



Virgil Grissom High School Marching Band
Performance Tour of Ireland
Including Participation in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 11 – 18, 2021

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

May 12, 2020

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Depart U.S.A.

Departure Depart from Atlanta today for your performance tour of Ireland. Please arrive three hours prior to departure. A Gateway Representative will help with the check in process. Signed passports are required of all passengers, valid for at least six months after your scheduled date of return. A meal will be served on your transatlantic flight.

Flight Group 1 – 50 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/11	THUR	Atlanta	New York (JFK)	Delta	1869	3:00 pm	5:14 pm
3/11	THUR	New York (JFK)	Dublin	Delta	44	8:10 pm	8:00 am (3/12)

Flight Group 2 – 40 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/11	THUR	Atlanta	Paris	Delta	82	3:40 pm	6:10 am (3/12)
3/12	FRI	Paris	Dublin	Air France	1716	9:50 am	10:50 am

Flight Group 3 – 50 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/11	THUR	Atlanta	Amsterdam	KLM	624	3:55 pm	6:00 am (3/12)
3/12	FRI	Amsterdam	Dublin	KLM	933	7:30 am	8:10 am

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Friday, March 12, 2021

Arrive Dublin – Galway

- Arrival** Arrive in Dublin, Ireland and claim your luggage. Meet your Gateway Tour Manager and your Irish guide, who will be with you for your entire tour to handle travel and performance arrangements.
- Transfer** Depart for Galway with a stop en route at Clonmacnoise.
- Lunch** A stop will be made for lunch on your own.
- Clonmacnoise** On the banks of the river Shannon rests Clonmacnoise, the site of a medieval monastery founded by St. Ciaran in 545-548 AD. Explore the ruins of a cathedral, and other early Christian structures -- churches, towers, high crosses, and gravestones -- or just enjoy the pervasive quiet, the brilliant green grass, and the expanse of blue sky.
- Free time** Arrive in Galway's city center and spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace. The city center boasts of narrow streets filled with shops and pubs, beckoning customers with live, traditional music.
- Hotel** Check in to your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with hotel check in.
- Maldron Sandy Road Hotel**
Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway
Galway Co., Ireland H91 ET6N
+353 91513200
<https://www.maldronhotelsandyroadgalway.com>
- Dinner** Dinner is included at your hotel.
- Evening Rehearsal** Rehearse for participation in Limerick International Band Championship.

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Galway – Cliffs of Moher – Galway

Breakfast	A full Irish breakfast is included at your hotel.
Cliffs of Moher	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.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
Galway	Galway has always been a cultural capital of western Ireland, but in 2020 was officially designated a 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. Your guided walking tour of Galway includes the sights of the city as well as the Salthill Promenade, offering stunning views of the Aran islands.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Galway – Limerick – Galway

Breakfast	A full Irish breakfast is included at your hotel.
Transfer	Depart your hotel and travel to Limerick for participation in The Limerick International Band Championship.
♪ Limerick International Band Championship	The Limerick International Band Championship is one of the highlights of the Limerick St Patrick’s Festival. Marching bands from the US, Europe and across Ireland travel to Limerick to perform in the competition which takes place on Limerick’s main thoroughfare of O’Connell Street every year. The competition is judged by an international panel of adjudicators. 2020 marked the parade’s 50th year; making it Ireland’s longest running international band parade and competition. This is Ireland’s largest St. Patrick’s Festival outside of Dublin and attracts thousands of spectators each year.
Lunch	A boxed lunch is included for parade participants.
Transfer	Return to Galway following the competition award ceremony.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.
Ceili	Gather for an energetic evening of entertainment with Irish dancers and live, traditional Irish music. The word “ceili” originally referred to a gathering of neighbors for an enjoyable time dancing, singing and storytelling.

Monday, March 15, 2021
Galway – Dublin

Breakfast	A full Irish breakfast is included at your hotel.
Check out	Check out of your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with the check-out process.
Depart	Depart Galway for Dublin. Stops will be made along the way as you make the journey back to the Irish capital.
Causey Farm	Stop at Causey Farm for a day filled with Irish tradition! Participate in a sheep demonstration and try your hand at milking a cow. Everyone loves to beat the ancient drum rhythms in the Bodhran workshop and nothing like getting the energy flowing and the fun going by practicing some of the Ceili dances you learned in Galway. Lastly, try the ancient sport of Hurling, one of the oldest and fastest field games in the world.
Lunch	A light lunch will be served at Causey Farm.
Transfer	Depart Causey Farms and continue to Dublin.
Dublin	Arrive in the capital city of the Republic of Ireland. The city was founded by Vikings on the banks of the River Liffey more than 1,000 years ago. Today, the thriving metropolis is full of history and culture.
Hotel	Check into your hotel. Your Gateway Tour Manager will assist with check in. Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross Naas Road Newlands Cross, Dublin 22 Co. Dublin, Ireland D22 V6Y6 +353 14640140 https://www.maldronhotelnewlandscross.com/
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Dublin

Breakfast	A full Irish breakfast is included at your hotel.
Dublin City Tour	A guided tour of Dublin features the colorful “Doors of Dublin” that line the Georgian squares, and your visit to Trinity College demands a look at the stunning Book of Kells. Completed around 800 AD, the vellum manuscript contains transcriptions of the four biblical Gospels illuminated in spellbinding Medieval artwork. Do leave some amazement in reserve for Christ Church, though, or you’ll run out of oohs and ahhs before you reach the Viking-founded home of famous bells, crypts, and -- yikes! -- a mummified cat.
Lunch	Lunch is on your own.
Afternoon Rehearsal	Rehearse for participation in Dublin St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
Dinner	Dinner is included at your hotel.

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021****Dublin****Breakfast** A full Irish breakfast is included at your hotel.**♪ St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Today is one that you will long remember, St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. Grissom 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!

Lunch A boxed lunch is included for parade participants.**Free Time** Enjoy free time for shopping and exploring on Grafton Street, Ireland's largest pedestrian mall.**Dinner** Dinner is included at your hotel.**Thursday, March 18, 2021****Depart Dublin – Arrive U.S.A****Breakfast** A boxed breakfast will be provided before your departure to the airport.**Departure** Transfer to the airport for your return journey. You will arrive in the United States later today.**Flight Group 2 – 40 seats**

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/18	THUR	Dublin	Paris	Air France	1017	6:00 am	8:50 am
3/18	THUR	Paris	Atlanta	Air France	682	10:40 am	3:35 pm

Flight Group 3 – 50 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/18	THUR	Dublin	Amsterdam	KLM	934	8:50 am	11:25 am
3/18	THUR	Amsterdam	Atlanta	Delta	75	1:15 pm	5:25 pm

Flight Group 1 – 50 seats

Date	Day	From	To	Airline	Flight	Depart	Arrive
3/18	THUR	Dublin	New York (JFK)	Delta	45	11:00 am	1:51 pm
3/18	THUR	New York (JFK)	Atlanta	Delta	1169	4:29 pm	7:11 pm

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