

# IRELAND CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL

## A Jazz Lover's Journey with KJAZZ

October 25 - November 4, 2022

"May you live to be a hundred years, with one extra year to repent!"

Irish Saying



Ireland's biggest jazz event, the Cork Jazz Festival in Cork City kicks off at the end of October 2022! Up to 1,000 jazz musicians will perform in over 70 venues across the city and you'll be staying in the main venue, at the four-star Metropole Hotel! Join KJAZZ host Jose Rizo and like-minded public radio travelers as you delve

into the enchanting and mysterious Gaelic culture. Your jazz adventure begins in Dublin where you will discover the city's charms. No trip to Ireland would be complete without pub crawls, traditional music and historical walking tours with colorful local characters. Enjoy the best of Ireland at a leisurely pace. Take time for independent discovery and join KJAZZ on what promises to be a fantastic jazz adventure. The Irish await you... "Cead Mile Failte" - a hundred thousand welcomes!

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

Overnight Trans-Atlantic flight

3 Nights Dublin

3 Nights Cork, Jazz Festival!

2 Nights Killarney and Dingle Peninsula

2 Nights Galway, Cliffs of Moher





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#### **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Tickets to the Cork International Jazz Festival ◆ Dubliners Walking Tour ◆ Jameson Whiskey Distillery and evening pub crawl ◆ Muckross House and Gardens ◆ Trinity College, The Book of Kells and St. Patrick's Cathedral ◆ The Spectacular Rock of Cashel ◆ The gorgeous Dingle Peninsula ◆ Medieval Kilkenny ◆ Lively town of Galway ◆ The dramatic landscape of the Burren ◆ A wonderful group of like-minded fun travelers

#### IT'S INCLUDED

- ★ With KJAZZ host Jose Rizo
- \* Tickets to the Cork International Jazz Festival: Plus, a jazz outing in Dublin!
- An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide
- \* Ten nights' accommodation in four stars, centrally-located hotels
- \* All breakfasts, plus ten additional, multi-course traditional meals
- \* Airport transfers for those on the group flight
- \* Historic tours with interesting local experts
- Private home visits to see Ireland's stunning gardens and architecture
- \* Transportation throughout on an air-conditioned motor coach
- A musical evening featuring authentic Gaelic music
- \* Entrance fees to all museums and sights listed in itinerary
- **☀** Gratuities for guides and drivers
- ★ Whisper system guides for city walks

**NOT INCLUDED:** Travel insurance ◆ Any items not listed in your itinerary ◆ Air to/from Ireland (group flight option available for additional cost)

#### TRIP FACTS

12 Days/11 Nights (when <u>including</u> international air travel)

\$4,795 per person double occupancy land

\$1,195 single supplement

Optional Group flight departs LA: October 24, 2022

Tour starts: October 25<sup>th</sup> in Dublin

Tour ends: November 4<sup>th</sup> in Dublin

Group air pricing coming in November of 2021

Reserve your space Risk Free: You deposit is fully refundable until May 1, 2022

SAVE \$300: Reserve by May 1, 2022 and save \$100 \* Travel alumni save \$100 \* Pay your final balance by check and save \$100



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Tour Trinity College & See the Book of Kells

## Your Irish Jazz Adventure Begins...

Meal key: B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner





Day 0, Oct 24, 2022: Group Flight departs LAX for Dublin The optional group flight departs Los Angles. If traveling independently, remember you'll need to leave the US no later than today.

Day 1, Oct 25: Welcome to Dublin, Capital of Ireland You'll be met at the Dublin airport and escorted to your four-star hotel in the very heart of the city. Rest up and relax before meeting your host Jose Rizo for a welcome to Ireland Feast! Sleep in the heart of Dublin (D)

Day 2 & 3, Oct 26 & 27: Explore the Heart of Dublin
A great city for walking, ramble through the city of Joyce's first and most accessible work, *Dubliners*. In addition, we'll visit Oscar Wilde's Trinity College and see the ancient Book of Kells and the Jameson Whiskey Distillery. An outing to a nearby jazz club will be included.

Sleep in the heart of Dublin (B, L daily)



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Enjoy three full nights that the Cork Jazz Fest!

Day 4, Oct 28: South to Cork via the Rock of Cashel and Kilkenny After a hearty Irish breakfast we head south to the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary. Legend associates the Rock of Cashel with St. Patrick.

After our visit we travel on to the place many consider to be the loveliest large town in Ireland: Kilkenny on the River Nore. Towering over the town is the 12<sup>th</sup> century stronghold of the Butler family, Kilkenny Castle. Enjoy lunch in Kilkenny and then we drive south to Cork to catch the Jazz Fest! Sleep in Cork at the famous Metropole Hotel (B, L)

## Days 5 & 6, Oct 29 & 30: The Cork Jazz Festival & More!

We'll spend the next two days attending the Guinness Cork Jazz Fest and exploring this fascinating region. Excursions include the Old English Market and the town of Cobh. The Cobh Heritage Centre has fascinating exhibits on the Irish famine and mass emigration from Ireland. Cobh was the final port of call of the Titanic before it sank and the MS Lusitania also sank just off the coast. The Titanic Experience Cobh and the Lusitania Memorial are also worth a visit. Sleep in Cork at the Metropole Hotel (B & L daily)

## THE METROPOLE HOTEL: YOUR HOME IN CORK!

The famous Festival Club at the Metropole Hotel is celebrating its 43rd edition and will once again play host to a top range of diverse artists and music on several stages throughout the Jazz Festival weekend. Fans of swing, funk, groove, blues and Dixieland will be well catered for, with an exciting mix of Irish and international acts. Patrons may move from stage to stage to enjoy the atmosphere and excitement of the Festival Club in this special celebratory year.





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Discover the castles of Ireland

## Day 7, Nov 1: North to Killarney and Dingle via Blarney Castle

After breakfast we head out for Killarney National Park. Weather permitting, we'll hop on a horse drawn carriage (jaunting car) and tour Killarney National Park. For centuries the Killarney Valley has been recognized as Ireland's most beautiful destination - being aptly titled as "Heaven's Reflex". It inspired Poet Laureate Alfred Austin to write "If mountain, wood and water harmoniously blent, constitute the most perfect and adequate loveliness that nature presents, it surely must be owned, that it has, all the world over, no superior." Prepare to be amazed by the incredible beauty, rich history, fascinating legends and wonderful culture of this special place. Sleep in Killarney (B, D)

## Day 8, Nov 2: The Spectacular Dingle Peninsula

Our travels will take us past the sites for the films Ryan's Daughter and Far and Away on the way to the magnificent Blasket Center, an impressive heritage center where the ancient language and culture are celebrated. We continue our journey to the 1200-year-old Gallurus Oratory, an early Christian stone church with a uniquely cobbled stone roof that is watertight to this day! Along the way, taking a step back in history, we see a few of the ancient Beehive Huts. Sleep in Killarney (B, L)



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Explore the Cliffs of Moher!

Day 9, Nov 3: Killarney to Galway via the Castle of Bunratty We depart this morning for Galway, via County Limerick. Our first stop will be the 13<sup>th</sup> century Bunratty Castle. Then enjoy a pint and lunch at Durty Nelly's pub, built in 1620. After, we make our way to the charming town of Galway. Enjoy a tea, a pint or a bit of shopping. Check into our centrally-located hotel and enjoy drinks and dinner with friends

## Day 10: The Awe-Inspiring Cliffs of Moher and the Burren

this evening. Sleep in Galway (B, L, D)

Today we visit two of Ireland's greatest geologic wonders: The Cliffs of Moher and The Burren. The 600-foot-high Cliffs of Moher are spectacular, especially when viewed from the water. Weather-permitting we'll board a large boat and cruise the Atlantic for a breathtaking view of the cliffs.

After an independent lunch we are off to the Burren, a unique and extraordinary karst (formed from limestone) landscape, one of the largest in Europe. Everywhere are traces of megalithic tombs, ringforts, holy wells and stone rows. We also make a visit to the seaside village of Doolin and the high crosses of Kilnefora before returning to Galway. Enjoy a farewell feast with your KJAZZ host and guide. Sleep in Galway (B, D)

## Day 11, Nov. 4: West to Dublin / Return home

After a leisurely breakfast we return to Dublin. The group flight departs in the early afternoon. Please note that it is a 2-hour drive back to Dublin. If traveling independently, we ask that you also book an afternoon flight home "if" you plan on joining the group transfer shuttle. For those staying on in Ireland, the driver and coach will bring you into the city center. Bon Voyage!



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## ABOUT YOUR KJAZZ HOST JOSE RIZO

Jose Rizo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and raised in Oxnard, California. He played trumpet in high school, but it was not until he was a student at U.C. Santa Barbara that he developed his passion for jazz. In the late 70s, Jose was the founder of "Radio Chicano", a student and community broadcasting organization based on the Santa Barbara campus at KCSB, where he served as program director for

two years. Rizo began hosting "Jazz on the Latin Side" on KLON (now KJazz) in early 1990. He was intricately involved on KLON's "Latin Jazz Club Caravans" and served as a member of the Grammy's Screening committee for Latin Jazz. He has been the artistic director of the Luckman Fine Arts Latin Jazz Concert Series and involved in the "Central Avenue Jazz Festival" since its inception.

## The Guinness Jazz Festival Cork



Ireland's biggest Jazz Event, the Guinness Jazz Festival in Cork kicks off at the end of October and this year promises to be one of the biggest and best ever.

The Cork Jazz Festival is celebrating with nearly 1,000 musicians from over 30 countries playing at over 80 venues throughout the city, along with a host

Fringe events, in a weekend to remember. Around 40,000 music fans from around the world are expected to attend. In past years Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Dave Brubeck, Cleo Laine and Chick Corea have all headlined at the Cork Jazz Festival.

## RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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-Tour Itinerary Details Subject to Change-



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