

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

**FINAL ITINERARY
AS OF
MARCH 10, 2022
304 Flying Passengers
1 Land-Only Passenger**

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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, MARCH 12

DEPARTURE TO IRELAND

(In Flight Meals)

8:30 AM Chicago Classic Motor Coaches (six-55 seat coaches) arrive at the **Harding Band Building, 1103 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820** to begin loading

9:30 AM Coaches depart for Chicago O'Hare Terminal # 5 – **Aer Lingus**

12:30 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)

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

4:05 PM	304 Travelers depart on Aer Lingus flight #122 bound for Dublin
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Your flight includes a hot dinner and a light breakfast also please enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13**DUBLIN***(In Flight Meals & Dinner)***Welcome to the Emerald Isle!!!**

5:15 AM	Travelers arrive in Dublin
	After clearing Irish customs and Immigration you will meet your Professional Tour Directors outside the customs area in the Arrival Hall. He will be holding a sign for Marching Illini and Bob Rogers Travel. Walk as a group to the Coach parking area. ***Grace Tessitore (land-only) will meet the group in arrivals hall.
6:00 AM	Load Instruments onto equipment truck . <i>Truck will go to the secure yard for the day and will go to Clayton Hotel Leopardstown that evening when the group is checking in for unloading by performers.</i>
Afterwards	Group departs on a City Tour of Dublin
10:00 AM	Visit the Guinness Storehouse
12:00 PM	Load Motor coaches, and depart for Nassau Street for some free time, and lunch (traveler cost)
1:40 PM	Visit the EPIC Museum <i>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.</i>
3:10 PM	Load motor coaches, and resume Dublin City Tour
5:00 PM	Following the tour, we arrive at our hotel for the next five nights: Clayton Leopardstown Hotel www.claytonhotelleopardstown.com/ D18 NR24 Dublin, Tel. +353 1 293 5000
Upon arrival	Unload instruments into storage room, and check in

7:00 PM Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner (group will be seated in increments)**
MONDAY MARCH 14 **TOUR TO BELFAST** (Breakfast & Dinner)

7:00 AM Enjoy your first taste of a **full Irish Breakfast** this morning (group will be called in smaller increments)

9:00 AM Board motor coach; depart for **Belfast** (approximately 2 driving hours)

11:00 AM Visit the **Titanic Museum**

12:40 PM Load coaches, for Belfast's City Center for lunch (traveler cost)

After Lunch Enjoy a 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.**

4:30 PM Return to Dublin

7:30 PM Enjoy a Group Dinner (seated in smaller increments)

TUESDAY MARCH 15**GALWAY & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER***(Breakfast & Dinner)*

- 7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (group will be called in smaller increments)
- 8:00 AM Board motor coach; depart for **Galway** (approximately 2 driving hours)
- 11:00 AM Enjoy some free time for shopping and lunch (student cost) in Galway, which is known as **The Arts Capitol of Ireland**
- 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 ~ 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.**
- 4:00 PM Load the coaches and depart back to Dublin
- 6:00 PM COACHES 1, 2, and 7 – **Dinner at Clayton Hotel Limerick**
<https://www.claytonhotellimerick.com/>
Steamboat Quay, V94 H6HN Limerick
Tel. +353 61 444 100
- 7:00 PM COACHES 3, 4, 5, and 6– **Dinner at Maldron Hotel Portlaoise**
<https://www.maldronhotelportlaoise.com/>
Abbeyleix Road, R32 HKN3 Portlaoise
Tel. +353 57 869 5900
- Afterward Return to hotel for the evening

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

KILKENNY

(Breakfast & Dinner)

- Morning Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (group will be called in smaller increments)
- 7:30 AM Load instruments into equipment truck
- 8:00 AM Board motor coaches; depart for **Kilkenny** (coaches will leave at staggered times)
- 9:30 AM Visit **Kilkenny Castle** (*half of the group will visit the castle before the performance, and the other half will visit the castle after the performance.*)
- 11:15 AM Performers change on motor coaches

12:00 PM Marching Illini marches through Kilkenny's city center, and has a standing performance at Kilkenny Castle

- Afternoon Performers return to street clothes, then free time for lunch and time to explore Kilkenny (second half of the group goes to Kilkenny castle)
- 4:00 PM Board the motor coaches and depart back to Dublin
- 6:00 PM Directors and delegates depart for Welcome Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin at Collins Barricks, followed by dinner
- 8:00 PM Dinner at the Clayton Hotel (group will be seated in smaller increments)



THURSDAY MARCH 17 **ST. PATRICK'S PARADE** *(Breakfast & Dinner)*

Morning Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (group will be called in smaller increments)

9:00 AM Load instruments into equipment truck

Time TBD Depart for Parade Assembly

TBD Marching Illini MARCHES in the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade (Confirmed) place in line of march to be advised

Afternoon Following the parade, group will enjoy a boxed lunch (included)

2:00 PM Enjoy some free time in Dublin City Center

Time TBD Return to hotel for **Antigen testing**

6:15 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 Fans 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

9:30 PM Load coaches, and return to hotel



FRIDAY MARCH 18

DEPARTURE

(Breakfast & in Flight Meals)

6:00 AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel – last chance for a full Irish Breakfast

7:15 AM Load the coaches for the transfer to the airport

8:00 AM 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

11:45 AM 305 travelers depart on Aer Lingus flight # 123 bound for Chicago
3:15 PM Flight arrives at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport

Upon arrival at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport – proceed to luggage claim and pick up your belongings

4:30 PM Load the coaches outside the Terminal Door # 5 for the ride back to Champaign

8:00 PM Approximate arrival time back at the University of Illinois

Welcome Home!