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FINAL ITINERARY

West Michigan Concert Winds Ireland; Scotland June 8, 2024 to June 18, 2024

June 8, 2024

- 9:00 am EST Depart Muskegon for O'Hare International Airport.
- 12:00 pm CST Arrive to O'Hare International and check in to your flight.
- 3:50 pm CST Outbound Flight EI#122: Depart ORD at 3:50 pm CDT, Arrive at DUB at 5:15 am IST

June 9, 2024

- 5:15 am IST Arrive in DUB – Transfer to EDI flights.
- 6:30 am Outbound Flight EI#3250: Depart DUB at 6:30 am IST, Arrive at EDI at 7:40 am BST
- 7:40 am Arrive at Edinburgh Airport
Meet your drivers and tour director who will be with you for the duration of your tour.
- 9:00 am Depart Edinburgh Airport for Glasgow. (final departure time subject to individual flight schedules).
- 10:30 am Arrive in **Glasgow City** and take some free time to go museum-hopping, shopping, or maybe read a book in a coffee shop while you take in your first impressions of this energetic, modern city layered with history.
- 1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense in **Glasgow**.
- 2:00 pm Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the city as you travel back through the centuries to discover our turbulent history, and how it has shaped Glasgow into the vibrant place you see today during your 90 Minute **Walking Tour of Glasgow City**.
- 5:00 pm Hotel check-in at Clayton Hotel Glasgow
- 6:00 pm Welcome dinner at your hotel tonight.



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June 10, 2024

- 8:00 am Breakfast included at your hotel
- 9:00 am Depart your hotel on your private motorcoach.
- 10:00 am En-route we'll stop at the **Falkirk Wheel**. Made famous by its extraordinary engineering feat, Falkirk Wheel connected the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal in 2002, for the first time in nearly 70 years, by creating the world's only rotating boat lift.
- 10:45 am Depart Falkirk Wheel for **Stirling**
- 11:30 am Visit **Stirling Castle**, the childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots, and one of the largest and most historically, architecturally significant castles in Scotland.
- 1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense at the **Unicorn Cafe** in Stirling Castle.
- 2:00 pm Depart Stirling
- 2:30 pm Visit **The Kelpies** monument in Falkirk. This pair of monumental steel horse-heads is located in the Helix park between the Scottish towns of Falkirk and Grangemouth. Standing tall at over an impressive 30 meters, their overwhelming statue presence is reminiscent of their huge place in Scottish folklore.
- 5:00 pm Arrive back at your hotel.
- 6:45 pm Depart Clayton Hotel Glasgow for dinner in the West End tonight
- 7:00 pm Dinner in **Van Winkle (West End)** tonight for some proper Scottish pub grub.
- 9:00 pm Return to hotel – pack truck tonight with instruments ahead of tomorrow's concert.

June 11, 2024

- 8:00 am Breakfast included at your hotel
- 9:00 am Check out of your hotel and depart for Edinburgh.
- 10:00 am Visit Edinburgh's most historic and striking landmark, **Edinburgh Castle**. Standing tall since the 11th century, Edinburgh Castle served as a royal



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residence for approximately 600 years. Complete with a chapel constructed in the 12th century, museums, halls, mega-cannons, and jewels, this is truly a royal visit.

- 1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense either in the *Redcoat Cafe* or elsewhere in Edinburgh.
- 2:00 pm Day at leisure in Edinburgh!
Dinner on your own this afternoon (picking up snacks for after the concert during this time too)
- 4:30 pm Truck arrives at St. Giles' Cathedral and *members return* for preparation and truck unloading for concert.
- 5:00 pm Setup and rehearsal for concert in the historic *St. Giles' Cathedral*. This church has been in operation for almost 900 years; it has seen wars, events for Parliament, and the royal Order of the Thistle ceremonies, but all throughout its history it's served as a pillar of the general community as well.
- 6:50 pm Rehearsal and preparation finishes for a quick break while audience files in
- 7:00 pm Doors opening for concert attendees to find their seats.
- 7:30 pm *Evening performance in St. Giles' Cathedral.*
- 9:00 pm Load equipment truck with all relevant instruments and equipment for safekeeping and transit to Ireland.
- 9:30 pm Depart St. Giles' for hotel check-in
- 10:00 pm Hotel check-in at DoubleTree by Hilton - Edinburgh-Queensferry Crossing

June 12, 2024

- 9:00 am Breakfast at your hotel
- 10:00 am Depart hotel for Edinburgh City
- 10:30 am Arrive in Edinburgh for your walking tour and some exploration of Scotland's capital city.
- 11:00 am *Underground City of the Dead Walking Tour* in Edinburgh



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- 1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense and some free time in Edinburgh's gothic streets, brimming with shopping opportunities, cafes, quick bites, sit down meals, museums, and more!
- 3:00 pm Depart Edinburgh City Centre for the famous port of Leith.
- 3:45 pm Visit the *Royal Yacht Britannia* for a window into the world of royal living with the yacht that saw 1.1 million miles of traversal over her 44 years of service.
- 5:30 pm Depart Leith
- 6:00 pm Dinner in *Edinburgh* at *Vittoria on the Bridge*.
- 9:00 pm Return to your hotel

June 13, 2024

- 5:30 am Hotel check-out with boxed breakfast.
- 6:20 am Arrive at Edinburgh Airport and check in for your flight(s).
- 8:20 am 60 people depart on EI3251 – Arrive DUB 9:40am
- 9:35 am 16 people depart on EI3551 – Arrive DUB 10:55am
- 12:00 pm Depart Dublin Airport on private motorcoach
- 1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense in Dublin City
- 2:30 pm Visit *Trinity College Dublin*. While here, discover Ireland's greatest cultural treasure, The Book of Kells. The museum offers close inspection of the pages themselves, unearthing the mysteries of its creation in the traditional museum exhibiting ways combined with the modern Book of Kells Experience.
- 5:00 pm Check-in to the Camden Court Hotel
- 6:30 pm Dinner at your hotel tonight

June 14, 2024

- 8:00 am Full Irish Breakfast included at your hotel.
- 9:30 am Depart hotel for EPIC Museum



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- 10:00 am Visit *EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum* in Dublin's CHQ building. Winner of Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction at the World Travel Awards 2019. EPIC is an interactive journey about how a small island made a big impact on the world. Discover why Irishness is celebrated around the world, with a journey through Irish history & culture, told from the perspective of those who lived. If finished early, there are also a number of cafes and restaurants in the CHQ building, gift shops, and seating to relax before your short walk outside.
- 12:30 pm Take a small walk along the *River Liffey* with your guide for a short talk about the *Famine Memorial* and the *Jeanie Johnston*.
- 1:00 pm *Free time in Dublin.*
Lunch at own expense.
Option to join your tour guide on an informal *walking tour of Dublin City* Centre, visiting monuments, Irish government buildings, free National Museums of Ireland, and more!
Dinner at own expense. (Option to have a large lunch and pick up snacks to have for after concert.)
- 4:50 pm Members return to Dublin meeting point for bus-departure at 5:00pm
- 5:00 pm Depart Dublin City for Ballyroan Church in Rathfarnham
- 6:00 pm Set for your concert at Ballyroan Church
- 7:00 pm *Performance alongside Rathfarnham Concert Band.*
- 9:00 pm *Post-concert lite bites* organised by Rathfarnham Concert Band.
- 10:00 pm Return to your hotel

June 15, 2024

- 8:00 am Full Irish Breakfast included at your hotel.
- 9:00 am Check out of your hotel.
- 9:30 am Visit the *Guinness Storehouse*. As one of Dublin's most popular visitor attractions, you'll discover all there is to know about Ireland's most famous export. The Storehouse is situated in the original Brewery, which first opened in 1876 and visitors are treated to over 250 years of



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Guinness history including the story behind some of its most iconic adverts.

- 12:00 pm Depart Dublin for Athlone
- 1:30 pm Early bird *3-course dinner* at the Sheraton Athlone Hotel
- 3:00 pm Hotel check-in
- 4:00 pm Depart your hotel
- 4:30 pm Arrive in Ballinasloe for concert set up and rehearsal at Emerald Ballroom.
- 7:00 pm *Concert with Ballinasloe Town Band and Harmonic Sounds*
- 9:30 pm Load equipment onto coaches before a short walk to your post-concert reception at Gullane's Hotel & Restaurant.
- 10:00 pm *Post-Concert Reception* with Harmonic Sounds at Gullane's with lite bites!
- 11:30 pm Return to your hotel.

June 16, 2024

- 8:00 am Full Irish Breakfast included at your hotel.
- 9:00 am Depart your hotel for a scenic drive through the rugged landscape of Connemara en route to Kylemore Abbey.
- 12:00 pm Admission included for your visit to the 19th-century *Kylemore Abbey*. Visit Ireland's most romantic castle, complete dramatic landscapes and even more dramatic family histories, impressive artisan treats made by the nuns themselves, and beautiful textiles for keepsakes.
- 12:30 pm Lunch at your own expense
- 3:00 pm Depart Kylemore Abbey and travel to *Galway City* for some free time and dinner. The spirit of Ireland's west coast beats through the bustling streets, from mellow old pubs boasting turf and cozy corners, to shops selling Claddagh rings, Aran sweaters, and bog-oak carvings.
- 5:00 pm Dinner at your own expense.
- 7:30 pm Depart Galway City



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9:00 pm Return to your hotel.

June 17, 2024

8:00 am Full Irish Breakfast included at your hotel.

9:00am Tour through *the Burren*. The vast, moon-like region in County Clare is one of Ireland's most compelling landscapes. Here, cool grey rock etched with crevices and cracks tumbles down to the wild blue Atlantic Ocean.

12:45 pm Experience the staggering *Cliffs of Moher*, Ireland's most visited natural attraction. They stretch for 8km (5 miles) and reach 214m (702 feet) at their highest point north of O'Brien's Tower, where you can enjoy unrivalled views of the Atlantic Ocean.

1:00 pm Lunch at your own expense

3:00pm Depart Cliffs of Moher

6:00 pm *Farewell BBQ at Sean's Bar*. The oldest pub in Ireland and, potentially, the world, Sean's Bar, under different aliases, has been slingin' pints since the year 900. So get ready to drink like the Vikings did and have a session with a trad band, too.

7:00 pm Enjoy live entertainment by local *Mega Trad*, Irish traditional band with a modern twist during your barbecue at Sean's Bar.

9:00 pm Depart Sean's Bar for your hotel

June 18, 2024

6:30 am Hotel check-out.

8:30 am Arrive and check-in at Dublin Airport.

11:35 am Return Flight #123 with commercial airline: Depart DUB at 11:35 am BST, Arrive at ORD at 2:05 pm CST

3:00 pm CST Bus transfers to Muskegon