



Science Hill High School Followers
Tour of Ireland – Dublin St. Patrick’s Day Parade
and the St. Patrick’s Festival Kilkenny
March 10 – 18, 2024

The following itinerary provides an overview of your tour events and timings.
**** It is important to understand that times and activities are subject to change before or during the tour. ****

Working Itinerary

December 15, 2023

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Depart U.S.A.

- Departure** Please arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure. A Gateway representative will meet you at the airport. Signed and valid passports are required of all passengers.
- 9:00 am** **Flight Group 1:** Board your motorcoach at Science Hill High School and depart for the Charlotte airport.
- 11:30 am** **Flight Group 2:** Board your motorcoach at Science Hill High School and depart for the Atlanta airport.
- Lunch** **Flight Group 1:** Lunch is on your own en route.
- 2:00 pm** **Flight Group 1:** Arrive at the Charlotte airport.
- 6:00 pm** **Flight Group 2:** Arrive at the Atlanta airport.

Charlotte Outbound

Flight Group 1 – 100 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/10	SUN	Charlotte	Dublin	American	724	5:30 pm	5:00 am (3/11)

Atlanta Outbound

Flight Group 2 – 108 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/10	SUN	Atlanta	Dublin	Delta	176	9:15 pm	9:00 am (3/11)

Flight numbers and schedules are subject to change.



Monday, March 11, 2024

Arrive Dublin – Galway

- Arrival** Arrive in Dublin, Ireland and claim your luggage. Meet your Gateway Tour Manager and your English-speaking Irish driver-guide, who will be with you for your entire tour to handle travel and performance arrangements.
- 12:00 pm** Galway is the cultural capital of western Ireland and a 2020 European Capital of Culture. A busy seaboard and university town, Galway suffers no shortage of popular attractions, but the friendliness of its people and its youthful, bohemian atmosphere are more iconic than even the Claddagh ring designed here 400 years ago. Travel Galway on foot, and stop into one of the many local pubs, where you're likely to hear live music and the enchanting sounds of the Irish language.
- Lunch** Lunch is on your own.
- 4:00 pm** Check into your hotel.
- Imperial Hotel Galway**
35 Eyre Square,
Galway City H91 X529
+353 91 563033
- Dinner** Dinner is included at your hotel.



Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Arrive Dublin – Galway

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
9:00 am	Board your motorcoaches.
11:00 am	Medieval Bunratty Castle towers over the river Raithe, which feeds the nearby Shannon. The current castle, restored with an eye for authentic Medieval detail in the 1950s, is the fourth castle built on the site of a Viking training camp dating to the 970s. Nearby Bunratty Folk Park brings you 26 acres of 19 th -century village and rural Irish life. The park's 30 buildings bring to life modest dwellings, shops, and even a high-society residence in Georgian style.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
1:30 pm	Board your motorcoaches.
2:30 pm	The wild and iconic Cliffs of Moher on Ireland's rugged western coast, stretch across six miles of craggy cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic from fantastic heights. On a cloudy day, the cliffs offer mystery and brooding wonder; on a sunny day, they clamor with majestic sea sounds and brilliant light.
3:30 pm	Board your motorcoaches.
5:00 pm	Arrive at your hotel.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.



Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Galway – Dublin

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
8:45 am	Check out of your hotel and board your motorcoaches.
9:00 am	Your guided walking tour of Galway includes St. Nicholas's church and the Spanish Arch, which offered Spanish ships security as they brought wine to Ireland in the 16 th -century.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
1:00 pm	Board your motorcoaches.
2:00 pm	Welcome to Dublin!
4:15 pm	One of Dublin's most popular tourist attractions, St. James's Gate Brewery, is where the world-famous Guinness beers are made. You'll learn everything you've ever wondered about Guinness -- how it has been brewed, stored, transported, and advertised throughout its history -- you'll even learn to pour it like a pro. Wander where the magic has happened since 1759. Arthur Guinness would be pleased!
6:00 pm	Check into your hotel. Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland +353 1 668 1111
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

Thursday, March 14, 2024**Dublin**

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
8:45 am	Board your motorcoaches.
9:00 am	Experience the history and spirit of Dublin on a guided tour of its most iconic sites and neighborhoods. See the colorful “Doors of Dublin” lined along the Georgian squares, hear the raucous live music of the Temple Bar neighborhood, snap a photo of the iconic Guinness Storehouse doors, and marvel at the grandeur of Christ Church Cathedral, founded by Vikings nearly 1000 years ago.
10:00 am	Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral. St. Patrick is said to have baptized converts to the Christian faith in a well which once existed north of the tower in the present park. A river at one time flowed around the cathedral. Because of its sacred association with St. Patrick, a church has stood here since the 5 th century. In 1192 the Normans built another church in stone on this site. This was re-built in the first half of the 13 th century and is the building we will see today. The first university in Ireland was founded in St. Patrick’s in 1320 and continued for nearly 200 years.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
Free Time	Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.
Dinner	Dinner is on your own.

Friday, March 15, 2024**Dublin – Wicklow – Dublin**

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
9:00 am	Board your motorcoaches.
10:30 am	Nestled at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains, outside in the picturesque village of Ballymore Eustace, is the chance to experience a taste of true Irish heritage. Michael Crowe, a renowned sheepdog handler offers you a memorable experience of seeing working border collies in action. The beautiful views and vibrant scenery of Kildare and Wicklow create the perfect backdrop and a genuine atmosphere where you will be engrossed in the Irish countryside. You will get the chance to see the Wicklow cheviot sheep being managed by expertly trained sheepdogs. Allow yourself a snapshot of a real Irish experience.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
2:30 pm	Visit the monastic settlement of Glendalough founded by St. Kevin in the 6 th century. Among its extensive ruins is a famous round tower, one of the most enduring images of County Wicklow.
4:00 pm	Board your motorcoaches and return to your hotel.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

Saturday, March 16, 2024
Dublin – Kilkenny – Dublin

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
8:30 am	Board your motorcoaches.
Kilkenny	Arrive in Kilkenny, a well-preserved medieval city in Southeast Ireland. It is home to a magnificent 13 th century castle high on the banks of the River Nore. In your free time, be sure to walk past Kyteler's Inn, the oldest house in Kilkenny and historic home of Dame Alice Kyteler, a wealthy lady who, in 1324, was accused of witchcraft and poisoning her four husbands. It was so scandalous, we're still talking about it today!
12:45 pm	Kilkenny is a 13 th century castle remodeled in Victorian times. The castle grounds are spacious parks and green spaces. This was once the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830s splendor, and the beautiful Long Gallery.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
🎵 Public Performance	Watch the Science Hill Marching Band perform as part of the St. Patrick's Festival Kilkenny.
3:00 pm	Board your motorcoaches.
4:45 pm	Return to your hotel.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

Sunday March 17, 2024
Dublin

Breakfast	Breakfast is included at your hotel.
🎵 12:00 pm	Today is one that you will long remember, St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. The Science Hill High School Marching Band will perform in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade, with over 500,000 people lining the parade route. Today everyone is Irish and the color green is everywhere!
St. Patrick's Festival	Choirs, comedians, international street theatre, acrobats, samba and salsa bands perform throughout the parks, squares and streets of Dublin. Merrion Square is the site of the largest traveling fun-fair show in Ireland. The remainder of the day is free to explore Dublin, shop and take in the day's festivities of the St. Patrick's Festival.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
6:00 pm	Enjoy a farewell dinner and show at one of Ireland's most beloved entertainment venues, Taylors Three Rock. This farmhouse pub is known for having the largest thatched roof in Ireland, rising well over 50 feet! You'll be served delicious, traditional, Irish food. Then, sit back, have fun, and let its award-winning dancers and splendid musicians entertain you.
9:00 pm	Board your motorcoaches and return to your hotel.



Monday, March 18, 2024

Depart Dublin – Arrive U.S.A.

- Breakfast** Breakfast is included at your hotel.
- 6:30 am** **Flight Group 1:** Check out of your hotel and board your motorcoaches.
- 7:00 am** **Flight Group 1:** Arrive at the airport.
- 8:30 am** **Flight Group 2:** Check out of your hotel and board your motorcoaches.
- 9:00 am** **Flight Group 2:** Arrive at the airport.

Charlotte Return

Flight Group 1 – 100 seats:

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/18	MON	Dublin	Charlotte	American	725	10:15 am	2:35 pm

Atlanta Return

Flight Group 2 – 108 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/18	MON	Dublin	Atlanta	Delta	177	12:00 pm	4:55 pm

Flight numbers and schedules are subject to change.

- 3:30 pm** **Flight Group 1:** Board your motorcoach and depart the Charlotte airport.
- 6:00 pm** **Flight Group 2:** Board your motorcoach and depart the Atlanta airport.
- 7:30 pm** **Flight Group 1:** Arrive at Science Hill High School.
- 12:00 am** **Flight Group 2:** Arrive at Science Hill High School.