

2024 Marching Mizzou Companion Trip

BRT Bob Rogers Travel

Dr. Julia Gaines, Director

March 14-20, 2024



Ireland Tour

Trip Highlights

- Visit Dublin, Galway,
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Dinner each night
- Grandstand seats for the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Guided tour of Dublin city
- Watch the band in Tipperary
- The Guinness Store House
- Galway City
- Cliffs of Moher

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DESTINATION: IRELAND

DATES: MARCH 14 -20, 2024

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

AS OF

JUNE 20, 2023

Mike Wallace - Travel Consultant

Erin Harrah - Tour Coordinator

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

DEPARTURE TO IRELAND

(Meals Included: In Flight)

- AM Travelers arrive at Chicago's O'Hare Airport
- 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

Your flight includes a hot dinner and a light breakfast also enjoy the in-flight entertainment

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

DUBLIN

(Meals Included: In Flight, Lunch & Dinner)

WELCOME TO IRELAND!!!!

After clearing Irish customs and collecting your luggage, you will meet your Professional Tour Directors outside the customs area in the Arrival Hall. Walk as a group to the Coach parking area.

AM Load equipment bus and motor coaches, and depart for **Dublin's City Center**

AM Enjoy a **panoramic tour of Dublin** with a local step-on guide
Our city guides will take us on a panoramic **tour of Dublin City**, discovering the north side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the **GPO** (General Post Office) on the city's main thoroughfare, **O'Connell Street**, or the Custom House along the quays, as well as the **Phoenix Park**, the largest public park in Europe.

PM Lunch in the area (traveler cost)

Afterward Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum
As you uncover the story of **Irish emigrants** and how they **shaped the world**, you'll realize that emigration is not about what people leave behind, but what they bring with them. The museum was founded on the belief **that emigration is one of the most interesting ways to fully understand a country.**
www.epicchq.com

PM Load coaches, and depart for your hotel

PM Arrive at your local hotel for check in

Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane

<https://www.claytonhotelcardifflane.com/>

PM **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 **TIPPERARY & ROCK OF CASHEL**

(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 **Tipperary**

AM Arrive in **Tipperary**, explore the town

PM Watch the University of Missouri Marching Band, as they march up the main street in Tipperary Town

PM Lunch in the area

PM Depart for **Rock of Cashel**

PM Visit - **Rock of Cashel**

This was the seat of kings and mediaeval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century. Brian Ború was crowned King of Munster here in 977 and he became High King of Ireland in 1002.

<https://heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/rock-of-cashel/>

PM Load coaches, and return to Dublin

PM Dinner and overnight at your hotel

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!!!!

(Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)

AM Enjoy a **good hearty breakfast** this morning

Today you will watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin.

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 time. **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.**

TBD	Watch the University of Missouri Band march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade from VIP grandstand seats (location TBD)
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Afternoon Enjoy the hustle and bustle of Dublin City on St. Patrick's Day!

PM Load motor coaches, return to hotel, freshen up for dinner

PM **Dinner** and overnight at hotel

MONDAY, MARCH 18GALWAY/CLIFFS OF MOHER

(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel

AM Load the coaches and depart for **Galway**

AM Arrive in Galway and explore the city
A balmy, bohemian city with a love of **traditional music** – Galway is hard to resist. The spirit of Ireland’s west coast beats through the **bustling streets**, from **mellow old pubs** boasting turf and cozy corners, to shops selling **Claddagh rings**, Aran sweaters and bog-oak carvings.

On the flipside, you’ll find **boundary-pushing chefs** who are passionate about local ingredients, chic design stores, rolling street music and a seriously vibrant film scene (**Galway is a UNESCO City of Film**).

PM **Lunch in the area (traveler cost)**

PM **Load motor coach, and depart for the Cliffs of Moher**
Cliffs of Moher, which rise nearly 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. The cliffs take their name from a ruined promontory fort “Mothar”, which was demolished during the Napoleonic wars in the early 1800s to make room for a signal tower at Hag’s Head. On a clear day, the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as the Dingle Peninsula are all in view.

PM Load Coaches, and depart for **dinner**

PM Dinner at **Durty Nelly’s**
Enjoy a **group dinner** at the **iconic thatched cottage**, located next to **Bunratty Castle** (Menu TBD)

PM Load coaches, and head toward Dublin

PM Return to the hotel for the evening

TUESDAY, MARCH 19DUBLIN

(Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner)

AM Enjoy **breakfast** in the hotel

AM Load motor coach, and depart for Dublin's city center

Enjoy a free morning and early afternoon in Dublin City.

Lunch in the area (traveler cost)

TBA Enjoy a visit and a tasting at the **Guinness Storehouse**
*The storehouse was originally built in 1904 to house the Guinness fermentation process. The core of the building is modelled on a giant pint glass. The tour takes you on a **step by step** journey through the **brewing process**, finishing at the **Gravity Bar**, where you will receive a **pint of Guinness** (included) whilst enjoying the **panoramic views** over Dublin City.*

PM Load the coaches and depart for your **Farewell Dinner & Irish Cabaret** at **Taylor's Three Rocks**
*Widely regarded as the **best traditional music show in Dublin**, a highly entertaining performance of **live traditional Irish Music, singing, and dancing** await you! The very best of **fresh Irish food** is served from the restaurant, which offers a choice menu!*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

DEPARTURE

(Meals Included: Breakfast & in Flight)

- AM **Breakfast** in the hotel

- AM Check out of hotel, load the coach and transfer to **Dublin Airport** for your flight home

- AM Arrive at Dublin Airport and check in

- AM **Please note you will clear U.S. Customs and Immigration in Dublin, therefore we will require some extra time at Dublin Airport to complete this process before flight departure.**

- AM **Flight departs for Chicago**

- PM Arrival time in **Chicago Terminal # 5** – proceed to baggage claim on the Lower level

Welcome Home!