
**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MARCHING BAND FRIENDS AND FAMILY
PROFESSOR BARRY HOUSER, DIRECTOR
DESTINATION: IRELAND
DATES: MARCH 12-18, 2022**

**FINAL ITINERARY
AS OF
MARCH 10, 2022
86 Flying Passengers
18 Land-Only**

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IMPORTANT TRAVELER INFORMATION

**** VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED (valid until 6 months after return)**

**Vaccine certificates for primary vaccination series are not accepted for travel if more than 270 days have passed since the final dose in the primary vaccine series.
Vaccine certificates based on booster/additional doses are not time limited.**

Regarding travel requirements - you can find everything needed via [this link](#)

Embassy Travel Details: <https://ie.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

**** THE PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM MUST BE COMPLETED LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**

**As required by the Northern Ireland/ UK Government in order to enter the country:
<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>**

SATURDAY MAR 12

DEPARTURE TO IRELAND

(In Flight Meals)

1:00 PM

Group 1 arrives at O'Hare International Airport **TERMINAL 1**

Group 2 arrives at O'Hare International Airport **TERMINAL 5**

(travelers to make their own arrangements getting to O'Hare)

You will be 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).

All passengers must have a valid passport that expires minimally 6 months after the return date (September 18, 2022)

4:10 PM

Group 1 (57 pax) departs on **Lufthansa flight #431** bound for Frankfurt

4:50 PM

Group 2 (29 pax) departs on **KLM flight # 612** bound for Amsterdam

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

SUNDAY MAR 13

DUBLIN

(In Flight Meals & Dinner)

7:30	AM	Group 1 arrives in Frankfurt
9:50	AM	Group 1 departs on Lufthansa flight # 978 bound for Dublin
10:55	AM	Group 1 arrives in Dublin
7:30	AM	Group 2 arrives in Amsterdam
12:00	PM	Group 2 departs on KLM flight # 935 bound for Dublin
12:40	PM	Group 2 arrives in Dublin

AM Clear Irish Immigration and Customs procedures

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

*****LAND ONLY TRAVELERS ARRIVING BEFORE 3/13, PLEASE BE AT ARRIVALS HALL IN TERMINAL 1 AT DUBLIN AIRPORT NO LATER THAN 10:30 AM*****

AM Walk as a group to the coach parking area for Terminal 2

Upon Arrival **Group 1 (57 pax on Coach 1) and Land-Only travelers (18 pax on ‘extra’ coach)** depart on a **City Tour of Dublin** in two separate coaches (57-seater and 21-seater)

Upon Arrival **Group 2 (29 pax on Coach 2)** departs for a quick lunch, then to the Guinness Storehouse

2:45 PM All groups arrive at Guinness Storehouse
While group is in Guinness, the drivers will transport luggage from the 21-seat coach onto coach 2. Passengers who were on the mini coach will now be on Coach 2 for the rest of the tour

Afterward
5:30 PM Load motor coaches, and depart for Panoramic tour of Dublin City
Following the tour, we arrive at our hotel for the next five nights:
Clayton Charlemont. www.claytonhotelcharlemont.com
Charlemont Street, D02 H9C1 Dublin
Tel. +353 1 960 6700

7:30 PM Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner**, with one complementary glass of wine, at your hotel.



MONDAY MAR 14

TOUR TO BELFAST

(Breakfast & Dinner)

- 7:00 AM Enjoy your first taste of a **full Irish Breakfast** this morning (*group will be split into 3 groups for breakfast. 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00*)
- 8:30 AM Board motor coach; depart for **Belfast** (*approximately 2 driving hours*)
- 10:30 AM Visit the **Titanic Museum** (BT3 9EP Belfast, Tel. +44 28 9076 6386) *Titanic Belfast extends over **nine galleries with innovative interactive features** to explore the Titanic story in a fresh and insightful way. Explore the **shipyard**, travel to **the depths of the ocean** and uncover the true legend of Titanic, in the city where it all began. (Group will have staggered entrance times, 10 minutes apart)*
- 1:00 PM Enjoy some free time for lunch (traveler cost)
- 2:00 PM Enjoy a Belfast city guided coach tour past **Shankill and Falls Road, Belfast City Hall, Belfast Castle**, and then we'll learn about the city's great **industrial era and the remarkable Titanic**, which was launched from Belfast's shipyard in 1911. The troubles took their toll on the economic life of Belfast but the past many years of peace have returned much prosperity while the genuine friendliness of the city never left!
- Return to Dublin; freshen up for the evening
- 7:30 PM Enjoy a **Group Dinner**, with one complementary glass of wine, at your hotel

TUESDAY MAR 15

GALWAY & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

(Breakfast & Dinner)

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| 7:00 | AM | Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (<i>group will be split into 3 groups for breakfast. 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00</i>) |
| 8:30 | AM | Board motor coach; depart for Galway (<i>approximately 2.5 driving hours</i>) |
| 11:00 | AM | Free time to explore Galway City (The Arts Capital of Ireland)
<i>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.</i> |
| | | Lunch in the area (traveler cost) |
| 1:00 | PM | We depart Galway and travel through the Burren , a rugged lunar-like limestone landscape, heading to the wild Atlantic coast to visit the dramatic Cliffs of Moher ~ Cliffs of Moher ~ <i>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.</i> |
| 4:00 | PM | Load the coaches and depart back to Dublin |
| 8:30 | PM | Enjoy a Group Dinner , with one complementary glass of wine, at your hotel |
| Afterwards | | Evening is free to explore Dublin on your own |

WEDNESDAY MAR 16

KILKENNY

(Breakfast & Dinner)

7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel (group will be split into 3 groups for breakfast. 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00)

9:00 AM Board motor coaches; depart for **Kilkenny**
Arrive in Kilkenny and enjoy everything this wonder city has to offer during the St. Patrick's Day Festival!

Lunch in the area (traveller cost)

12:00 PM Marching Illini has a Standing Performance at Kilkenny Castle

1:15 PM Visit Kilkenny Castle
*The Castle stands dramatically on a strategic height that commands a crossing on the **River Nore** and dominates the 'High Town' of Kilkenny City. Over the eight centuries of its existence, many additions and alterations have been made to the fabric of the building, making Kilkenny Castle today a complex structure of various architectural styles.*

Maximum 45 passengers/time slot

1:15 pm – 45 passengers

1:30 pm – 45 passengers

1:45 pm – 19 passengers

Afterwards Board the motor coaches and depart back to Dublin

7:00 PM Enjoy a **Group Dinner**, with one complementary glass of wine, at your hotel

THURSDAY MAR 17

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

(Breakfast & Dinner)

- 8:00 AM Enjoy your breakfast in the hotel (*group will be split into 3 groups for breakfast. 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00*)
- Time TBD** Depart for the Grand Stand near Christ Church Cathedral. You will be able to relax and sit after your morning breakfast. Enjoy the parade and of course be ready to cheer for the “Marching Illini”
- 12:00 PM The Parade steps off -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. – it should take approximately 20-25 minutes for the first unit in the parade to arrive at your viewing stand
- Afterward You will have some free time to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. Take in the sights and sounds, and enjoy lunch (traveler cost)
- 5:00 PM Return to hotel to take Antigen tests for return to US.
- 6:10 PM Load motor coaches, and depart for Talbot Hotel Stillorgan
- 7:00 PM **Dinner and evening show at Talbot Stillorgan Park Hotel**
2 course menu: choice 2 main and a trio dessert. Cash Bar. Joint Farewell Dinner & Show with the Band group.
The entertainment this evening is supplied by Taylors 3 Rocks 2 rooms, 1 with a capacity of 320 and 1 with a capacity of 120. A different set of performers giving the same show in each room (2 shows running simultaneously over dinner).
- Dinner and show last approx 2 to 2.5hrs*



FRIDAY MAR 18

DEPARTURE

(Breakfast & in Flight Meals)

6:00 AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel – last chance for a full Irish Breakfast (group will be split into 3 groups for breakfast. 6:00, 6:15, and 6:30)

7:35 AM Check out of the hotel

Load the coaches for the transfer to the airport

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

After checking in proceed through security – please watch the monitors for word that US Pre-clearance is available for your flight

Then proceed to US Customs & Immigration at Dublin Airport – you will pre-clear all formalities at Dublin Airport before your departure to Chicago

10:45 AM	Group 1 (57 pax) departs on Lufthansa flight # 2517 bound for Munich
2:00 PM	Group 1 arrives at in Munich
3:45 PM	Group 1 departs on Lufthansa flight # 434 bound for Chicago
7:35 PM	Group 1 arrives at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

11:25 AM	Group 2 (29 pax) departs on Delta flight # 45 bound for New York's JFK Airport
2:45 PM	Group 2 arrives at Kennedy Airport in New York
7:29 PM	Group 2 departs on Delta Airlines flight #5422 bound for Chicago
9:27 PM	Group 2 arrives at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

Upon Arrival

Proceed to baggage claim and collect your luggage