



IRELAND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Spring Break Tour

March 17 – March 26, 2001

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference Number: IR1A01

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 SATURDAY MARCH 17 DENVER TO DUBLIN

Meet at Denver airport for check-in. Depart from Denver on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for Europe, where we change plane and continue direct to Dublin, Ireland's capital and financial center. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 SUNDAY MARCH 18 DUBLIN

Cead Mile Failte... A Hundred Thousand Welcomes! Upon arrival to you will be met by your ASD Cultural Exchange Transfer Assistant who will take you by private motorcoach to your centrally located hotel in Dublin, the exciting capital of Ireland. Orientation sightseeing en route from the airport to the hotel. Balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure in Dublin. (B on flight)

Accommodation in Dublin: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 3 MONDAY MARCH 19 DUBLIN

Welcome to exciting and vibrant Dublin! Today you will enjoy a Dublin City Panorama Sightseeing Tour featuring seeing St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Gallery and Phoenix Park. We will also visit Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I and visit the Library to see the famous Book of Kells. Balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure in Dublin, the exciting capital of Ireland. (B)

Accommodation in Dublin: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 4 TUESDAY MARCH 20 DUBLIN/KILKENNY/WATERFORD/CORK

Today we begin our Ireland Cultural Experience. We depart Dublin in the morning and head south to Kilkenny, Ireland's loveliest inland city. We will enjoy a short Panorama Sightseeing of Kilkenny as well as see Kilkenny Castle, which dates back to the 12th century and is the town's most important building. After our visit to Kilkenny we continue south and our next stop is the town of Waterford where we enjoy a short Panorama City Sightseeing and a tour of the famous Waterford Crystal Factory, the world's largest glass factory, where you will see how the world-renowned masterpiece crystal is crafted. We then continue to Cork – our home for the next two nights. Evening free to enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B)

Accommodation in Cork: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY MARCH 21 CORK, COBH& BLARNEY CASTLE

Today we enjoy a full day excursion. We start by visiting Cobh. Cobh was the main port from which Irish emigrants left for America. Cobh was also a port for luxury passenger liners and in 1838 the Sirius made the first transatlantic crossing under steam power from here. Cobh was also the last stop for the Titanic, before its doomed Atlantic crossing in 1912. We will visit Cobh Heritage Center and see The Queenstown Story, a fascinating exhibit and audiovisual display depicting the part Cobh played in the Irish Emigration. We then journey back to Cork, the Irish Republic's second city. The name means "marshy place", and the River Lee virtually surrounds the city center, strangling its traffic systems. Cork has always been an important port, and its wealth stems from trade. Its mercantile heritage can be seen near the waterfront, in warehouses and the bow-fronted houses of prosperous citizens. We enjoy a Cork Panorama City Sightseeing before we continue to Blarney Castle. This 15th century stronghold is home of the famous Blarney Stone, and you have an opportunity to "kiss the Blarney" to gain the Gift of Eloquence. We will also visit Blarney Woolen Mills, perhaps Ireland's best-stocked Irish Handicrafts shop. Late afternoon we return to our hotel. Balance of the day free to enjoy Cork. (B)

Accommodation in Cork: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 6 THURSDAY MARCH 22 RING OF KERRY & KILLARNEY

We depart our hotel after breakfast and have a very scenic and fun day ahead of us. We will journey to the magnificent Ring of Kerry, where we will enjoy some of the most scenic parts of our tour and that Ireland has to offer. We will enjoy a Tour of the Ring of Kerry, seeing captivating mountain and coastal scenery dotted with slate-roofed fishing villages, known locally as "Heaven's Reflex". Following our tour of the Ring of Kerry we continue to the charming town of Killarney and our hotel. Afternoon Killarney Panorama City Sightseeing, including seeing St. Mary's Cathedral and Muckross Friary. Evening free in Killarney to enjoy dinner on own in this charming town. (B)

Accommodation in Killarney: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 7 FRIDAY MARCH 23 KILLARNEY/LIMERICK/BUNRATTY/ GALWAY

We depart Killarney in the morning and continue to Limerick. The third largest city in the Republic, Limerick was founded by the Vikings. We enjoy a Limerick Panorama City Sightseeing including seeing King John's Castle. King John built a magnificent castle in Limerick at the start of the 13th century. We continue to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. On a strategic site first fortified by the Vikings, 15th century Bunratty Castle, with its rectangular keep, is an imposing sight. Fully restored and used as a center for "medieval" entertainments, the castle contains impressive collections of furniture, paintings and carvings from the 14th to 17th century. In the grounds, the Bunratty Folk Park is a reconstructed 19-th century village. After visiting Bunratty Castle we enjoy a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast to the imposing Cliffs of a Moher for a breathtaking and memorable sight of these amazing sheer rock cliffs, which are 705 feet high. We then continue to Galway, cultural capital and the capital of the Gaelic-speaking peoples of the West of Ireland. Galway is a friendly, vivacious and stimulating lively university town and filled with quaint winding narrow streets and charming shops and cafes. Evening free in Galway. (B)

Accommodation in Galway: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)



DAY 8 SATURDAY MARCH 24**GALWAY, YEATS COUNTRY & KNOCK**

We begin our day excursion after breakfast start with a morning Galway Panorama Sightseeing tour. Our sightseeing highlight's the Latin Quarter, Lynch's Castle, the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, the Spanish Arch and the Claddagh. We then continue with a tour of Yeats country and the charming port of Sligo, W.B. Yeat's birthplace. W.B. Yeat's is Ireland's best-known poet and even for people unfamiliar with his

poetry, Sligo's engaging landscapes are reason enough to visit. We enjoy a short Sligo Panorama Sightseeing and also a visit to Sligo Museum, as well as see the Abbey and the bronze statue of Yeats. We return via Knock, where, in 1879, two local women saw an apparition of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist by the gable of the Church of St. John the Baptist. Every year, a million and a half believers make the pilgrimage to the shrine, including Pope John Paul II in 1979 and Mother Teresa in 1993. We will also visit the Basilica of Our Lady, before we late afternoon return to Galway and our hotel. Balance of the day is free to enjoy charming and lively Galway. (B)

Accommodation in Galway: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 9 SUNDAY MARCH 25**GALWAY/HILL OF TARA/DUBLIN**

Morning departure from the hotel. Today we depart Galway and return to Dublin. Enjoy a leisurely drive from Galway through the Midlands. We will journey through lush countryside dotted with ancient Celtic crosses and ruins en route to the Hill of Tara, which is the cradle of the Irish civilization and the Celt's spiritual home. It was settled during the Stone Age and became the most important center of habitation in the country. The High Kings of ancient Ireland ruled from the court of Tara, a splendid royal city that flourished from the 2nd century AD. The remains of ancient sites from this early civilization fill the area. After our visit to the Hill of Tara, the cradle of the Irish Civilization, we continue direct to Dublin.

Balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure to enjoy more of lively Dublin, Ireland's capital city. As this is our last evening in Ireland, we will also be packing and getting ready for our return back home to the USA. (B)

Accommodation in Dublin: TBA (Tourist Class – 3 stars)

DAY 10 MONDAY MARCH 26**IRELAND/DUBLIN TO USA**

Early morning departure from our hotel. Today we will depart the serenity and beauty of the green island of Ireland and transfer by our private motor coach direct to Dublin airport. Bid farewell to Ireland as we depart on our return flights to USA and Denver (B and L, S on flight)

Transatlantic flight
End of tour

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MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS!

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary and as follows:
 - Dublin Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See St. Patrick's Cathedral
 - See the National Gallery
 - See Phoenix Park
 - Visit Trinity College
 - Visit Trinity College Library
 - See the Book of Kells
 - Kilkenny Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Kilkenny Castle
 - Scenic touring of the Irish Countryside
 - Waterford Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit Waterford Crystal Factory
 - Cobh Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit Cobh Heritage Center
 - See the Queenstown Story
 - Cork Panorama City Sightseeing
 - Visit Blarney Castle
 - See the Blarney Stone
 - Opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone
 - Visit Blarney Woolen Mills
 - Scenic touring of the Irish Countryside
 - See and Tour Ring of Kerry
 - Killarney Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See St. Mary's Cathedral
 - Visit Muckross Friary
 - Limerick Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See King John's Castle
 - Visit Bunratty Castle
 - Journey through scenic Irish Countryside
 - Visit Cliffs of Moher
 - Galway Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the Latin Quarter
 - See the Cathedral of St. Nicholas
 - Visit Lynch's Castle
 - See the Spanish Arch
 - See the Claddagh
 - Scenic touring of the Irish West and Northwest
 - Sligo Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See the bronze statue of W.B. Yeats
 - Visit Sligo Museum
 - Knock Panorama Sightseeing
 - Visit the Church of St. John the Baptist Shrine
 - Visit the Basilica of Our Lady
 - Scenic touring of the Irish Midlands Countryside
 - Visit the Hill of Tara

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- Scenic drive from the Hill of Tara to Dublin
 - Enjoy free time to explore Dublin on own
(*please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees*)

MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
 - Trinity College
 - Trinity College Library
 - Waterford Crystal Factory
 - Cobh Heritage Center
 - Queenstown Story
 - Blarney Castle
 - Blarney Woolen Mills
 - Muckross Friary
 - Bunratty Castle and Folk Park
 - Lynch's Castle
 - Sligo Museum
 - The Church of St. John the Baptist Shrine
 - The Basilica of Our Lady
 - Hill of Tara

MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !

- All transfers per itinerary
 - Transfer from Dublin airport to Dublin area hotel
 - Transfer from Dublin area hotel to Dublin airport
- All land transportation throughout tour as listed per itinerary (varies: local or long-distance coach), from arrival to Dublin and departure from Dublin, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning or forced air, reclining seats and emergency washroom.
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in Dublin
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local English-speaking guide or driver/guide during sightseeing's and day excursions per itinerary
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
 - Please note: Tipping of Local Guides and Drivers to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 1.00-2.00 per person per tour for the Local Guides and \$ 1.00- 2.00 per person per day for the motor coach Driver
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Dublin and Ireland Travel Information Kit
- ASD Cultural Exchange Tee Shirt and Travel Bag.

END OF SERVICES

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**APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
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TOUR CODE: IR1A01
TOUR PRICE: \$1,650.00
TOUR DATE: March 17 – 26, 2001

CLIENT CODE:
SEX: M F
INSTRUCTOR _____
STUDENT _____
CHAPERONE _____

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

NAME _____
FIRST LAST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL

Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial. Your deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation fees from 60 to 35 days before departure is \$500.00, 34 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds.

Medical Release

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

Signature of Applicant (Parent/Guardian of Minor)

Date

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