Trip Highlights

- Visit Dublin, Galway, And Limerick
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Dinner each night
- Attendance at an Irish Sporting event
- Guided tour of Dublin city
- March in St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- March in the International Band Competition in Limerick
- The Guinness Store House
- The Cliffs of Moher
UNIVERISTY OF MISSOURI MARCHING BAND
DR. AMY KNOPPS, DIRECTOR
DESTINATION: IRELAND
DATES: MARCH 13 -19, 2020

SUGGESTED ITINERARY
AS OF
MARCH 13, 2019

Tom Dillon Travel Consultant
Ryan Kramer Tour Coordinator

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2020
(Meals Included: In Flight)

AM
Coaches (5-56seaters) arrive at the University of Missouri Music School 135 Hitt Street Columbia MO 65211 to begin loading

AM
Coaches depart for Chicago O’Hare Terminal to be advised

PM
The band is 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.
SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020

DUBLIN

(Meals Included: In Flight & Dinner)

Welcome to the Emerald Isle

AM  Your flight will touch down at Dublin International Airport
You must clear Irish Immigration and Customs procedures – please
insure that all instruments / flags etc. are collected and cleared
through customs

AM  Meet your Tour Director outside of the customs hall in the Main
Arrival Hall – He will be holding a sign for Mizzou and Bob Rogers
Travel.

AM  Walk as a group to the coach parking area for Terminal 2 – load the
equipment truck with the instruments and marching uniforms. You
will load your personal baggage on your assigned Bus.

AM  Group departs for Limerick traveling via Blarney Castle

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 (student 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
home.

PM  Load the coaches and depart for Limerick (1 ¼ hour drive time)

PM  Arrive at your hotel Clayton Hotel Limerick
Steamboat Quay, Limerick, Ireland Tel: + 353-61-444-100
https://www.claytonhotels.com/limerick

PM  Check in & freshen up

PM  Enjoy a Welcome Dinner in the hotel this evening
SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020        LIMERICK
(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

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        Load the coaches and depart for the marshalling area for today’s parade

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

PM        Lunch in the area (student cost)

PM        University of Missouri Band will perform during a Gaelic Football or Hurling Match in the Limerick area today (pending actual schedule)

PM        Return to the hotel

PM        Dinner will be in the hotel this evening

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020        DUBLIN via GALWAY
(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM        Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM        Check out of the rooms and load the coaches

AM        Depart the hotel bound for Dublin – heading to the wild Atlantic coast to visit the dramatic Cliffs of Moher ~ 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.

AM        Arrive at the Cliffs of Moher ~ enjoy the sights
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<td>Lunch at the coffee shop at the Cliffs (student cost)</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Travel from the Cliffs to the city of Galway the Arts Capitol of Ireland</td>
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<td>Take a walk along the promenade in Salthill</td>
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<td>N.B.</td>
<td>The time in Galway might have to cut short after the director and the</td>
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<td>Tour Director meet in regards to the requirement to be in Dublin for the</td>
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<td>meeting this evening at the Lord Mayor’s residence regarding parade</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Load the coaches and depart for Dublin City.</td>
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<td>Arrive at your Dublin Hotel – Clayton Hotel Leopardstown</td>
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<td>Central Park, Carmanhall &amp; Leopardstown, Dublin Tel: + 353-1-293-5000</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Dinner in the hotel</td>
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**Note Well:** The Director, Tour Director & the Lead Driver will all depart for the reception hosted by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, where they will receive all the logistical data & paperwork for the parade the following day.

**TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020**

**ST. PATRICK’S PARADE**

(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

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<td>AM</td>
<td>Enjoy a good hearty breakfast this morning</td>
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<td><strong>Today you will participate in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin.</strong></td>
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There can be no doubt Dublin is ground zero for St. Patrick’s Day even though the actual Festival is a continuation of an American tradition, not an Irish one per se. While the country has always celebrated St. Patrick's Day it was a religious holiday akin to our Easter. But numerous Irish immigrated to America when hard times befell the country in between WWI and WWII. They brought their tradition and their land with them, and St. Patrick's Day soon became big events in Boston, San Francisco and other cities with large Irish populations. These celebrations became so popular that they were actually carried back to Ireland, where the island took the idea and ran with it big
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.

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<th>University of Missouri Band MARCHES in the St. Patrick's Day Parade (confirmed) – place in line of March TBA</th>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Following the parade, group enjoys time to get a bite to eat on own</td>
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<th>TBD</th>
<th>Marching Mizzou has a Standing Performance outside the Gates of St. James Brewery, home of Guinness. (Pending availability)</th>
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<td>Afterwards you will enter the Guinness Storehouse for the full tour and do not forget to get to the end “The Gravity Bar” where you will receive a pint of the freshest Guinness you will ever have – enjoy the view of Dublin city and the surrounding areas from your perch upon high.</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>Return to the hotel for dinner</td>
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**WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2020 — DUBLIN**

(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

**AM**

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

**AM**

Load the coaches 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 (student 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 in small groups 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 coaches at the set pick up point and return to the hotel for the evening

PM  Load the coaches and depart for your Farewell Dinner & Irish Cabaret at Taylors Three Rocks  16 Grange Rd, Rathfarnham, Dublin

THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020  DEPARTURE  
(Meals Included: Breakfast & in Flight)

AM  Enjoy breakfast in the hotel

AM  Check out of the hotel

AM  Load the coaches for the transfer to the airport

PM  Arrive at Dublin Airport for the check in process – unload the coaches and the equipment truck.

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

PM  Load the coaches outside the Terminal for the ride back to Columbia

PM  Approximate arrival time back at the University of Missouri

Welcome Home!