

Join WGUC &
Suzanne Bona

IRELAND

May 18 - 27, 2026



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**CINCINNATI
PUBLIC RADIO**

**90.9 WGUC
CLASSICAL**



Literature, Gardens & Classical Music in Ireland

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Ireland is a land of legends, literature, and lyrical landscapes. Join WGUC public radio travelers and Sunday Baroque host, Suzanne Bona, for an enriching adventure through Ireland that celebrates classical music, lush springtime gardens, and timeless stories.



Begin in the historic streets of Dublin, the setting of literary masterpieces like *Ulysses* and the home of iconic figures such as Oscar Wilde and W.B. Yeats. Continue to Kilkenny and the mystical Rock of Cashel for a glimpse of Ireland's medieval past. Enjoy the stunning coastal beauty of the Dingle Peninsula and the serenity of Killarney National Park.

The journey concludes in Galway, Ireland's vibrant cultural capital, with visits to the majestic Cliffs of Moher and the limestone wonders of the Burren. Along the way, enjoy live music, elegant gardens, and plenty of inspiration drawn from Ireland's rich creative traditions.

This thoughtfully customized journey is for lovers of literature, gardens and classical music led by an Irish expert guide and host, Suzanne Bona.



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TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 2 Nights in Dublin – Explore Ireland’s capital with a guided tour of its historic landmarks, including Trinity College, the Book of Kells and James Joyce Centre
- 2 Nights in Kilkenny – Discover this medieval town’s rich history with visits to Kilkenny Castle and Irish National Stud & Gardens
- 3 Nights in Killarney – Immerse yourself in Ireland’s natural beauty with visits to the Dingle Peninsula, Killarney National Park, and the historic Muckross House.
- 2 Nights in Galway – Experience Ireland’s cultural heart with visits to the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren’s unique landscape, and Galway’s vibrant streets.

IT’S INCLUDED

- Hosted by Sunday Baroque’s, Suzanne Bona and WGUC
- Accompanied by an expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- Nine nights in 4-star accommodations with breakfasts plus one multi-course lunch or dinner per day
- Guided tours to iconic landmarks
- Classical and folklore evening gatherings
- Visits to blooming gardens
- Scenic drives and excursions, including the Dingle Peninsula
- Travel with like-minded kindred spirits who share your passion for great literature, classical music, history, horses and gardens!

TRIP FACTS

- 10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)
- Double Occupancy \$5595 per person
- Single Supplement \$1495
- Trip begins in Dublin at 6:00pm on May 18th
- Trip ends in Galway after breakfast on May 27th



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Day 1-2: Dublin – Literary Legends & Garden Strolls

Begin your Irish journey in Dublin, a city rich in literary and musical heritage. Settle into your central 4-star hotel, then enjoy a welcome dinner with your host, Suzanne Bona, and fellow travelers. Explore historic neighborhoods, Georgian squares, and lush gardens on guided walks. Discover echoes of Yeats, Joyce, and Beckett, alongside traditional and classical music. Enjoy a visit to the James Joyce Centre and Trinity College to see the Long Room Library and the Book of Kells. Enjoy some free time and explore galleries, bookshops, and cafés, with an evening featuring a live musical performance.



Day 3-4: Kilkenny – Medieval Splendor & the Rock of Cashel

Venture south to Kilkenny, a medieval gem with a vibrant arts scene. En-route from Dublin we will visit the and Irish National Stud & Gardens. Then, we are off to Kilkenny!

A guided tour reveals its winding lanes, Gothic architecture, and tucked-away gardens. Kilkenny's deep connection to folklore and storytelling makes it a haven for literary discovery. One afternoon includes an excursion to the Rock of Cashel—an iconic, windswept fortress rich in history and myth. Enjoy a group dinner, enhanced by an intimate musical performance—an evening designed to immerse you in the intersection of Irish heritage and harmony.



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Day 5–7: Killarney – Harmony of Nature & Music

In Killarney, nature and tradition go hand in hand. This region, often described as “Heaven’s Reflex,” offers serene gardens, lakeside walks, and historic manor visits. A full-day tour along the Dingle Peninsula unveils Ireland’s wild beauty—rugged cliffs, ancient beehive huts, and timeless villages. Back in Killarney, explore its national park and soak in the slower rhythms of the Irish countryside. Evenings here may include cozy dinners, local storytelling, and musical interludes celebrating the region’s deep-rooted musical traditions.

Day 8–9: Galway – The West’s Creative Heartbeat

Travel from Killarney to Galway through the countryside that inspired poets and composers alike. Along the way, pause at a historic literary site connected to W.B. Yeats. Once in Galway, a city known for its creative energy, enjoy a warm welcome with local music and shared stories. Explore the nearby Cliffs of Moher and the Burren, landscapes that have stirred the imagination for centuries. Evenings are filled with great conversation, classical melodies, and a final festive farewell to cap our Irish journey.



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Day 10: Galway – Your Journey Concludes

Your journey concludes after breakfast. If you would like to extend your stay, we will bid you adieu. If you are transferring to Shannon Airport, we will depart in the morning from our final hotel.



About Earthbound Expeditions



Travel. Learn. Connect.

Founded in 1997 by Matthew and Danna Brumley, Earthbound Expeditions creates tailor-made, culturally immersive journeys that foster deep connections with people and places. With over 25 years of experience, Matthew has led hundreds of custom adventures for museums, wineries, cooking schools, and NPR affiliates across six continents. A seasoned expedition leader, he has guided trips on the Trans-Siberian Express, Orient Express, and with National Geographic - Lindblad Expeditions. When not traveling, he calls Bainbridge Island, Washington home with his family.

Giving Back

We support nonprofits worldwide, from public radio stations to conservation and education initiatives in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. On our Cuba trips, guests bring school and medical supplies for local communities.



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Know Before You Go

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

A \$1000 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$250 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or until 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to and from destination, baggage fees, travel insurance, room or mini-bar service, items of a personal nature and any items not mentioned in this itinerary.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. Click [here](#) to read "Is an Earthbound trip right for you?" or call the Earthbound office for more details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

EVENTS AND HOSTED JOURNEYS

If a planned event is cancelled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Events are subject to change. Also, if a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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SUNDAY *Baroque* with Suzanne Bona

YOUR HOST - SUZANNE BONA

Suzanne Bona is the host and executive producer of Sunday Baroque, a syndicated weekly radio show of Baroque and early music. She originated the program in 1987 on WSHU Public Radio in her hometown of Fairfield, CT. Sunday Baroque has been distributed nationally since 1998, and is currently heard by approximately a half million listeners every week on 279 public radio stations and networks across the U.S., and across the world at www.SundayBaroque.org. Suzanne is also a classically trained flutist who earned her Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Connecticut. She continues to perform frequently as a soloist and chamber musician, and has especially enjoyed collaborating with some of her musically talented public radio colleagues in performances for listeners across the country. When she is not making radio, playing her flute, or traveling the world, Suzanne's hobbies include reading, running, cooking, and baking. She is also passionate about the cause of literacy, and has for decades been a volunteer tutor and board member for several organizations that advocate for literacy. Suzanne believes that travel, music and reading are among life's most transformational experiences.





Questions & Reservations

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