrick's Day Parade in Galway
- ***CTHS musicians participate in 3 concerts, to possibly include one with a local school***
- Taxes and gratuities for drivers, included meals & guides
- Large instrument transport or rental
- A Professional Tour Manager accompanies the group from Denver International Airport
- One luggage tag per traveler
- Payment processing (to include online credit card payments)
- \$3,000,000 Professional Liability Insurance

Estimated Tour Package Pricing**

Double Occupancy (2 to a room) – \$3,540 per person

***Prices are based on 2023 pricing (1.085 Euro = .919 USD) with 60 paying participants and 1 Director and 1 Administrator factored in. Additional designated chaperones will receive a stipend to assist with their tour cost. A room supplement of \$500 will be charged for single occupancy (with a maximum of 5 allowed). Final pricing will be determined prior to the PIF date, based on numerous factors, to include the current exchange rate, confirmed travel numbers, airline flights, and hotel room configurations.*

A PASSPORT VALID FOR THE TOUR DATES IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOUR. A COPY MUST BE PROVIDED TO AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURS BY DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Participation is a 2-step process:

1) REGISTRATION & INSURANCE FORM:

The Registration/Insurance Form can be accessed online at www.americaninternationaltravel.net. Click on **REGISTRATION/INSURANCE FORMS** and locate your school. Complete one Registration Form for each traveler. Note the traveler type - Student, Chaperone or Guest Traveler. Also list associated travelers and requested room type*. **This is only for preplanning purposes and is not a guarantee.*

2) PAYMENTS:

Deposit and Payments by check can be mailed to the American International Travel and Tours office in Greenwood Village. Participants may pay the Deposit and Payments by credit card (VISA/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX) through our secure payment portal at www.americaninternationaltravel.net. Click on **PAYMENTS** and complete the form. Please make sure to note the traveler's (student and/or adult) NAME, SCHOOL and GROUP. If you are paying for insurance, please make sure to click on that box, in addition to the trip payment if applicable. Tour and Insurance receipts and Invoices will be sent to each participant at the email noted on the Registration Form.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE – SEE CANCELLATION POLICIES*:

Payment #1 -	\$ 250	April 1, 2023	(Nonrefundable)
Payment #2 -	\$ 400	June 15, 2023	
Payment #3	\$ 400	July 15, 2023	
Payment #4	\$ 400	August 15, 2023	
Payment #5	\$ 400	September 15, 2023	
Payment #6	\$ 400	October 15, 2023	
Payment #7	\$ 500	November 15, 2023	
Payment #8	\$ 500	December 15, 2023	
Final Payment:		January 15, 2024	– Balance of tour package due

CANCELLATION PENALTIES*:

April 1, 2023 – September 14, 2023	- \$ 250 is nonrefundable
September 15, 2023 – December 14, 2023	- \$1,000 is nonrefundable
December 15, 2023 – January 14, 2024	- \$2,000 is nonrefundable
January 15, 2024, through tour departure	- The total tour package price is nonrefundable (all monies paid to date)

***OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE – Required by CCSD:**

Optional Travel Insurance is offered by American International Travel and Tours and required by the Cherry Creek School District to participate. This insurance includes protection for cancellation prior to, and during the tour, and potential full monetary loss. Payment can be made by check or online with a credit card through the AI website. **Click on Payments and the box "INSURANCE".** *PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INSURANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE UNTIL JANUARY 14, 2024, BUT MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO YOUR FINAL PAYMENT BEING MADE OR CANCELLING. IN CASE OF CANCELLATION, THE INSURANCE PREMIUM CANNOT BE CLAIMED.*

***DELUXE TRAVEL INSURANCE - GROUP BENEFITS IN BRIEF**

If cancellation is made for a covered reason (i.e., illness, death, etc.) the following coverage applies:

- Trip Cancellation 100% of Tour Cost* - *Maximum limit of \$10,000.00
- Trip Interruption 150% of Tour Cost* - *Maximum limit of \$10,000.00
- Trip Delay \$750.00 (delayed 3 or more hours – \$150.00 per day)
- Baggage & Personal Effects \$1,500.00 (\$250.00 per article limit/\$500 combined articles limit)
- Emergency Accident & Sickness Medical Expense \$25,000.00
- Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation \$100,000.00
- Emergency Evacuation Assistance Services Included
- Pre-existing conditions waived

DELUXE CANCEL FOR ANY REASON INSURANCE - \$ 162 per person (Double Occupancy)

CANCEL FOR ANY REASON FEATURE

In addition to the above specified coverages, your policy will pay 75% of the nonrefundable trip costs for "any reason" for cancellation (ineligibility, change in plans, parent decision, director decision, school decision, etc.) other than the typical named perils. Notice of cancellation should be received by the tour operator at least 48 hours prior to trip departure. Please note - Mental illness will be refunded under the "cancel for any reason" feature, unless hospitalization has occurred. A Schedule of Coverages is available on the AI website.

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