



Waubonsie Valley H.S. Orchestra  
*John Burck & Daryl Silberman, Directors*

June 7-16, 2019



# IRELAND

## Trip Highlights

- Clonmacnoice
- The Cliffs of Moher
- Bunratty Castle
- Cruise on Killary Fjord
- Trinity College
- Christ Church Cathedral
- City tour of Dublin
- Bellek Pottery
- Titanic Belfast
- Giant's Causeway
- Belfast City Tour
- Kylemore Abbey
- Dunluce Castle



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**WAUBONSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA**  
**JOHN BURCK & DARYL SILBERMAN, DIRECTORS**  
**DESTINATION: IRELAND**  
**DATES: JUNE 7-16, 2019**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY**  
**AS OF**  
**APRIL 12, 2018**

**Friday June 7** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chicago – Dublin** \_\_\_\_\_ **(in-flight meals)**

PM Aries Coach (1-56 seats) arrives at **Waubonsie Valley High School;**  
**2590 Route 34 Aurora, IL 60504**

PM Depart for O'Hare Airport (*40 miles; 1 hour drive time*)

PM Arrive at **Chicago's O'Hare Airport**

Upon arrival Meet the BRT Airport Greeter ~ who will assist you and the group with check in; **you will be allowed one piece of checked baggage not to weigh more than 50 lbs.**

PM Group departs on your Trans-Atlantic flight for Dublin

Enjoy the in-flight entertainment and your dinner en-route to Ireland

**Saturday June 8** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dublin – Cork** \_\_\_\_\_ **(D)**

AM After clearing customs you will meet your Irish Driver and your Irish Tour Manager outside the customs area in the Arrival Hall. He will have a sign reading Bob Rogers Travel / Waubonsie Valley HS. Walk as a group to the Coach parking area.

AM Depart the airport for **Cork** ~ traveling via Kildare and Tipperary

PM Arrive at the **Rock of Cashel**, one of the most visited sites in Ireland. *This is a spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone,*



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*including a round tower, Romanesque chapel, cathedral and restored hall of the Vicar's Choral. This was the seat of the Kings and mediaeval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.*

- PM Take some time in Cashel to grab a bite of lunch (individual cost)
- PM Continue our journey to Cork
- PM Arrive in **Cork** with time to explore on your own Cork city for some free time to walk around the city – possibly check out the English Market ~the English Market Cork has entrances on Princes Street, Patrick Street, the Grand Parade, New Market Lane and Mutton Lane. It is a covered market supplying mainly food produce, local and imported to the people of Cork, Ireland and many business through its time, such as fish, fruit, meat and vegetable. Please note well this is a working market, and it is better to enter in small numbers.
- PM Arrive at your local hotel for check in **Imperial Hotel Cork (or similar)**  
**South Mall, Cork Ireland Tel: 011-353-(0)21-427-4040**  
[http://www.flynnhotels.com/Imperial\\_Hotel\\_Cork](http://www.flynnhotels.com/Imperial_Hotel_Cork)
- PM **Dinner and overnight at the hotel**

**Sunday June 9**

**Co. Clare**

**(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy your first taste of a **full Irish Breakfast** this morning (eggs, rashers (bacon), sausage, black pudding, white pudding, beans and brown bread and wash it all down with a cup of Irish Tea. ~ Of course you can have a breakfast of cereal, yogurt, toast and coffee if you wish
- AM Check out of the hotel
- AM Load the coach for a day of touring to Ennistymon your first visit will be to **Blarney Castle** ~ Blarney Castle built in 1446 as a fortress. *The Castle which today stands is in fact the keep of a much larger fortress. All visitors should kiss the famous Blarney Stone, high up on the Castle battlements. Tradition holds that those who kiss the Blarney Stone will be endowed with the gift of eloquence ~ ‘the gift of the gab’ as the locals call it.*



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- AM Also take time to visit the **Blarney Woolen Mills** on the castle grounds ~ here you will find a tremendous collection of almost any item you would wish to purchase while in Ireland including Aran sweaters, Waterford Crystal etc.
- PM Continue into the city of Limerick for lunch (student cost)
- PM Continue westward to Doolin in County Clare
- PM Cruise under the Cliffs of Moher – one hour cruise (Weather permitting)
- PM Arrive at your hotel – **Falls Hotel Ennistymon (or similar)**  
<http://www.fallshotel.ie>
- PM Dinner and overnight in the hotel

**Monday June 10** **County Clare** **(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel
- AM Continue to the **Cliffs of Moher** – you will join local guides in the village of Doolin to take a 5 mile walk along the Cliffs with local guides – the tour will end at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Center, where the coaches will be waiting for you.
- PM Lunch on own at the Cliffs of Moher Café (individual cost)
- PM Return to Ennistymon
- PM Set up for rehearsal

**PM Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestra will have a joint concert in Ennistymon with a traditional Irish Music Group (this area is the home of Irish Music)**

- PM Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight



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**Tuesday June 11**

**Ballina**

**(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast in your hotel
- AM Check out of the hotel and load the coach
- AM Depart the hotel ~ towards Galway traveling through the **Burren**  
*The Burren National Park is located in the southeastern corner of the Burren and is approximately 1500 hectares in size. The Park land was bought by the Government for nature conservation and public access. It contains examples of all the major habitats within the Burren: Limestone Pavement, Calcareous Grassland, Hazel scrub, Ash/Hazel Woodland, Turloughs, Lakes, Petrifying Springs, Cliffs and Fen.*
- PM Arrive in Galway the Arts Capital of Ireland Galway ~ *Galway has a bohemian flavor that is typical of the west of Ireland psyche: laid back, relaxed and ready for a party*
- PM Driving through Galway City you will tour along the **Promenade at Salthill**  
*Salthill Promenade offers views of the nearby harbour city of Galway and the Aran Islands.*
- PM Continue on to Westport for an opportunity for lunch (individual cost)
- PM After your visit to Westport load the coach and continue to **Ballina, County Mayo**
- PM Arrive at your hotel: **Twin Trees Hotel**  
**Downhill Rd, Knocknalyre, Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland**  
<http://www.twintreeshotel.ie/>
- PM **Dinner at the hotel**
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| PM | <b>Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestra will have a joint concert with a local ensemble in Ballina</b> |
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**Wednesday June 12**

**Belfast**

**(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel
- AM Check out of the hotel and load the coach
- AM You will continue your journey through Ireland traveling along the north Mayo coast to through Silgo with a stop at **Drumcliff Churchyard** to visit the grave of W.B. Yeats who is widely considered to be one of the greatest poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- AM Continue from Drumcliff to Enniskillen in Northern Ireland (U.K.)
- AM Visit the **Belleek China** factory near Enniskillen  
*Established in 1857 Belleek Pottery holds a very special place in the cultural and commercial heritage of County Fermanagh. Nestling on the banks of the River Erne this imposing building is home to the world famous Belleek Fine Parian china and also to one of Ireland's top five visitor attractions.*
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| <b>PM</b> | <b>Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestra will participate in a lunch time concert at Belleek Pottery in Belleek</b> |
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- PM Lunch in Belleek (student cost)
- PM Load the coach and continue touring through the Northern Ireland Countryside to Belfast
- PM Dinner and overnight at the Park Inn Hotel Belfast  
4 Clarence St W, Belfast BT2 7GP, UK
- PM After dinner you will take a Belfast City Panoramic Tour with a local guide as it does not get dark until 10:30 or 11:00 PM at this time of year. From a great industrial city to the civil unrest which has often tarnished Belfast's image. This tour reflects the beauty and pride of a city that still has a lot to offer the visitor. It may be described from many viewpoints: a capital city, a historic city, cultural, industrial, political, and troubled, a city on the point of an exciting future. See for yourself with a tour to all four corners including **City Hall, St. Anne's Cathedral, the Shipyard, Stormont Parliament, Queen's**



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**University, Political murals** and the **peace wall**, Belfast Castle, Falls & Shankhill areas and much more.

**Thursday June 13** **Belfast** **(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- AM Today you will tour up the North Antrim Coast to The **Giant's Causeway** is Northern Ireland's most famous sight. The 6 km of sheer cliffs, rising to over 90 meters and forming a series of bays, are spectacular. The New interpretive Centre which attempts to explain the geological enigma of the Causeway and other mythical legends associated with it. The Centre includes a theatre in which a lively and colorful audio visual program explains the volcanic origin of the Causeway and also suggests that a legendary Irish giant, Finn Mac Cool undoubtedly had a hand in its creation. The Grand Causeway is an astonishing complex of basalt columns packed together, whose tops form 'stepping stones' leading from the cliff foot and disappearing under the sea.
- PM Lunch at the visitor's center at Giant's Causeway (student cost)
- PM Visit Dunluce Castle – this is the Castle that has been made famous once again by the Game of Thrones
- PM Return to Belfast
- PM Dinner and overnight at the hotel

**Friday June 14** **Belfast-Dublin** **(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast in the hotel
- AM Visit **Titanic Belfast**~ Titanic Belfast is a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS Titanic was built.

**AM Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestra will have a school exchange with a local public school in Belfast with a performance by both schools**

- PM Lunch



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- PM After lunch you will tour southward to Dublin
- PM **Dinner and overnight in Clayton Hotel Leopardstown**  
Central Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland  
<https://www.claytonhotelleopardstown.com/>

**Saturday June 15** **Dublin** **(B, D)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- AM Depart for a Dublin city Panoramic Tour with a local guide. You will enjoy a visit **Trinity College**, which of course was founded on order of Queen Elizabeth I back in 1592 and has been educating students since that time. You will visit *their Library which is one of the world's great research libraries holding the largest collection of manuscripts and printed books in Ireland. Since 1801 it has the right to claim a free copy of all British and Irish publications and has a stock of nearly 3 million volumes housed in a total of eight buildings. We will head to see its most famous holding the **Book of Kells** ~ which contains a Latin text of the four gospels copied and decorated by Irish monks around the year 800 AD.*
- PM Arrive at **Christ Church Cathedral** and set up and have a short rehearsal for your performance later (an early arrival is necessary due to the schedule of religious services today – no tear down will be necessary)

**PM Waubonsie Valley HS Orchestra will perform a lunch time concert in Christ Church Cathedral. –**

- PM Free time in Dublin to explore on your own
- PM **Your Farewell Dinner** this evening will be an evening of Irish Music, Dance and Song at the **Merry Ploughboy Dublin**.  
<http://www.mpbpub.com/show-menu-dublin.php>



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**Sunday June 16**

**Homeward Bound**

**(B, I-F)**

- AM Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
- AM Load the coach and depart for Dublin Airport for the journey home to the United States (Please note you will clear U.S. Customs and Immigration in Dublin)
- PM Depart Dublin **on your chosen airline**
- PM Arrive at Chicago O'Hare – proceed to baggage claim
- PM Load the coach for the ride back to Waubonsie Valley H.S.

Welcome Home!!