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MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL Orchestra

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IRELAND 2019

Limerick – Cork – Dublin

April 2019

(exact dates are TBC)

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DAY ONE: April 2019 – SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTURE

Time TBD Arrive at San Francisco International Airport and meet your World Projects Tour Manager who will assist with checking in.
After checking in your luggage and instruments, move through security onto the departure gate. Depart San Francisco for Dublin.
Note: there may be a stop / change of planes en route.

Overnight en route.

DAY TWO: April 2019 – Arrive DUBLIN → 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 area 3-star hotel (TBC).

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 THREE: April 2019 – LIMERICK (B) – Performance

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Depart on a half day trip to the Cliffs of Moher.

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 (TBC).
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening’s venue.

Evening Dinner on your own nearby the venue.
Performance in Limerick possibly at Limerick University Concert Hall (TBC or similar). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.



DAY FOUR: April 2019 – 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.



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.

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 area 3-star hotel (TBC).
Dinner on own followed by time to explore Cork.



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DAY FIVE: April 2019 – CORK (B) – Performance

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.

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 Curtis Auditorium at the Cork School of Music (TBC).

Evening Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.
Dinner on your own nearby the venue.
Performance in Cork possibly at Curtis Auditorium at the Cork School of Music (TBC or similar). This concert may be shared with a local ensemble.
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.



DAY SIX: April 2019 – 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.

Afternoon Lunch on your own.
After lunch, board the coach and continue to Dublin through the rugged wilderness of the Wicklow Mountains.



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 3-star hotel (TBC).
Dinner as a group in Dublin then return to the hotel.



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DAY SEVEN: April 2019 – DUBLIN (B) – Workshop & Performance

- 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** possibly with James Kavanagh, Director of the Royal Irish Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra (TBC – subject to availability).



James Kavanagh was born in Dublin and began his career as a trumpet player. He was a member of the No.1 Army band before becoming a trumpet player with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland. He was Head of Wind Brass and Percussion at the Royal Academy of Music for nine years, where he is also Professor of Trumpet, lectures in conducting and conducts the RIAM Symphony and Intermediate Orchestras.

- Evening** Load the coach and transfer to a local venue – possibly St. Patrick’s Cathedral (TBC).
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening’s venue.
Dinner on your own nearby the venue.
Performance in Dublin possibly at 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.





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DAY EIGHT: April 2019 – DUBLIN (B,D)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
This morning enjoy a visit to Trinity College and the Book of Kells.

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):

- Wandering the shops on Grafton St. and in Temple Bar
- Exploring historic Dublin Castle
- 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 Enjoy a Farewell Dinner as a group to celebrate your Ireland Performance Tour! Return to the hotel.

DAY NINE: April 2019 – DUBLIN → SAN FRANCISCO (B)

Morning Breakfast as a group at the hotel.
Check out of the hotel, load coach and equipment truck, and transfer to Dublin International Airport.
Arrive at the airport, check in for your flights, say good-bye to your local tour escort and move through security to your departure gate.
Depart Dublin for San Francisco.
Note: there may be a stop / change of planes en route.

Aft./Eve. Arrive back in to San Francisco, collect your luggage and say goodbye to your World Projects Tour Manager.
Note: customs and immigration will occur at the first US port of entry.

WELCOME HOME!



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INCLUSIONS:

- ♫ **ESTIMATED** round-trip, economy class airfare (SFO-DUB-SFO) including current taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♫ 1st Checked Bag Fee (currently all airlines include 1st piece of checked baggage subject to size/weight restrictions)
- ♫ Hotel Accommodations – 3-star tourist class:
 - Limerick – Two (2) nights
 - Cork – Two (2) nights
 - Dublin – Three (3) nights
- ♫ Meals:
 - ♫ Breakfast daily at the hotels (continental)
 - ♫ Three (3) dinners as a group at the hotels/local restaurants (including Bunratty Castle)
- ♫ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♫ Equipment Truck as required by the itinerary
- ♫ One (1) local Tour Escort for the duration of the tour in Ireland
- ♫ One (1) World Projects Tour Manager traveling with the group throughout the tour
- ♫ Group sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
 - LIMERICK – Bunratty Castle, Cliffs of Moher
 - CORK – Blarney Stone, Guided Sightseeing Tour
 - COBH – Cobh Heritage Center
 - GLENDALOUGH – Glendaough Visitor's Center and Monastery
 - DUBLIN – Guided Sightseeing Tour, Trinity College including the Book of Kells
- ♫ Performance/workshop setup and promotion in the Ireland as follows (TBC):
 - LIMERICK - Performance possibly at Limerick University Concert Hall (TBC or similar)
 - CORK - Performance possibly at Curtis Auditorium at the Cork School of Music (TBC or similar)
 - DUBLIN - Workshop possibly with James Kavanagh, Director of the Royal Irish Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra (TBC – subject to availability)
 - Performance in Dublin possibly at St. Patrick's Cathedral (TBC or similar)
- ♫ Music stand rental for all concerts and the workshop
- ♫ Tips to Tour Managers and Drivers in Ireland
- ♫ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♫ Taxes and tolls where applicable

EXCLUSIONS:

- ♫ Ground Transportation to/from San Francisco International Airport
- ♫ 2nd checked baggage fees and excess/overweight baggage charges
- ♫ Equipment Rental not listed in the inclusions such as percussion, basses, harp, etc.
- ♫ Meals not indicated in the itinerary including lunches and some dinners
- ♫ Passport and/or visa processing (US passport holders typically do not require a visa when traveling to Ireland for tourism purposes for up to 90 days)
- ♫ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ♫ Trip Cancellation Insurance