



MARCHING ILLINI

Ireland '22

IRELAND PACKING LIST

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- Uniform, bibbers, jacket, MICG Uniform, Illinettes Uniform, etc
- Spats, baldric, cape, clean white gloves, gauntlets, shako, plume
- Marching Black Shoes, long black socks
- Instrument, polished-include extra reeds, sticks, valve oil, Hard cases for travel
- Access to music, eflips, poms, flags, batons, mace
- All uniform parts packed in garment bag
- Luggage tags (provided) for all luggage, instruments and garment bags
- Staff Game Day Attire (khaki's, white shirt, tie, MI Navy Blue Blazer, brown belt/shoes)

PERSONAL PACKING CHECKLIST

- Passport and Personal ID, Drivers License - I-Card does not count as official ID
- Copy of passport and copy of ID kept in suitcase-just in case you lose your original
- Medical insurance documents
- Medications (inhaler, aspirin, Tylenol pain relief medication, etc)
- Spending money – cash, credit or debit cards - be sure to call your bank/credit card
- Nike '21 Polo Shirt, Section Jacket, Warm-Up Pants, Ireland 1/4 Zip, '21 Ball Cap & Beanie
- Clothing for six days and five nights, bathing suit, comfortable walking shoes, layer clothing
- Nice “dress-up” Business Casual clothes for our farewell dinner on the last night
- Toiletries, comb/brush, contact lenses, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo



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- Cell phone charger & adapters - external charger - **voltage converter**
- rain jacket, umbrella, poncho
- empty water bottle - fill after security check
- headphones, airpods, earplugs
- small locks for backpack, luggage
- reusable shopping bag - Ireland has a plastic bag tax, so use your own bag
- snacks for the trip
- hair dryers are located in each hotel room



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IRELAND DAILY ATTIRE

SATURDAY MARCH 12 - TRAVEL DAY

- Marching Illini Section Jacket, Navy Blue MI T-Shirt under your jacket
- Jeans - Dark Blue, Comfortable shoes
- Once we are on the plane, feel free to change and get comfortable

SUNDAY MARCH 13 - TOUR OF DUBLIN, GUINNESS, WELCOME DINNER

- When we depart the plane, be sure you are in the following:
- Marching Illini Ireland 1/4 zip, layer underneath - Jeans - Dark Blue, Comfortable shoes
- Upon check-in at the hotel, clean up and change - attire for our Welcome Dinner is casual

MONDAY MARCH 14 - BELFAST EXCURSION

- Casual attire - be comfortable but dress for the weather
- attire for Hotel Dinner is casual

TUESDAY MARCH 15 - GALWAY & CLIFFS of MOHER

- Casual attire - be comfortable but dress for the weather - especially the Cliffs
- attire for Hotel Dinner is casual

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16 - KILKENNY CASTLE

- Marching Illini Uniform - Marching Shoes, shakos, plumes, instruments, poms, flags, etc
- Illinois warm-up pants, section jacket/Ireland 1/4 zip, '21 ball cap/beanie
- attire for Hotel Dinner is casual

THURSDAY MARCH 17 - DUBLIN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

- Marching Illini Uniform, clean gloves, spats, shakos, - Be sure to layer under your uniform
- Hang up your uniform after the parade and let it air out AND dry
- Dress Up/Business Attire for our Farewell Dinner in the Hotel

FRIDAY MARCH 18 - TRAVEL DAY

- Casual Attire - Jeans, Ireland 1/4 Zip in the Hotel, Dublin Airport and at O'Hare

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LUGGAGE INFORMATION

Each member of the traveling party is allowed the following luggage:

- One Checked Piece of Luggage - **use the BRT luggage tag**
 - max 50 pounds, \$100 if over weight limit
 - max dimensions L+W+H=158 cm
 - you need to pack your uniform in your checked luggage**
 - Extra luggage will be charged \$60 to each person
- Each person can bring one Carry On item on the plane:
 - Backpack or Overnight Bag - **use your custom Ireland luggage tag**
 - Piccolos, Clarinets, Alto Saxophones, Tenor Saxophones, Trumpets (students who play these instruments will not be allowed another carry on, except a backpack, unless a piccolo/clarinet fits inside carry on)
 - Illinettes, Guard, and Twirler can bring a duffle bag to hold poms, equipment, batons, etc.
- If you have a Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Sousaphone, Snare, Tenors, Bass Drum, or Flags, you will check these items as a second checked “bag.” The cost of will be covered within our overall trip cost

NOTE: When you arrive in Ireland, you will clear Customs & Immigration. This is where you will claim your luggage & instrument. If you are missing anything, you **MUST FILE A CLAIM IMMEDIATELY** before exiting the secured area. If you exit, you will not be able to get back in!

All luggage, instruments, equipment must be associated with a person so plan to check your own instrument on both sides of the trip.

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MONEY EXCHANGE INFO

Please note that although this information is the result of much practical experience and research, conditions do change and this information is offered only as a guide in deciding how to best make purchases and obtain foreign currency.

It's best to use a credit card whenever possible since this is the best exchange rate. Traveler's checks are not recommended since many places do not want or like to take them. During our trip, you can exchange cash for Euros at a bank or a currency exchange location. These exchange locations are located in the airport.

One of the best ways to get Euros is at an ATM machine using a debit card or credit card. I encourage you not to withdraw or exchange too much cash. If you do not spend it, you could lose money when exchanging it back for US dollars depending on the exchange rate.

Our travel agency, Bob Rogers Travel, states the BEST payment option is using your credit card during our tour in Ireland. The other BEST option is to bring US dollars and exchange for Euros.

If you plan to use your credit or debit card, notify your bank of the dates of travel so your purchases are not mistaken for a stolen identity/credit card. There may be service fees or charges involved. Some cards require a pin to be setup for international ATM usage with a credit card. Again, the best option is to contact your bank or credit card agency.

Plan ahead and be safe!

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NOTES FROM PROF H

HEY BAND! Ireland is almost here and I wanted to provide this addendum to our itinerary so that you can start packing, planning, and preparing for our departure. I hope these details will assist you in your preparations.

- Hairdryers will be in each of the hotel rooms, either in the bathroom or the dresser drawer in the bedroom
- You will need to have a Travel Adapter so that you can plug and charge your electronic devices – cell phone etc. A Travel Adapter can be purchased online - Amazon
- For travel in early spring – March - I recommend you layer and strongly suggest wearing “base layers” or something similar
- Cell phones – please ensure that you have an international cell phone plan OR that you leave your phone on “airplane mode” and use Wi-Fi at the hotel or elsewhere.
- Make sure you have access to the REMIND app and consider downloading “Whats App.” It allows for free texting and calling to others who have the app on their phone
- Money – the Republic of Ireland is on the Euro – rate of exchange is 1 United States dollar = presently .88 Euro. You can acquire Euros in advance from your bank (could be a special order) or you may take money out of the ATM in Ireland (you will need a 4 digit pin on your ATM card) and be sure to check with your bank as to fees for using out of network ATM machines. Credit Cards – Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted.

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- Since our trip takes us to Northern Ireland (The UK) they are on the Pound Sterling – rate of exchange is 1 United States dollar = presently .74 Pound Sterling
- Passports – please ensure you leave a COPY of your passport at home in case of any incidents. The majority of Irish hotels have in room safes to secure your passport and valuables.
- Check the weather forecast before our departure so you can pack accordingly.
- Consider bringing a small umbrella, poncho, raincoat
- A 26 / 28 inch suitcase is the recommended largest suitcase you should bring – remember it cannot weigh more than 50 lbs.
- The US Embassy is located in Ballsbridge Dublin 4. Their phone number is +353-1-668-8777

BEFORE WE DEPART, BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Pack for Ireland - Marching Illini Items and Personal Items
- Contact your bank and credit card company about our dates in Ireland
- Contact your phone company about international cell plans or just use Wi-Fi
- Download the Remind App, itinerary, other documents, passport, covid info
- Complete University Insurance Info & Passenger Locator Info
- Don't forget to pick-up & bring your Uniform, Instrument, Equipment
- Be sure to download the BRT App so we can create a highlights video, etc