Kamiak High School Choir
PERFORMANCE TOUR TO IRELAND
Nancy Duck-Jefferson, director
April 3-10, 2019
Proposed Itinerary as of 9/18/18

Wednesday, April 3
Seattle, WA/En Route
4:30pm – Recommended time to assemble at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA). 3 Hours prior to departure, check-in for flight to Dublin, IRELAND.

Dinner and overnight onboard the aircraft.

Thursday, April 4
Arrive Dublin - Galway, IRELAND
Breakfast on the airplane. Arrive at Dublin International Airport. Claim your luggage and clear customs. Meet your Sechrist Travel escort outside the customs hall. Load your coach and transfer to Galway via the magnificent Cliffs of Moher.
- Rising to a height of 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean and extending for almost 5 miles along the coastline we enjoy some fantastic views of the Cliffs of Moher.

Lunch ON YOUR OWN. Continue on to Galway

Then we arrive into Galway
- Known as the capital of the “Western World”, where our orientation tour includes the famous Spanish Arch and the church of St. Nicholas where tradition holds that Columbus prayed before sailing to America.

WELCOME Dinner provided at Hotel.

The program may change for today, in accord with your flight itinerary.

Overnight in Galway

Friday, April 5
Galway, IRELAND
Breakfast at your hotel. Today we'll take an excursion through the Connemara National Park, a wild and beautiful area encompassing bogs, mountains, lakes, streams and panoramic views. One of the main highlights of the day is Kylemore Abbey, which is a stunning turreted neo-Gothic mansion on the lake and home to the Benedictine Community of women.

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

Possible lunchtime recital in the Gothic Church on the grounds of Kylemore Abbey

We return to Galway this afternoon for some free time before tonight’s performance, a potential exchange concert with a local choir in Galway.

Group Dinner provided and Overnight in Galway
Saturday, April 6

Galway - Cork, IRELAND

Breakfast at your hotel. Board your coach and depart for Cork.

Departing Galway this morning our first stop is at Bunratty Castle & Folk Park. Enjoy entrance to the Folk Park with time to explore the attractions including farmhouses, cottages and watch the tasks of the rural Irish families as well as the actual castle, which dates from 1425.

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

Continue to Cork, and upon arrival in Cork City, enjoy a guided orientation tour

- Steeped in history, Cork City is fast gaining a reputation as one of Europe's hippest cities. Like Venice, the city is built upon water, and the city center is built on an island in the River Lee, just upstream of Cork Harbor. Many bridges span the two channels of the River Lee, which embrace the city center, and this gives the city a distinctive continental air.

Group Dinner provided

Overnight in Cork

Sunday, April 7

Cork

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, enjoy a visit to the Cork School of Music Workshop

- Today’s workshop will be given by a top Irish choral educator and will focus on Irish choral styles and the Irish music education system. Our lunchtime performance will take place in CSM’s Curtis Hall

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

This afternoon we transfer to Blarney Castle, located just outside of Cork.

- Those who are feeling ambitious can climb the 120 steps to the battlements, kiss the “Blarney Stone” and win the “gift of gab!” Others will appreciate the Blarney Woollen Mill, to pick up some souvenirs.

Group Dinner provided

Overnight in Cork

Monday, April 8

Cork – Dublin, IRELAND

Breakfast at your hotel. Leaving Cork, our first visit today is the stunning Rock of Cashel, a spectacular group of medieval buildings dating from the 12th, 13 and 15th centuries. Continue to Dublin where on arrival we have a brief orientation tour which takes in the fascinating historic buildings and Georgian Squares.

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

This afternoon where we visit Trinity College, which was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. One of the main attractions at Trinity is the Old Library, which houses 200,000 antiquarian texts and the Book of Kells, a medieval illuminated manuscript dating from around AD 806.

Group Dinner provided

Possible concert performance this evening in a local venue, with a local Dublin choir.

Overnight in Dublin
Tuesday, April 9

Dublin

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, enjoy a tour of Dublin, which will give us an introduction to the capital city of Ireland with views of Halfpenny Bridge, the Guinness Brewery, O’Connell Street, the historic Post Office, the elegant Customs House, and Georgian Dublin. We also visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral, which stands on the oldest Christian site in Dublin where it is said that the Saint baptized converts to the Christian faith.

Possible lunchtime recital at St. Patrick’s Cathedral or Christ Church Cathedral (based on availability)

Lunch ON YOUR OWN

We continue sightseeing this afternoon where we visit Trinity College, which was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. One of the main attractions at Trinity is the Old Library, which houses 200,000 antiquarian texts and the Book of Kells, a medieval illuminated manuscript dating from around AD 806.

Enjoy some free-time, in small groups, to explore the Grafton Street and Temple Bar areas of the Dublin City Center

Farewell Dinner provided with traditional Irish Entertainment at The Merry Ploughboys

Overnight in Dublin

Wednesday, April 10

Dublin, IRELAND – Seattle, WA - USA

Breakfast at hotel.

1:00pm - Transfer to Dublin International Airport for your return flight home.

Free time in accordance with your flight schedule.

5:35pm - Estimated arrival at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)

WELCOME HOME!