

## **Song and Narrative of Ireland**

MUSC 28211-Perspectives in Music

Dates: June 7-16, 2020



### **Day 1, Sunday 6/7/20: Arrival in Dublin, Afternoon City Tour & Traditional Music Pub Crawl**

- On arrival into Dublin Airport, transfer directly to your hotel.
- At 2pm meet your tour guide at the hotel and begin a walking tour of Dublin. Walk through the main streets to see historic buildings such as Trinity College and visit the famous Book of Kells. See rows of beautiful Georgian houses with brightly colored doorways. Take a guided tour through parts of Dublin Castle, which was the seat of government for many years and today plays a leading role in political activities.
- Return to your hotel in time for your welcome dinner and informal get together.
- After dinner, why not experience the vibrancy of Dublin's traditional Irish music scene on this evening's pub crawl through Temple Bar – the city's cultural quarter! Accompany two friendly musicians on a fun and educational tour

through the hip yet historic district, where you'll visit classic pubs and bars, witness local drinking culture, and encounter Irish storytelling and music at its best. Sláinte!

Overnight 3\* *Academy Plaza Hotel* Dublin, Dinner included

### **Day 2, Monday 6/8/20: Dublin, Kilkenny - Dungarvan**

- Check out of your hotel and travel to Dungarvan in County Waterford, en-route visiting the magnificent Kilkenny Castle which dates back to 1391 and was the seat of the famous Butler family.
- After some free time to explore Kilkenny travel onward to Dungarvan which is renowned for traditional Irish music, Irish song & dance and the Irish language. This festival town has as a great name amongst traditional music supporters and its welcoming restaurants and pubs offer a unique experience in an old-world atmosphere.
- After dinner this evening meet three well-known local musicians including **Donnchadh Gough**, an accomplished Uilleann Pipes & Bodhran player from the acclaimed Irish music band 'Danu' for an informal recital and questions and answers session.
- Tonight, take the time to explore Dungarvan's traditional music scene, we recommend a trip to 'The Local' which has frequent live Traditional Irish Music.

Overnight 3\* *Park Hotel Dungarvan*, Breakfast & Dinner included

### **Day 3, Tuesday 6/9/20: Lismore & Ring Music Session**

- Leave your hotel and travel the short distance to the heritage town of Lismore. Founded in 636, it was established as a monastic settlement that flourished to become one of the great centers of learning.
- After lunch (not included), we visit Ring or 'An Rinn' in Irish which is an official Gaeltacht area near Dungarvan. A great place to discover real traditional Irish Music.
- Visit Mooney's Pub for a Traditional Music Session. Mooney's is famous for sean-nós singing, traditional Irish music and late-night sessions. Writers, poets, filmmakers and artists have used Mooney's as a meeting place for decades- the Dubliners, the Clancy Brothers and the Fury Brothers to name but a few.

Overnight 3\* *Park Hotel Dungarvan*, Breakfast included

### **Day 4, Wednesday 6/10/20: Music & Dance in Ballyvourney**

- Travel to Ballyvourney, a Gaeltacht village in south-west Cork an area synonymous with Traditional Irish Music. En-route visit Blarney Castle, which was built nearly 600 years ago by Cormac McCarthy, one of Ireland's greatest chieftains.

- After checking into your hotel meet Timmy ‘The Brit’ McCarthy, regarded by many as the most experienced set dance instructors in Ireland.
- After your class and dinner, meet **Peadar Ó Riada** for a talk on ‘The history and origins of traditional music and what it sounds like in an indigenous community’. Peadar is the son of influential Irish musician and composer Sean Ó Riada and has continued to follow in his father's footsteps. While his roots remain in Traditional Irish Music, Ó Riada has incorporated classical, Eastern, and European modern influences into his work also.
- Tonight, try out your new dancing skills at the Thursday Night Trad Music Session in the Mills Inn bar.

Overnight 3\* *Mills Inn* Ballyvourney, Breakfast & Dinner included

### **Day 5, Thursday 6/11/20: Stories through Song & Gougane Barra**

- Today we will travel the short distance to the town of Inchigeelagh, here you will meet a local man and renowned traditional singer, **Joe Creedon**. Joe has a keen interest in the oral history and traditions of Ireland, especially the practice of telling local stories and legends through songs and balladry.
- After some tea & scones, accompany Joe to the old Inchigeelagh church yard and through his songs and stories you will learn a little bit more about West Cork’s colorful history.
- Leave Inchigeelagh and head to Gougane Barra an area of outstanding natural beauty; here you will spend time with another local guide. Gougane Barra has been the subject of many songs and stories a local and well-known poet Máire Bhúí Uí Laoghaire for example immortalized the area in verse through her poem ‘Cath Céim an Fhia (The Battle of Keimaneigh)’.

Overnight 3\* *Mills Inn* Ballyvourney, Breakfast included

### **Day 6, Friday 6/12/20: Dingle Sightseeing/Dingle Music Scene**

- Your tour of Ireland takes you to Dingle today via the pretty town of Killarney where you will have some time to peruse the shops or have a bite to eat if you wish.
- On arrival in Dingle the remainder of the day is free for your own personal sightseeing or shopping. Dingle Town is one of the few places in Ireland where you can enjoy traditional Irish music any night of the week. In addition, there are weekly Summer Concerts in St. James Church with the Dingle Beehive Theatre Company providing the entertainment.

Overnight 3\* *Dingle Benners Hotel*, Breakfast included

### **Day 7, Saturday 6/13/20: The Dingle Peninsula**

- Following breakfast depart the hotel and begin a tour of the Dingle Peninsula. Perhaps not as well-known as the Iveragh Peninsula where the Ring of Kerry is located, the Dingle Peninsula is less busy but every bit as beautiful.
- Visit the dry stone early Christian church Gallarus Oratory. According to local lore, if you can successfully climb through the window at the back of the

building your soul will then be cleansed, however as you will discover, this is a little hard to do!

- Then to the west of the town the scenery is particularly rugged with views out to the formerly inhabited Blasket Islands.
- Visit the Blasket Centre which tells the story of the Blasket Islanders, the unique literary achievements of the island writers and their culture and traditions.
- Check in to your hotel in the bustling town of Killarney where the remainder of your evening is free to explore.

Overnight in 4\* *Scotts Hotel*, Breakfast included

### **Day 8, Sunday 6/14/20: Dingle to Ennis**

- Travel from Dingle to County Clare, stopping en-route at the heritage town of Adare. Adare is a small village in County Limerick, Ireland, located south-west of the city of Limerick. Renowned as one of Ireland's prettiest towns, Adare is designated as a heritage town by the Irish government.
- After visiting Adare, travel to Ennis. Situated in the heart of the county on the River Fergus, Ennis is the capital of County Clare. It's a historical town with narrow winding streets, historical buildings, and busy markets. Take time to explore Ennis or the Ennis Friary.
- After checking into your hotel, take some time to relax before this evening's music recital. Meet with three well-known local musicians including **Jack Talty** for a traditional music recital and informal questions and answers session. Jack is a renowned concertina player composer and producer; he has toured extensively throughout Europe, North America and Australia, and has contributed to over 25 albums to date.

Overnight 4\* *Old Ground Hotel* Ennis, Breakfast included

### **Day 9, Monday 6/15/20: The Cliffs of Moher/Irish Traditional Music Centre**

- After breakfast, travel to the historical town of Ennis. No trip to Ireland is complete without seeing our most famous visitor attraction, the Cliffs of Moher. From the Cliffs of Moher on a clear day the Aran Islands and Galway Bay can be seen, as well as the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and the Twelve Pin.
- Last stop on your tour today is the Irish Traditional Music Centre in Milltown Malbay where you can learn more about music in Clare and its origins.
- Return to Ennis and enjoy a farewell dinner (included)

Overnight 4\* *Old Ground Hotel* Ennis, Breakfast & Dinner included

### **Day 10, Tuesday 6/16/20: Ennis to Shannon Airport**

- After a hardy Irish breakfast, travel to Shannon Airport in time for your outbound flight.

### **Included in the cost of the tour**

- Airfare from U.S. hub to Ireland and return
- Transfers on arrival and departure by private coach
- Sightseeing as per itinerary in a luxury coach with an experienced Irish driver/guide
- Accommodation in rooms with private facilities for 9 nights
- Irish breakfast daily
- 4 hotel table d'hote dinners
- Literary Pub Crawl
- 4 music or dance sessions
- Guide in Dublin & Gougane Barra for 1 day each
- Entrance fees to the following sites and attractions: Blarney Castle, Blasket Centre, Cliffs of Moher, Dublin Castle, Kilkenny Castle, Music Makers (Clare), Trinity College Library and Book of Kells Exhibition
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person at each hotel
- Hotel service charges & tax (at current rate)
- Travel insurance through Purdue University

### **Not included in the cost of the tour**

- Items of a personal nature such as wines, drinks, phone calls etc.
- Meals not itemized in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities
- Tuition for travelers taking the course for credit

### **Estimated Cost: \$4600.00 (plus tuition for students)**

Please note that, while the cost of this trip will not go up, it may come down substantially based on number of travelers, actual cost of airfare, and the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Euro at the time the balance invoice is due to the Irish Tour Company.

Costs are based on double occupancy of rooms. If a traveler prefers to have individual accommodations, this can be arranged but will incur a single occupancy supplement fee that will be added to the total cost of the trip.

### **Payment Schedule:**

***All payments are due at midnight of the posted deadline.***

9/27/2019 \$500.00 non-refundable deposit to reserve a place for the trip

12/1/2019 \$1500.00

1/31/2020 \$1500.00

2/28/202 \$1100.00 or balance if price has decreased

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