



CALIFORNIA REPERCUSSIONS



MARCHING ON IRELAND!!
April 27- May 6, 2027- 10 Days

Day 1, April 27, 2027
depart the US

Proposed Air Schedule: NON-STOP FLIGHTS

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| Aer Lingus #060 | SFO-DUB | 5:45P-11:45A+1 |
| return | | |
| Air Lingus #061 | DUB-SFO | 1:00p-3:35p |



Carlson Maritime Travel

April 2, 2026

Day 2 April 28, 2027- Dublin-Kilkenny (L, Rehearsal +Lite Dinner Snack)

Meet your Coaches and Driver-Guides (1 guide per bus) Dublin Airport - Coaches

All performances are outdoor and weather permitting - it may not be possible in some locations mentioned in this initial itinerary to get permission and insurance to perform.

Depart for Kilkenny (1 hr 45 min). We will have a group Irish lunch along the way in one of the quaint towns such as Baltinglass Abbey or similar. Arrive Kilkenny, check into our hotel. **KILKENNY RIVER COURT HOTEL.**

Rehearsal this evening. Lite dinner this evening before or during rehearsal.



Kilkenny River Court Hotel

Located on the banks of the River Nore in the heart of the medieval city of Kilkenny.

With magnificent views of the city's 12th-century Kilkenny Castle, The Kilkenny River Court Hotel has a quiet location set in a private courtyard and conveniently situated back from the busy Kilkenny streets. The main shopping areas, theatres, entertainment, tourist attractions and Kilkenny's Medieval Mile are all close by right on the hotel's doorstep.



Day 3- April 29, 2027- Kilkenny - (B, Performance-, Tasting,)

Irish Breakfast at our hotel. Meet our Local Guide for a walking tour of Kilkenny.

*Embark on a captivating four-hour journey through Kilkenny's medieval marvels. Led by a local expert, you'll traverse approximately (2.5 miles), uncovering iconic landmarks such as the majestic **Kilkenny Castle**, the historic **St. Canice's Cathedral**, and the serene **Black Abbey**. Feel the ancient cobblestones beneath your feet as you wander through the **Butter Slip**, a quaint medieval alleyway, and stand in awe before the hurling statue, celebrating Ireland's beloved sport. Your guide will be weaving tales of history, culture, and local legends. Whether you're a history enthusiast or a curious traveler, this tour offers an immersive dive into Kilkenny's rich heritage.*

Visit and tasting – **SMITHWICK'S EXPERIENCE** Take a 300 year journey into the history of Smithwick's ale and enjoy interactive experiences, all led by one of our local guides. Enjoy a complimentary pint.



Nothing beats getting stuck in and experiencing some hands- on experiences. As part of your tour, you'll have the chance to mill the malt, stir the mash and smell the hops, just as you would in the brewing process. Our experience is the perfect way to enjoy a pint of your favorite Smithwick's Ale, right in the heart of Kilkenny.

Static or Marching performance in Kilkenny. Performance might be at Kilkenny castle-or an alternate location. Free time for shopping at the Kilkenny Design Center – Overnight Kilkenny. Dinner on own. Right across the street from our hotel is Matt the Millers Bar and Grill, Smithwick's and a host of great pubs and restaurants.



KILKENNY CASTLE has been an important site since Strongbow constructed the first building a wooden tower in the 12th century. William the Earl Marshall built the first stone castle on the site in 1260.



Immerse yourself in a world of creativity as you explore our store, featuring the exceptional work of Kilkenny Makers like Castle Arch Pottery, the exquisite jewellery from K Kajoux Jewellery and the artistic pottery of Nicholas Mosse, to name but a few. After a day of shopping, enjoy a delightful meal upstairs at our restaurant, making your visit a complete experience in the heart of Kilkenny City.

Day 4- April 30, 2027- Kilkenny -Midleton – Cork- (B, D Performance-, Whiskey Tasting)

Breakfast at hotel before checking out and continuing- on to Midleton and Cork.

Our Hotel: **CORK INTERNATIONAL HOTEL:**



We have a Visit + Tasting – JAMESON MIDLETON DISTILLERY EXPERIENCE.

Tour of the old distillery where you will see the machinery and manual tools used in the past. There is also a giant waterwheel which once powered all the machinery and still turns today. Your distillery guide will explain the process of distilling whiskey and will show you the largest pot still in the world. The tour ends in the Jameson bar where there will be a tasting and drinking of Whiskey.



After the group has had a nice taste of Irish whisky, we will give a performance outside the Cobh Center (pending). We load up and continue on to the city of Cork. We will meet our local guide for a sightseeing tour of Cork. One of the highlights will be the **COBH HERITAGE CENTER**. Visit - [Cobh Heritage Centre - The Queenstown Story](#)



Cobh Town was awarded the 'Best Tourism Experience' for 2019 and was named one of the 25 most beautiful small towns in Europe by the prestigious travel publisher Condé Nast. It is the only Irish town included in the Conde Nast list, which recommends small towns and villages from across Europe.

From 1848 to 1950 over 6 million adults and children emigrated from Ireland – over 2.5 million departed from Cobh, making it the single most important port of emigration. The Titanic and the Lusitania are just two of the many liners and ships which visited the historic port town of Cobh. The Heritage Centre traces the evolution of maritime traffic to and from Cobh beginning with depictions of the early coffin ships to the latter-day luxurious transatlantic liners.

Enroute we will stop and visit the **Rock of Cashel** which is set on a dramatic outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale. The Rock of Cashel possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in all of Ireland.



Overnight Cork, Dinner in the quaint town of Cork. It is known as Ireland's foodie capital.

Day 5- May 1st , 2027- Cork -(B, Exchange Performance-, D, with wine/beer)

After Irish Breakfast at your hotel, we meet our guides and drivers for a full-day excursion to the Dingle Peninsula. Performance in Dingle Town with possible **exchange performance** with Fife and Drum band. (pending)

To get the most out of the Dingle Peninsula, we will head off on the Sleah Head Drive, a spectacular driving route that weaves and twists around the coast from Dingle. After we set off, near to Dún Beag, you'll find the Fahan Beehive which boasts a good collection of clochán, medieval stone houses once inhabited by monks. These cone-shaped structures can be seen along the Sleah Head Drive, and if they look familiar there's a good reason why – the beehive huts on **Skellig Michael** featured as Luke Skywalker's hideaway in **Star Wars: The Last Jedi**.



Possible performance on the way back to Cork. Full 3 course dinner enroute to Cork with wine or beer. Overnight Cork.

Day 6- May 2nd , 2027- Cork -Blarney- Galway (B, Performance-, Ferry, D, with wine/beer)

Irish Breakfast at hotel. This morning we meet our drivers and guides and head to the famous **Blarney Castle**. The Castle was built in 1446 as a defensive fortress. The castle which stands today 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. After the Castle, you can visit the Blarney Woollen Mills Store.

Static Performance at Blarney Castle or Blarney Woolen Mills - TBD



Kissing the Blarney Stone



Blarney Castle



Visiting the Castle



Blarney Woolen Mills Stores- Lunch on own.

Check into our hotel. **RADISSON RED GALWAY**



Work, play, and stay at Radisson RED Galway. Located five minutes away by car from the city center, our hotel offers the ideal base from which to experience vibrant Galway. Discover endless opportunities to socialize, kick back, and relax in our stylish, contemporary spaces.

Experience Radisson RED's signature design and comfort in our modern rooms and suites. From breakfast to late night drinks, our hotel restaurant and bar offer delightful options for everyone while our rooftop terrace bar features stunning panoramic views for a unique dining experience.

This evening we will experience the **WORLD FAMOUS BUNRATTY CASTLE MEDIEVAL BANQUET!** Music, song and dance while you dine in the great hall of Bunratty Castle. The Earl's butler will welcome you toasting an era of great Irish taste with excellent food, fine wine and honey mead.



What is a visit to Bunratty without experiencing **FOLK PARK** and the beautiful castle grounds.

Prepare to experience village life in 19th century Ireland!

The Village Street is the epicenter of Bunratty Folk Park. Here you will find a collection of brightly coloured shops and buildings side by side. The sweet sounds of traditional Irish music are carried through the air, and the village characters, including the schoolteacher, policeman and village doctor are on hand to entertain and enthrall all who visit.

The village houses and shops in the Folk Park have been chosen from many different areas, to form a collection of typical 19th-century urban Irish buildings including the School, Doctor's house, Pawnbrokers, Pub, Drapery, Printworks, Grocery, Hardware shop, Pottery and a Post Office.



Overnight, Galway

Day 7 - May 3rd , 2027- Galway (B, Performance, D, with wine/beer)

Today we visit the **CLIFFS OF MOHER** for a self-guided walk tour. Visitor Center, Trails and Hike.



Cliffs of Moher

Visit - Cliffs of Moher-One of Ireland's favorite visitor experiences, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged west Clare coast. Walk the safe, paved pathways and view the incredible Cliffs that sit on Europe's most westerly tip and enjoy the spectacular vistas over the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands. Their natural beauty has inspired artists, musicians, and poets for generations, as well as absorbing scientists and geologists, drawn by the unique landscape in which they sit.

Possible afternoon performance outside St. Nicholas church (or similar).



Return to Galway this afternoon for some independent time to enjoy this great town.

This evening, we enjoy a 3-course dinner at **BUSKER BROWNE'S GASTROPUB** with beer or wine. A Traditional Irish pub dinner! Overnight Galway



Day 8- May 4th , 2027- Galway -Mullingar- Dublin- (B, Performance, D, with wine/beer)

After breakfast at our hotel, we transfer to Mullingar in County Westmeath. Performance at the St. Loman's GAA Club (or similar) (We are hoping to invite the many members of this Gaelic athletic organization to your concert. Pending

Continue on into Dublin City. Check in at **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, O'Connell Street, Dublin**. Arrive in Dublin early with some free time to explore this exciting city!



The new **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin** is located in the heart of Dublin, in a historic building on the famous O'Connell Street, and become one of the city's emblematic sites. This Irish hotel offers you the best facilities for you to enjoy an unforgettable holiday.

This **Dublin hotel** is in an ideal location for any visitor. Surrounded by the main shopping area in Grafton Street and Henry Street, you will also find the most celebrated shows and theatres such as Gate Theatre and the National Concert Hall, and some of the most famous places in Dublin like Croke Park and Temple Bar. The hotel is also located a stone's throw away from Abbey Street tram station which will easily take you to any other point of the city.

Hotel check-in first. **Late afternoon we enjoy a 3-course Pub meal at GUINNESS STOREHOUSE with a pint of Guinness (or two) Evening Free to explore Dublin.**

Those who wish to go back to the hotel 2.5 miles can go by bus, those who wish to roam the Temple Bar area 1.2 miles are free to do so and walk or Uber it back. Temple Bar area is so famous for its premier nightlife, live music, bustling pubs and iconic spots full of traditional Irish charm.



Day 9- May 5th , 2027- Dublin- (B, Performance, D, with wine/beer)

After a full Irish breakfast at the hotel, we visit **Trinity College** including the **Old Library and Book of Kells**. Performance pending permission at Trinity College.



Our next tour will be the St. Patrick's Cathedral- Entrance included – time permitting from the day's performance. Possible performance at St. Patrick's.



Saint Patrick's Cathedral is one of Dublin's most visited landmarks. Founded in 1191, its history stretches back to 450 AD. It stands today as one of the few surviving medieval buildings in the city and is the burial place of Jonathan Swift. Saint Patrick's Cathedral has been part of Ireland's story for over 800 years.

Return to hotel to freshen up, enjoy a drink at the bar, meet our drivers and guides and drive to the Merry Ploughboy for a traditional Irish musical show with 3-course dinner with beer or wine.

Dinner and Show (including 1 Drink per person) - The Merry Ploughboy

Widely regarded as the best traditional music show in Dublin. A highly entertaining performance of live traditional Irish Music, Song and Irish Dancing. The very best of fresh Irish food is served and offers a choice menu.



Overnight Dublin.

Day 10- May 6th , 2027- Dublin- (B)

Breakfast at hotel before checking out. 9:30am -Drive to airport for your 1:00pm non-stop flight to SFO. About 30 minutes drive from hotel.

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O'Reapers bid Good bye to Ireland!

INCLUDED:

HOTELS:

*8 NIGHTS 4-STAR WELL-LOCATED HOTELS
KILKENNY- KILKENNY RIVER COURT HOTEL
CORK- CORK INTERNATIONAL HOTEL
GALWAY- RADISSON RED
DUBLIN- RIU PLAZA THE GRESHAM DUBLIN



REHEARSAL:

*REHEARSAL ROOM RENTAL- 1ST NIGHT

MEALS:

*8 BREAKFASTS
*1 GROUP LUNCH
*CASUAL LITE DINNER- EVENING OF ARRIVAL
*6 GROUP DINNERS INCLUDING MEDIEVAL DINNER AT BUNRATTY CASTLE
*THE 6 DINNERS WITH BEER OR WINE INCLUDED

IRISH LIBATION TASTINGS:

*4 BEER/WHISKEY TOURS WITH TASTINGS
-JAMESON DISTILLERY TASTING
-SOUTHWICK'S EXPERIENCE WITH TASTING
-GUINNESS STOREHOUSE TASTING
-BUSKER BROWNE'S PUB WITH A PINT OR WINE

TRADITIONAL IRISH SHOW:

1 TRADITIONAL IRISH SHOW AT MERRY PLOUGHBOYS WITH DINNER AND PINT OR WINE

PERFORMANCES:

7-9 PERFORMANCES (Subject to permission and firm locations still pending)
INCLUDING A POSSIBLE EXCHANGE PERFORMANCE WITH FIFE AND DRUM BAND OR LOCAL SIMILAR

PROFESSIONALS:

2 FULL TIME TOUR GUIDES- Rooms and meals included
2 FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS- Rooms and meals included
2 LARGE 48 -SEATER MOTORCOACHES
ESCORTED BY CARLSON MARITIME TRAVEL

HIGHLIGHTS AND TOURS: Entrance Fees Included

- *St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin
- *St. Nicholas Church, Galway
- *Rock of Cashel, Tipperary
- *Bunratty Castle, Galway
- *Trinity College, Dublin
- *Book of Kells
- *Guinness Storehouse Tour and Tasting
- *Cork Walking Tour
- *Kilkenny Walking Tour
- *Kilkenny Castle
- *Cobh Heritage Center, Cork
- *Irish Dinner and Irish Show, Dublin
- *Southwick's Tour and Tasting
- *Jameson Medleton Distillery Tasting and Visit
- * Visit Cobh Heritage Center
- *Blarney Castle, Cork
- *Blarney Stone
- *Woolen Mills Visit
- *Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry
- *Cliffs of Moher Visit, County Clare

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel Insurance (we will offer a group plan)
- Porterage at hotels
- Bottled water
- Air fare
- Anything not mentioned in this proposal

General Terms:

- a) Quote rates are valid until 4/17.
- b) The tour operator reserves the right to adjust the tour price at any time before receipt of your final payment as a result of any of the following: (1) trade fairs (2) a greater than 3% change in the relevant currency rates – as rates are quoted in Euros (3) changes in government taxation or fuel surcharges by hotels.
- c) Group airline tickets pending until May 2026, will advise
- d) Reapers will advise if any travelers have special requirements. Any related arrangements are subject to availability and may incur additional costs.
- e) This is an active tour and may require participants to walk several miles during extended periods of time. Those with mobility issues are voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of the physical requirements, pacing, content, accommodations, and other aspects of the tour. We will do our best to accommodate ADA rooms requested, but cannot guarantee them in all cities until we have finalized hotel choices.
- f) All hotels, activities, timing, tours and performances are still in the works and subject to change until we know numbers of participants and program has been finalized.



