

TENTATIVE ITINERARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

**Saturday, Sep 17      LOGAN AIRPORT - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN**

Meet at **Logan Airport Terminal C** on SATURDAY **6PM**

Check in with "The World Tour" (the club) before you check in with the airline. If you are not arriving on our group flights, meet up with Annette at the terminal 2 arrivals baggage claim exit in Dublin Airport SUNDAY, 8 am. We will mail you your trip SWAG in advance of your departure.

You will receive three luggage tags with your home address and phone number for your carry on and checked luggage. Attach these to your bags before airline check-in. We will send you details, such as check in procedures, hotel phone numbers, emergency contact numbers and more, ten days before the trip.

We are traveling on e-tickets, so you only need to show your PASSPORT to check-in. Check your seat assignments and request a different seat if there is a problem, such as you are not sitting next to your partner. The club has no control over group airline seat assignments.

NOTE: You are limited to one checked bag for both the flight and the tour bus.

**Sunday, Sep 18      DUBLIN ARRIVAL, CLONMACNOISE & GALWAY**  
Dinner & Overnight: Meyrick Hotel, Galway

After landing at Dublin Airport, collect your check baggage and wait for the group. You should all exit the baggage & customs area together. Exit through the GREEN CHANNEL exit. Annette our club representative will be waiting for you as you exit the baggage claim area. If you are missing a bag, let her know immediately. Our tour director and coach driver will bring our group to our coach in a nearby airport parking lot.

Our first visit will be to Glasnevin Museum, Ireland's national necropolis, which is a who's who of modern Irish history as the final resting place of Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins, Charles Stewart Parnell, Brendan Behan and other prominent people. At the end of your visit, enjoy breakfast at the Tower Café located onsite.

Depart Dublin and journey across the rolling pastures of Ireland's heartland to visit Clonmacnoise. This monastic settlement was founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran and is delightfully set on the banks of the River Shannon.

We will continue our drive to Galway and embark on a panoramic tour to see the principal sights of the city. Our tour will take us to the large modern cathedral set on an island on the River Corrib. See the Spanish Arch in the Claddagh area, formerly a fishing village, the City Museum, National University of Galway and the Cathedral of Our Lady, which is built on the site of the former county jail.

We will check into our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. You may choose to relax in your hotel or spend some time around Eyre Square (recommended), the hub of the city. Most of the shops are within easy reach and there are also many quaint pubs where Irish traditional music is played. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Monday, Sep 19 CONNEMARA & 'CONNEMARA LADY' CRUISE**

Dinner &amp; Overnight: Meyrick Hotel, Galway

We will tour Connemara and admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. As we drive along you will see many sheep that graze freely and also tracts of bogland where some people hand-cut peat for home heating. At Leenane, stop to take a short catamaran cruise aboard the "Connemara Lady" through Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. You can see great views from this narrow inlet, which is surrounded by hills and cliffs. Also observe the seabirds, seals and otters that live in the waters. Return to Galway and enjoy some free time to relax and freshen up. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Tuesday, Sep 20 CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY**

Dinner &amp; Overnight: Muckross Park Hotel, Killarney

We will tour around Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills renowned for its flora and prehistoric stone monuments. Stop to view the majestic Cliffs of Moher, a rocky wall that rises nearly 700 feet above the foaming Atlantic Ocean. We will take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary to the mountainous countryside of Kerry. We will arrive in Killarney and check into our hotel. Then we will have the afternoon free to relax or stroll around town before dinner.

**Wednesday, Sep 21 DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR & DINGLE BREWERY**

Dinner &amp; Overnight: Muckross Park Hotel, Killarney

Today we will discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean's movie, "Ryan's Daughter." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. At the base of Conor Pass, stop at the Dingle Brewing company. Learn about the brewery's rich and varied past before sampling a pint of this local lager. We will continue our tour on to the western tip of the peninsula. Here the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. We will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages. We will then return to Killarney in time for dinner.

**Thursday, Sep 12 BLARNEY CASTLE & 'TITANIC TRAIL' TOUR**

Dinner &amp; Overnight: Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

Leaving Killarney we will drive into the rich farming country of Cork. We will stop at Blarney to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." We will also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. You will have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Then we will drive a short distance to the east of Cork to Cobh, the harbor town for large ships. Enjoy a guided walking tour, the *Titanic Trail*, which will show you around the streets of Cobh, revealing locations and incidents directly connected to the Titanic and many other aspects of the port's history. The actual building in which the White Star Line Office was will be visited as well as the very pier where Titanic passengers departed from. St. Colman's Cathedral, the Holy Ground, and the site of the landing of Lusitania victims are all pointed out to the visitor and interspersed with a multitude of emigrant, military and maritime history. After our visit we will

motor along the south coast of Ireland via Youghal and Dungarvan to Waterford and check into our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

This evening we will take a short walking tour through the older sections of Waterford with a local guide. Walk along Merchant's Quay where ships docked in former times and see the Clock Tower. Pass the Norman stronghold of Reginald's Tower and stroll along the Mall to see the City Hall, Theatre Royal and many other places.

**Friday, Sep 23**                    **JERPOINT FARM & KILKENNY WALKING TOUR**  
Overnight: Ashling Hotel, Dublin

We depart Waterford and drive north into County Kilkenny. We have one of our favorite stops, the farm in Jerpoint where we get to chat with the owners about farming and see a sheepdog demonstration before motoring a short distance Kilkenny. Upon arrival embark on a guided walking tour through this medieval city. The humorous and informative guide will show us many of Kilkenny's historical sites, which help make stories about the past come to life. After our tour, we continue on to Dublin, where you will check into your hotel. After you settle into your room, join our group for dinner.

**Saturday, Sep 24**                **DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING**  
Overnight: Ashling Hotel, Dublin

Enjoy the morning free to rest or explore Dublin on your own. In the afternoon, set off with a local guide who will show us around the prominent historic buildings and monuments of Dublin. Dublin is an ancient settlement, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. After our tour, enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. There are plenty of museums of interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street. We will also have a group exploring Temple Bar and visiting some famous pubs. In the evening, join our fellow travelers for a farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Sunday, Sep 25**                **RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer by coach from our hotel to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for our flights, clear security and claim your VAT (sales tax) refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration (yes, usually in Dublin) before boarding.