

WASHINGTON WOMEN'S CHORUS
2010 INCANTATO IRELAND TOUR
June 20 – 30, 2010

Day 1, Sunday, June 20:

Departure from the US with the group or on your own; please make sure you arrive at the airport at least two hours in advance for check-in.

- 2:00 PM: Boarding starts for US Airways US 2036 to Boston
- 2:30 PM: Departure for Boston
- 3:51 PM: Arrival in Boston, stretch your legs, grab a snack or visit some shops
- 6:45 PM: Boarding starts for Aer Lingus EI 132 to Shannon
- 7.15 PM: Departure for Shannon

Day 2, Monday, June 21:

Arrival in Shannon, transfer to Galway

- 6:10 AM: The WWC group arrives into Shannon on flight EI 132 from Boston.
Clear Immigrations, then collect your bags and clear customs.
Once outside of the baggage claim area, your group will be met by your Incantato Tour Manager, Eammon Broderick, ph: +353 0851 080 155
who will guide you to the bus and introduce you to your Irish driver
- 7:30 AM: Board your coach and let Eammon show you where you get a strong cup of coffee or hot tea and some nice scones to re-energize you after the long journey and for what lays ahead.
Drive to Galway with a few scenic stops en-route.
- NOON: Arrival into Galway, get a first orientation tour before checking into your Incantato Tour Hotel: *Carlton Hotel, 19 Dublin Road, Galway*
Tel: 353 91 381 200
Your tour manager and coach are at disposal for a guided tour of Galway and/or transfers to the nearby places of interest. The remainder of the day is at leisure and while some of you may just want to rest, we recommend you beat the jetlag by staying active and checking out the lively city center of Galway for some exploring either on your own or under the guidance of your Tour Manager.
- 7:00 PM: Welcome dinner in the hotel

Day 3, Tuesday, June 22:

Kylemore Abbey & Galway Concert

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 9:00 AM: Depart the hotel for Kylemore Abbey (bring your music)
- 11:00 AM: Arrival at the Abbey, walk to the Gothic Church and get acquainted with the venue during a short dress rehearsal
- NOON: Lunchtime Concert
- 1:00 PM: Free time to explore the grounds and for lunch in the cafeteria where they serve excellent food at very reasonable rates – don't forget to try the home-made jams and other goodies from the nun's recipe books.
- 2:00 PM: Depart Kylemore and return to Galway
- 4:00 PM: Arrival back into Galway, leisure time – the coach makes two stops, one at the hotel and one as close to the city as possible and will offer a second transfer to the hotel at 5 pm
- 5:30 PM: Departure from the hotel in concert attire to the Franciscan Abbey
- 6:00 PM: Rehearsal and meeting with your host group
- 7:30 PM: Evening exchange concert with the Galway Gospel Choir followed by a chance to mingle and grab a couple of pints at the local pubs.

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PM: Bus transfer to the hotel, thereafter catch a ride with new friends or take a Galway cab back

Day 4, Wednesday, June 23:

From Galway to Killarney

Irish breakfast in the hotel

8:30 AM: Meet in lobby with your luggage, check-out and load coach

9:00 AM: Depart for the Cliffs of Moher

10:30 AM: Arrival at the Cliffs for breathtaking panoramic views – you may want to bring a sweater as it gets chillier here and it is definitely windy!

11:30 AM: Continue to Killarney with a lunch and rest-stops en-route.

3:00 PM: Arrival into Killarney, check-in to your Incantato hotel: *Best Western International Hotel, Kenmare Place, Killarney, Tel: +353 64 6631816*
Time at leisure to see nearby Muckross House and Gardens, stroll through town, shop etc.

6:00 PM: Meet in the lobby and walk to nearby Danny Mann Pub to prepare for tonight's pub concert

7:00 PM: Concert start

7:45 PM: Concert concludes, WWC eats dinner right here in the pub
After dinner, watch & hear the Irish band playing and return to the hotel at your leisure.

Day 5, Thursday, June 24:

Ring of Kerry & Concert at St. Mary's

Irish breakfast in the hotel.

9:00 AM: Depart the hotel for a day tour of the Ring of Kerry.
You may want to see a sheep herding demonstration and remember to request stops in some of the smaller towns you pass through, just don't be late for your concert this evening.

5:00 PM: Arrival back to the hotel.
Free time and get changed into concert attire

7:00 PM: Walk to St. Mary's Church of Ireland to set up for tonight's concert performance.

7:05 PM: Rehearsal

8:00 PM: Concert starts

9:00 PM: Concert concludes, evening at leisure and plenty of music pubs to choose from

Day 6, Friday, June 25:

Killarney to Cork

Irish breakfast in the hotel

8:30 AM: Meet in lobby with luggage, check-out and load coach.

9:00 AM: Depart for Cork.

10:30 AM: Arrival at Blarney Castle for sightseeing and tour of the grounds.

11:45 AM: Depart Blarney and transfer into Cork. If you love it enough here, you may want to stay a little bit longer as the remainder of the day is at leisure.

NOON: Orientation tour and free time for lunch.

3:00 PM: Check-in at your Incantato Tour hotel: *The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork*
Tel: + 353 21 4274040

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Evening at leisure and some wonderful restaurants just within walking distance.
You may also want to check out the hotel spa and early booking can be already
made from abroad as appointments fill quickly on the weekend.

Day 7, Saturday, June 26:

Cork in-depth

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 9:00 AM: Full day at leisure for optional sightseeing and shopping with the bus and tour manager at WWC's disposal
- 5:30 PM: Pre-concert dinner in the hotel restaurant
- 7:00 PM: Walk to nearby St. Augustine's Church, prepare for tonight's mass and concert
- 8:00 PM: Catholic Mass commences with WWC as the featured performer followed by a short concert.

Day 8, Sunday, June 27:

Cork to Dublin

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 8:00 AM: Meet in lobby with your luggage, check-out and load coach, then depart for Dublin.
- 9:30 AM: Arrival at the Rock of Cashel to explore and enjoy some free time.
- NOON: Depart for Dublin
- 2:00 PM: Arrival into Dublin, orientation tour en-route to the hotel.
- 4:30 PM: Check-in to you Incantato Tour hotel: *Jury's Inn, Christchurch Place, Dublin*
Tel: +353 1 454 0000
Evening at leisure in Dublin

Day 9, Monday, June 28:

Dublin in-depth

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 9:00 AM: Full day Dublin sightseeing tour
- 11:30 AM: Arrival at St. Patrick's Cathedral for rehearsal
- 1:00 PM: Lunchtime concert in St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:00 PM: Continue Dublin sightseeing
- 4:30 PM: Arrival back to the hotel
- 6:30 PM: Meet in the lobby and transfer to the Merry Ploughboys Pub
- 7:15 PM: Dinner and Irish entertainment
- 10:00 PM: Return to the hotel

Day 10, Tuesday, June 29:

Dublin at Leisure & Concert

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 9:00 AM: Full day at leisure
- 6:00 PM: Transfer (already dressed in concert attire) to St. Bartholomew's Church
- 6:30 PM: Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM: Finale highlight concert at St. Bartholomew's Church.
- 8:30 PM: After the concert return transfer to the hotel.

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Day 11, Wednesday, June 30:

Departure

- Irish breakfast in the hotel
- 7:15 AM: Meet in lobby with luggage, check-out and load coach, departure for Dublin airport. Make sure you have your passport and other important documents in your carry-on!
Once at DUB airport and checked-in, please proceed right away through the security checkpoints as lines tend to be long and it takes quite a while.
- 10:10 AM: Boarding starts for Aer Lingus EI 133 to Boston
- 10:40 AM: Departure for Boston
- 2:25 PM: Arrival in Boston, clear customs and immigration, stretch your legs, grab a snack or visit some shops
- 6:30 PM: Boarding starts for US Airways US 2047 to Washington
- 7:00 PM: Departure for Washington
- 8:34 PM: Arrival in Washington