

American Celebration of Music in Ireland and Great Britain

Suggested Tour #5 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

Day 2

Dublin

(D)

Arrive in Dublin

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

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Dublin

Visit to **EPIC Ireland**, the Irish Emigration Museum – A state of the art interactive museum experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House building in Dublin’s Docklands. This is the original departure point for so many of Ireland’s emigrants. Nearly 37 Million U.S. Citizens list their heritage as Irish (Over 8 times the current population of Ireland). At **EPIC**, there are twenty themed galleries to find out why people left, who they were, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening 3-course Welcome Dinner at the hotel restaurant 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 3

Glendalough / Dublin

(B,D)

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel

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, visitors see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin’s Cross and Kitchen, and Gatehouse

Lunch, on own

*Performance in Dublin/Bray as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

2-course dinner at a local pub or restaurant

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4

County Kilkenny

(B,D)

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Jerpoint Park for a heritage tour and sheepdog demonstration

Continue to Kilkenny for lunch, on own and time at leisure



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Performance in Kilkenny as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland*

2-course dinner at a local pub or restaurant
Return to the hotel for 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

Day 5 **Wexford / Cardiff** **(B,D)**

Full Irish Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer via ferry across the Irish Seas from Rosslare to Fishguard, continuing to Cardiff
Lunch, on own
Evening 3-course dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

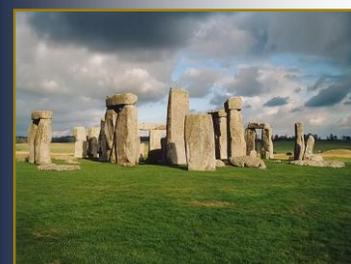
Day 6 **Cardiff** **(B,D)**

Full Breakfast at the hotel
Enjoy a morning guided tour of Cardiff Castle, which stands in the very center of the city. The castle contains some of the most important historic interiors in Britain and occupies the site where a Roman fort once stood. The extraordinary interiors were designed by William Burges in 1868 and are in the Arab, Gothic and Greek styles
Also visit the Museum of Welsh Life at St. Fagan's on the western outskirts of the city. Here, travel back in time and experience how life in Wales would have been at various stages over time. The outdoor museum contains a fine collection of re-erected buildings from all over Wales, including cottages, farmhouses, a chapel, school, corn mill and village store, not to mention the Elizabethan mansion
Lunch, on own
Performance in Cardiff as part of the American Celebration of Music in Great Britain*
Evening 3-course dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

Day 7 **Stonehenge / London** **(B,D)**

Full Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to London via Stonehenge
Enjoy a tour of Stonehenge, located around 30 minutes north of Salisbury on the beautiful Salisbury Plain. It is Europe's most famous prehistoric monument and you can sense the mystery that shrouds the ancient stones that were constructed over 5,000 years ago
Lunch, on own
Continue to London
Evening 3-course dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

Established 1,250 years ago by King Aethelbald, London became an important Roman city. It was resettled by the Saxons in the fifth century, after the end of the Roman occupation. London has been scourged by the plague (1665) and was almost entirely destroyed by the Great Fire (1666). World War II's "Blitzkrieg" tore up the city considerably. She stands today as a monument to perseverance, culture, excitement, history, and greatness



Day 8**London****(B,D)**

Full Breakfast at the hotel

A guided tour of London includes the residential and shopping districts of Kensington and Knightsbridge. Pass Westminster Abbey, where most English Kings and Queens have been crowned since 1066, and where many are buried. See Whitehall and Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Column, pass Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament to Buckingham Palace, where we may see the Changing of the Guard. Continue along Fleet Street to St. Paul's Cathedral, and also see the 900-year-old Tower of London, whose construction was initiated by William the Conqueror

Lunch, on own

*Performance in London as part of the American Celebration of Music in Great Britain**

Evening 3-course dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

**Day 9****Windsor / London****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion to Windsor for a tour of Windsor Castle, built 900 years ago by William the Conqueror to guard the western approach to London. Today, it is England's largest castle and also the largest inhabited stronghold in the world. Highlights of the visit will be St. George's Chapel and, subject to royal commitments, the State Apartments

Lunch, on own

Return to London for time at leisure

Evening 3-course Farewell Dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight

**Day 10****Depart for home****(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the London Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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