Trip Highlights

- Visit Dublin, Galway, Limerick
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Dinner most nights
- Attendance at an Irish Sporting event
- Guided tour of Dublin city
- View the St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- View the International Band Competition in Limerick
- The Guinness Store House
- The Cliffs of Moher
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
M2 COMPANION TOUR
DR. JULIA GAINES, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
DESTINATION: IRELAND
DATES: MARCH 12-19, 2020

SUGGESTED ITINERARY
AS OF APRIL 8, 2019

THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020 DEPARTURE TO IRELAND
(Meals Included: In Flight)

PM Fan participants meet at O’Hare International Airport – Terminal to be advised for those on the full air and land package.

PM Participants are greeted by a Bob Rogers Representative who will assist with check in of you and your luggage (currently airlines allow one checked bag up to 50 lbs free of charge, additional bag charges may apply for additional bags)

PM Group departs for Dublin on a Trans-Atlantic flight

Your flight includes a hot dinner and a light breakfast also please enjoy the in-flight entertainment.
Welcome to the Emerald Isle

AM Your flight will touch down at Dublin International Airport
You must clear Irish Immigration and Customs procedures

AM Meet your Tour Manager outside of the customs hall in the Main
Arrival Hall – He will be holding a sign for Mizzou Fans and Bob Rogers
Travel. Participants who are doing the “Land Only Package” will need
to be at Dublin Airport T # 2 at this time.

AM Before departing from the airport – it might be a good time to
withdraw some Euros from the ATM machine in the area outside of
the customs hall

AM Walk as a group to the coach parking area for Terminal two (2) load
the coach and meet your Driver Guide before we depart

AM Group departs for Galway the Arts Capitol of Ireland and the
European City of Culture for 2020 (approximate 2.5 hours’ time)
~Galway City is a thriving, bohemian, cultural city on the western coast
of Ireland. Along with being a popular seaside destination with
beautiful beaches and long winding promenade, it also has a buzzing
cosmopolitan city center. The city is a joy to explore with its
labyrinthine cobbled streets, colorful shop facades and busy café/bar
culture

PM Arrive in Galway at your hotel
The Galmont Hotel
Lough Atalia Rd, Galway, H91 CYN3, Ireland Tel + 353-91-538-300
https://www.thegalmont.com/

PM Enjoy a Welcome Dinner in the hotel this evening
SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020       GALWAY
(Meals included: Breakfast)

AM             Enjoy your first taste of a **full Irish Breakfast** this morning (eggs, rashers (bacon), sausage, black pudding, white pudding, beans and brown bread and wash it all down with a cup of Irish Tea. ~ Of course you can have a breakfast of cereal, yogurt, toast and coffee if you wish.

AM             Depart to visit the dramatic Cliffs of Moher ~ **the Cliffs of Moher** ~ is Ireland’s most visited natural attraction with a magical vista that captures the hearts of up to 1 million visitors each year. The Cliffs rise up to 214 (700 feet) at the highest point and range for 8km over the Atlantic Ocean on the Western seaboard of Co. Clare.

PM             Arrive at the Cliffs of Moher ~ enjoy the sights

PM             Lunch at the coffee shop at the Cliffs (individual cost)

PM             Load the coach and return to Galway

PM             Free time to explore Galway ~ as the time gets closer you will be able to find various activities and festivals taking place as Galway celebrates its year as the European City of Culture. Galway is also a city where you will find ample opportunities to hear traditional Irish Music.

PM             Dinner is on your own this evening – possibly try some of the famous pubs down near the Spanish Arch; or if you would prefer an Italian meal try Osteria Italiana on St. Francis Street – great pizza and pasta.

PM             Enjoy the evening in this fabulous city

PM             Overnight in Galway
SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020   LIMERICK
(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM    Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM    Load the coach and depart for Limerick (1 ¼ hour drive time)

AM    On arrival into Limerick – proceed to the viewing stands before the parade begins at noon

PM    University of Missouri Marching Band Participates in the Limerick International Marching Band Festival and Competition –

PM    Lunch in the area (individual cost)

PM    University of Missouri Band will perform during a Gaelic Football or Hurling Match in the Limerick area today (pending actual schedule) – Fans will attend the game and watch both the band perform and the game.

PM    Arrive at your hotel The Strand Hotel Limerick
      Ennis Rd, Limerick, V94 03F2, Ireland Tel: + 353-61-421-800
      https://www.strandhotellimerick.ie/
      Check in & freshen up

PM    Dinner this evening will be a Bunratty Medieval Castle Banquet. You will join the Earl of Thomond for a glorious banquet at this majestic 15th century Bunratty Castle. The Earl’s Butler welcomes guests from the four corners of the world toasting an era of great Irish taste with excellent food, fine wine and honey mead.

PM    Return to the hotel for the evening
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020     DUBLIN via BLARNEY CASTLE
(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM     Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM     Check out of the rooms and load the coach

AM     Depart the hotel bound for Dublin – traveling via Cork and Tipperary

AM     Arrive at Blarney Castle ~ Blarney Castle was built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland’s greatest chieftains, Cormac MacCarthy, and has been attracting attention beyond Munster ever since. Over the last few hundred years, millions have flocked to Blarney, making it a world landmark and one of Ireland’s greatest treasures.

Upon arrival     Enjoy time to explore and kiss the Blarney Stone

PM     Lunch at the coffee shop at Blarney Woolen Mills (individual cost)  
After lunch you might wish to visit the Woolen Mill shop, it is a great place for souvenir shopping in case you need to bring a small gift

PM     Load the coach and continue our trip towards Dublin with your next stop at the Rock of Cashel ~ one of the most visited sites in Ireland. This is a spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone, including a round tower, Romanesque chapel, cathedral and restored hall of the Vicar’s Choral. This was the seat of the Kings and mediaeval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century.

PM     Load the coach and continue to Dublin

PM     Arrive at your Dublin Hotel – The Gresham Hotel Dublin
23 O’Connell Street Upper, North City, Dublin, E01 C3W7, Ireland
Tel: + 353-1-874-6881

PM     Dinner in the hotel
Note Well: This hotel is situated in the heart of city center Dublin with a vast majority of places to visit that are within walking distance.

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020

ST. PATRICK’S PARADE

(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM
Enjoy a good hearty breakfast this morning

Today you will participate in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin.

The parade in Dublin is possibly the most colorful and vibrant St. Patrick’s Day parade in the world, attracting thousands of revelers each year.

AM
Your Tour Director will escort you to the viewing grandstands that you have been assigned to (there are four major grandstand seating areas for the parade) – the parade begins at 12 noon.

PM
University of Missouri Band MARCHES in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade (confirmed) – place in the line of March to be advised

PM
Following the parade, group enjoys time to get a bite of lunch on your own (individual cost)

PM
Depart for the Guinness Store House to watch the band and to visit this fantastic sight and learn how to pour a perfect pint – enjoy the pint at the Gravity Bar and enjoy the unparalleled panoramic views of Dublin city.

PM
Marching Mizzou has a Standing Performance outside the Gates of St. James Brewery, home of Guinness. (Pending availability)

PM
Dinner this evening will be in a local pub restaurant near the hotel Brannigans - 9 Cathedral St Dublin 1

PM
Return to the hotel
AM  Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM  Load the coach and depart for a **City Tour of Dublin**
We will meet local guides (1 per coach) to enjoy all the main sites in Dublin. We will see the General Post Office, walk down O’Connell Street, visit Temple Bar and still have plenty of time to **explore Trinity College** and see the **Book of Kells** as well as the Viking Quarter centered around Christ Church Cathedral which you will tour.

PM  Enjoy lunch in the area (individual cost)

PM  Load the coaches and depart for **Collins Barracks**
Visit the new permanent exhibition on the history of Ireland – including the Norman and English invasions and the English occupation of Ireland – the Rebellion of 1916, the subsequent War of Independence, the formation of the Irish Free State and the Civil War which followed the formation of the Free State.

PM  Free time in Dublin city to explore on your own possibly do some shopping on Grafton Street or visit the National Gallery of Ireland or the National Museum of Natural History (both of these museums are free)

PM  **Load the coach and depart for your Farewell Dinner & Irish Cabaret**
at Taylors Three Rocks  16 Grange Rd, Rathfarnham, Dublin - You will be joining the entire marching band this evening.
THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020 DEPARTURE

(Meals Included: Breakfast & in-flight meals)

AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM Check out of the hotel

AM Load the coach for the transfer to the airport

PM Arrive at Dublin Airport for the check in process

PM After checking in proceed through security – please watch the monitors for word that US Pre-clearance is available for your flight

PM Then proceed to US Customs & Immigration at Dublin Airport – you will pre-clear all formalities at Dublin Airport before your departure to Chicago

PM Depart for Chicago on your Trans-Atlantic flight

PM Arrive at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport – proceed to luggage claim and pick up your suitcase

Welcome Home!