

The Performing Arts Association Saint Joseph Missouri presents a special custom group departure for a

# **Tour of Ireland 2023**

May 24 - June 2, 2023

LAND & AIR \$4,875 per person, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement \$1,599

Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.

Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available. Contact Performing Arts Association office for details.

# **Tour Includes:**

- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 8 nights
- Full breakfasts (8)
- Dinners (5)
- · Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- Welcome get-together drink
- Afternoon tea at Waterford Castle
- Horse-drawn jaunting car ride in Killarney
- Passage on the Tarbert Ferry

- · Guided walking tour of Galway
- Visits and admission fees to: Trinity College Book of Kells, Glendalough Visitor Centre, House of Waterford Crystal, Old Midleton Distillery, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Taylors Three Rock
- Hotel porterage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

HOTELS - 8 Nights: (stay in the following or similar)

Brooks Hotel | Dublin (1)

Granville Hotel | Waterford (2)

Great Southern Hotel | Killarney (2)

Dromoland Castle Hotel | Shannon (1)

Brooks Hotel | Dublin (2)

To book or for more information, contact:

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# Performing Arts Association Ireland Tour Itinerary

#### Wednesday, May 24 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic to start your vacation.

#### Thursday, May 25 DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, set off with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture. Stop to visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript of the gospels and the Old Library. Then, continue on to visit Dublin Castle, which was the seat of power and government for many centuries. See the State Apartments, where many state functions are held in the richly decorated chambers. Motor a short distance to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Brooks Hotel, Dublin

#### Friday, May 26 GLENDALOUGH VISITOR CENTRE

Today, journey into County Wicklow and stop to visit the 6th century monastic ruins of Glendalough. The visitor centre explains how St. Kevin founded this settlement at a time when Christianity was burgeoning throughout Ireland. Then, travel to just outside of the charming village of Enniskerry and stop to visit Powerscourt House, the former home of Lord Powerscourt. While here, experience the delightful terraced Italian gardens and abundant floral displays before viewing the superb collection of trees, shrubs and flowers gathered from all around the world. Continue your drive into Waterford, check in to your hotel and enjoy some free time before dining with your group in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Granville Hotel, Waterford

# Saturday, May 27 HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL

This morning, add a bit of sparkle to your day, by touring the House of Waterford Crystal. While here, learn about glass blowing, cutting and see one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Next, drive a short distance to visit Medieval Museum, a modern building which incorporates a 13th century Choristers' Hall and the 15th century Mayor's Wine Vault. Then, continue on to visit the 18th century Bishop's Palace, set in the heart of the city, the museum is furnished to show life in Georgian times in Ireland. After, head to Waterford Castle to enjoy a delightful cup of afternoon tea along with a fine assortment of pastries to snack on with your group. Return to your nearby hotel, where the rest of the day is free for independent activities and dining. Overnight: Granville Hotel, Waterford

# Sunday, May 28 OLD MIDLETON DISTILLERY

Leaving Waterford, drive into Midleton to visit the Old Midleton Distillery. Discover how whiskey is made as you walk through the old buildings. At the end of your tour, enjoy a sample of the finished product. Next, journey into Cork and set off on a panoramic tour to see the main areas of Ireland's second largest city. Cork is built on many hills with many steeply sloping streets. See Shandon Church, which dates back to 1722, before viewing the Gothic-revival St. Finbarr's Cathedral, named for the patron saint of the city. Stop to visit the English Market, which first opened in 1788. The market allows consumers to explore and sample a variety of produce from

all corners of the globe. Then, continue your travel into Blarney, where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Transfer to your hotel in Killarney, check in and settle into your room. This evening, meet your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant. Dinner & Overnight: Great Southern Hotel, Killarney

#### Monday, May 29 RING OF KERRY

After breakfast, set off to explore the Ring of Kerry, which consist of over 100 miles of marvelous scenery. See some of Ireland's highest peaks on one side of the road and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. There will also be plenty of stops to take-in the scenery and to snap photos. Return to Killarney and embark on a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the grounds of the Killarney National Park. Next, visit Muckross House, a 19th century mansion built for the Herbert family. View elegant rooms and rich furnishings before strolling through the gardens. Head back to your nearby hotel, where the remainder of the day is free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

Overnight: Great Southern Hotel, Killarney

## Tuesday, May 30 CLIFFS OF MOHER

Departing Killarney, travel into Tarbert and take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Next, drive along the coast of scenic County Clare and stop to visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most beloved, natural landmarks. See magical vistas, overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's Western coastline. After your visit, continue your journey into Shannon and check into Dromoland Castle Hotel, one of Ireland's finest castle hotels. It is one of the few castle hotels that can trace its ownership back through history to Gaelic Irish families of royal heritage. The castle offers all guests deluxe accommodation and the experience of living as "Landed Gentry." Spend the balance of the afternoon relaxing in this lavish setting. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a superb dinner in Dromoland Castle's fine restaurant. Dinner & Overnight: Dromoland Castle Hotel, Shannon

#### Wednesday, May 31 GALWAY SIGHTSEEING

Today, journey through Ireland's countryside into Galway and join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of the city. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. After, continue your drive in the lively city of Dublin, check into your hotel and settle into your room. You may like to relax or freshen up before tonight's festivities. This evening, head to Taylors Three Rock for quality Irish food that is accompanied with lively music and dance. Overnight: Brooks Hotel, Dublin

#### Thursday, June 1 DUBLIN AT LEISURE

The entire day is free to relax or sightsee and explore Dublin. There are plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or Epic Ireland. There are also plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street. You may like to explore Temple Bar or visit some of the traditional pubs. In the evening, you may like to dine in one of the many traditional or modern dinner venues located within the city. Overnight: Brooks Hotel, Dublin

# Friday, June 2 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before flying back to the United States.

For reservations, complete the form below and include your non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person payable by credit card only.

Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available. Contact Performing Arts Association office for details.

Full name of passenger (must match passport)	
Nationality	Date of Birth/ Gender: Q M Q F
Inbound Flight Arrival Details	Outbound Departure Details
Type of Room:	of roommate(N/A if no roommate)
Street Address	☐ Please contact me with Optional Trip Protection Details.
City/State/Zip	I wish to golf at Dromoland Castle for additional cost per person.
Daytime Phone	☐ I am paying via credit card. Please charge \$
Evening Phone	☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
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