

Catholic Choir Tour & Pilgrimage to Ireland



Ireland is home to hundreds, maybe even thousands, of holy sites, places with spiritual significance, where saints worked miracles or were martyred. A Catholic Choir Tour and Pilgrimage to Ireland will allow your faith to deepen, particularly when coming across early church enclosures, lonely cross slabs, and the well-worn tracks of ancient pilgrims.

Join the one and a half million pilgrims who annually make their way to the shrine in Knock where in 1879, it was reported that the Virgin Mary, together with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, appeared to local people. One of Ireland's oldest cities, Armagh, has been the spiritual capital of Ireland for 1,500 years and the seat of both Protestant and Catholic archbishops. This city dates back to the age of St. Patrick and the advent of Christianity.

Share a song in the stone church on the hill he built which over the years has been rebuilt as St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral. Close by in Dublin, you will also have an opportunity to sing mass in the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

In addition to the performance benefits of such a pilgrimage, consider the faith formation benefits of:

- bringing Church teachings to life with real-world experience.
- forming your choir members in the faith as future leaders.
- leadership development that connects personal faith with daily living.
- performances and pilgrimage sites that help your singers listen to God's call with vocation discernment.
- connecting personal faith with Catholic social teaching by visiting and praying at historic sites.
- a truly "catholic" experience of multicultural faith formation in the real-world.
- helping students understand the rich symbols and traditions of following Jesus Christ today.

Our "faith in a suitcase" approach helps you deepen musicianship and form disciples ready to make a difference in the world.

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Tour Itineraries

Tour #1 - (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

2 nights in Armagh, 1 night in Derry, 2 nights in Galway, 1 night in Limerick, 2 nights in Dublin

Tour #2 - (8 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS)

2 nights in Galway, 3 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Kilkenny, 2 nights in Dublin

Music Celebrations International would be happy to create a custom tour to meet your specific wishes and interests

These tours may be viewed on our website at
www.musiccelebrations.com



"The Bel Canto Singers wish to thank you and your staff for another wonderful concert tour. Our tour to the British Isles was well planned, with all details of travel, housing, meals, touring, etc. in place and was a real joy for me, as conductor. Once we boarded our first flight, I could relax, without a care, except to enjoy the tour. The choice of venues for concerts was superb. It is a thrill for groups to have the opportunity to sing in the churches, cathedrals, and castles as those chosen. Our tour guide was cheerful, knowledgeable, and willing to go out of his way to help us arrange activities not on the itinerary. This was our second concert tour with MCI, and we will call on you for our next."

Judson Rogers, Bel Canto Singers, Florida

"What impressed me was your ability to specialize the trip to my specific needs. Since I have college age students, I wanted some flexibility which you built into the trip. We performed in some of the very nicest venues and participated in concerts with local choral groups with far better crowds than our previous company could produce. You have given us the best musical experiences possible. We have just returned from our fourth European experience with MCI and it was the best so far."

*Tom Krause,
University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota*