

Liberty Singers

Laura Carreon, Director

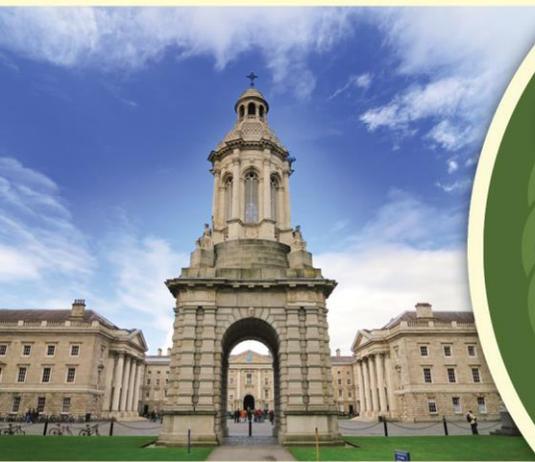
June 14 – 21, 2022



DUBLIN

Choral Festival

Edith Copley, Artistic Director



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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Facing the haunting outline of the majestic Wicklow Mountains, Ireland's Fair City holds true to a 1,000-year Celtic heritage that inspires her music and artistry to this day. The Dublin Choral Festival will celebrate this great heritage of Celtic musical inspiration.

The festival will take place June 15-19, 2022, and will feature mixed-voice choirs and individual singers from a variety of backgrounds joining together to sing en masse. Three days of rehearsals will lead participants to a grand finale performance in the historic, stunning, and iconic St. Patrick's Cathedral. Founded in 1191, St. Patrick's Cathedral is also known as the National Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St. Patrick and is the largest church in Ireland.

The festival chorus will perform thrilling choral literature under the direction of esteemed Artistic Director Dr. Edith Copley, Regents' Professor and Director of Choral Studies at Northern Arizona University.





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June 14 – 21, 2022 (6 nights/8 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2 Wednesday, June 15 Dublin (D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Dublin's highlights including St. Stephen's Green, Merrion Square, Liffey Footbridges, Grafton Street, Temple Bar, O'Connell Street, and Phoenix Park. Also visit Dublin Castle. Dublin Castle once functioned as a military fortress, a prison, treasury, courts of law and the seat of English Administration in Ireland for 700 years. Dublin Castle is now used for important state receptions and presidential inaugurations

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening dinner and overnight

Dublin is Ireland's capital and its largest, most cosmopolitan city. It wasn't before the Viking raids of the 9th century that Dublin was fully established. The "boom years" came in the 18th century and the city expanded across the river forming a new Dublin of stately squares, streets and Georgian mansions. Today, with its elegant Georgian streets, gregarious inhabitants and long history, it's little wonder Dublin is a city of writers

Day 3 Thursday, June 16 Dublin (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

Festival Welcome Lunch and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock

Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral built in honor of Ireland's patron saint. St. Patrick's is the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland

Attend Evensong in St. Patrick's Cathedral

Dinner, on own

Evening rehearsal

Overnight at the hotel

Day 4 Friday, June 17 Dublin (B,D)

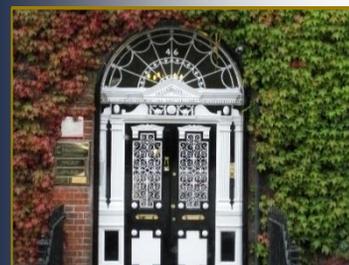
Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure for shopping or to take part in an optional activity offered to each choir (choirs choose one)

Option 1: Excursion to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains. The



steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the “valley of the two lakes” harbor one of Ireland’s most atmospheric monastic sites, established in the 6th century. Here, we see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin’s Cross, and Gatehouse

Option 2: Travel north to the picturesque maritime village of Malahide for some time in the village or on the beach. Here, we will visit Malahide Castle, one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles. Return to Dublin via Howth. Howth is a fishing and yachting port, and popular suburban resort on the north side of Howth Head. Howth Head gives fine views of Dublin Bay, the Wicklow Mountains, and Boyne Valley

Option 3: Visit the Guinness Storehouse. Visitors will discover what goes into the making a pint of Guinness - the ingredients, the brewing process, the time, the craft and the passion. Following the tour, enjoy a pint of Guinness. Continue the tour with a visit to the Teeling Whiskey Distillery, Dublin’s newest whiskey distillery. Walk through the history of Dublin distilling before taking the tour of the operational distillery. Enjoy the Craft Whiskey Comparison at the ultimate taste test

Option 4: Visit the GAA Museum established to commemorate, recognize and celebrate the GAA’s enormous contribution to Irish sporting, cultural and social life. Exhibits share insight into the origins of hurling, Gaelic football and the role played by the GAA in the Irish cultural revival and nationalist movement. Also take a tour of Croke Park Stadium that recreates the experience of the magic of a match day at one of the most historic and modern sporting arenas in the world. Enjoy a skyline tour at Croke Park Stadium. Ascend to a walkway 145 feet above the ground to take in views of the Irish Capital from five different viewing platforms

Dinner at the hotel

Evening rehearsal

Overnight at the hotel

Day 5 Saturday, June 18 Dublin (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided tour and entrance to Trinity College, Ireland’s oldest university. Trinity College contains the Book of Kells, which dates from 800 AD, making it one of the oldest books in the world

Lunch, on own

Afternoon dress rehearsal with orchestra

Dinner, on own

Dublin Choral Festival Finale Concert in St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Overnight at the hotel

Day 6 Sunday, June 19 Dublin / Galway / Burren / Limerick(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning transfer to Galway City for some time at leisure. Galway is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture. The city has many relics of its medieval past and is worth taking time to explore

Lunch, on own

Continue through the Burren Region to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland’s most spectacular sights. On a clear day, the views are tremendous

Then it is off to Limerick

Performance as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland

Evening dinner and overnight



Limerick city straddles the Shannon's broadening tidal stream, where the river swings west to join the Shannon Estuary. Despite some unexpected glitz and gloss, it remains an unflinchingly honest town that doesn't shy away from a tough past as portrayed in Frank McCourt's Angela's Ashes. Limerick has an intriguing castle, a lively art museum and contemporary cafe culture to go with its uncompromised pubs

Day 7 Monday, June 20 Limerick / Dublin (B,D)

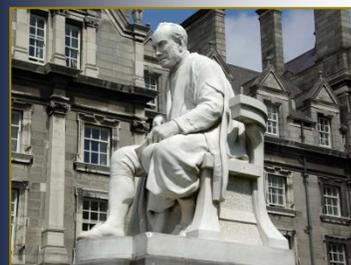
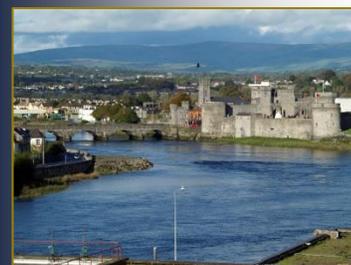
Breakfast at the hotel
Return to Dublin via visit to Jerpoint Park for a heritage tour and sheepdog demonstration
Lunch, on own
Evening Farewell Dinner and entertainment at Merry Ploughboy's
Overnight at the hotel

Day 8 Tuesday, June 21 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Dublin's airport for return flight

This is a very flexible itinerary. *Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*

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Cost Estimates
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The following are cost estimates for MCI's suggested tour options, with roundtrip airfare from **San Francisco, CA** during **High Season***.

	<i>45-47 Paying</i>	<i>40-44 Paying</i>	<i>35-39 Paying</i>	<i>30-34 Paying</i>
(6 nights / 8 days) DUBLIN, LIMERICK	\$3,687	\$3,770	\$3,792	\$3,914
Land Only (self-arranged air):	\$2,289	\$2,373	\$2,395	\$2,517

The costs vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer.

These costs are based on group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour, a 3% accounting fee applies. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

THESE COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE ENCOURAGE EARLY COMMITMENT.

These items are subject to negotiation. For instance, we can re-quote based on less centrally located hotels, eliminate some dinners, eliminate entrance fees, adjust the free trip ratio, etc., to reduce the overall cost.

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Cost Inclusions & Exclusions
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COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from **San Francisco, CA**. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$550 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Ireland upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performance and workshops are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity. All venues mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to confirmation.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are used as reference only. Hotel properties and locations may change based upon room availability at the time of group booking. City centre accommodations are available at a supplement upon request. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations, or similar:

Dublin: [Citywest Hotel](#) **Limerick:** [Auburn Lodge](#)
- **MEALS:** Two meals per day (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and either lunch or dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Jerpoint Park Sheep Dog Demonstration
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and websites.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's Ireland office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:**
 - 1 Flight bag • 2 Luggage tags • 1 Souvenir T-shirt
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$3M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs.
Summary of coverage:
 - \$10,000 – Travel Accident
 - \$1,000 – Medical Expense
 - \$300 – Baggage Coverage
 - \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

COST EXCLUSIONS

- Choirs are responsible for securing their own sheet music.
- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental & cartage, if needed.
- Concert programs for performances beyond the festival.
- Transportation to and from the departure airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- All meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.

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Payment & Cancellation Schedules
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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable)Due: June 1, 2021
15% per person, of total tour costsDue: September 1, 2021
20% per person, of total tour costsDue: November 1, 2021
25% per person, of total tour costsDue: February 1, 2022
Final Payment (remaining balance).....Due: April 1, 2022

Amount paid is % of the total tour cost, not the balance owed.

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

\$200 per person (non-refundable)Penalty Begins: June 1, 2021
10% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: October 1, 2021
25% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: December 1, 2021
50% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: February 15, 2022
100% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: April 5, 2022

*Amount penalized is % of the **total tour cost**, not % of what has already been paid.*

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

Group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for any individuals on tour, a 3% accounting fee will be assessed on the full group.

