

LaVilla Tour Choir

American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Ireland

Custom Tour: March 21 – 28, 2020 (6 nights/8 days)

Day 1 Saturday, March 21, 2020

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2 Sunday, March 22 Dublin / Cliffs of Moher / Bunratty (D)

Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Transfer to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. On a clear day, the views are tremendous

Next, continue to Bunratty for a visit to Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. Also visit the Folk Park, a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century Ireland

Evening Medieval Welcome Dinner included at Bunratty Castle

Evening hotel check-in for overnight

Day 3 Monday, March 23 Limerick (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning panoramic tour of Limerick, followed by a visit to King John's Castle

Lunch, on own

Shared Performance at the Redemptorist Church as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Ireland

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 4 Tuesday, March 24 Blarney / Kilkenny (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning transfer to Kilkenny via Blarney

Transfer to Blarney for a visit to the Blarney Castle and Stone. The castle dates from 1446 and is built on solid limestone in beautiful grounds. The sacred stone is found at the top of the castle and when you catch a glimpse of it, you may well feel compelled to bend over backwards and kiss it!

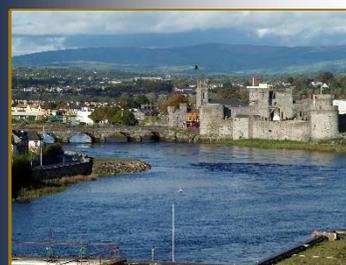
Lunch, on own

Enjoy an afternoon Irish Dancing Workshop at the Bru Boru Centre

Continue on to Kilkenny

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Kilkenny's narrow winding streets lend it an atmosphere of old world charm; its terraces of handsome Georgian houses give it elegance; and with all this it is a busy modern town and market center for a fertile agricultural area



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Day 5 Wednesday, March 25 Kilkenny (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning sightseeing in Kilkenny. Enjoy a tour of Kilkenny Castle, begun by William de Marshal in the 13th century. From 1391 to 1931 the castle was the principal seat of the Butler family. Finely situated on the high river bank and surrounded by gardens, the castle is now open to the public. Some of the rooms have been restored; particularly charming is the Victorian Great Hall

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure in Kilkenny

Shared or Evening Concert Performance at St. Patrick Gateway Arts Centre in Waterford as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Ireland

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 6 Thursday, March 26 Glendalough / Dublin (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Dublin via Glendalough

Enjoy a sheepdog demonstration along with tea and scones at Jerpoint Park

Lunch, on own

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 Kitchen, and Gatehouse

Continue on to Dublin

Evening dinner included, 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 over one thousand years of history, it’s little wonder Dublin is a city of writers

Day 7 Friday, March 27 Dublin (B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning panoramic tour of Dublin’s highlights including St. Stephen’s Green, Merrion Square, Liffey Footbridges, Grafton Street, Temple Bar, O’Connell Street, Phoenix Park, and entrance to Trinity College, Ireland’s oldest university. Trinity College contains the Book of Kells, which dates from AD 800, making it one of the oldest books in the world. Also visit (entrance included) Dublin Castle

Lunch, on own

Shared or Evening Concert Performance at The Well in Dublin as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Ireland

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

Day 8 Saturday, March 28 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Dublin Airport for return flight home

This is a very flexible itinerary. © Music Celebrations International

