

JOHN F. KENNEDY HS SHAMROCK REGIMENT
IRELAND TOUR – MARCH 13-22, 2024 Draft Itinerary

Day	Date	Time	Location	Details		
1 - Wed.	3/13/2024	3:25 PM	JFKHS	Check In, Load Instruments and Luggage		
		5:00 PM	JFKHS	Depart for LAX		
		6:25 PM	LAX	Arrive at Terminal 2 and Check In with Aer Lingus		
		9:25 PM	LAX	Flight EI68		
2 - Th.	3/14/2024	2:30 PM	DUB	Arrive in Dublin: proceed through passport control and customs, meet the local representative from Grand Tours in the arrivals terminal. You will be escorted to the awaiting motorcoaches for your transfer the short distance to the hotel in Malahide, County Dublin.		
		8:00 PM	Malahide	Dinner in Hotel		
		Overnight		Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin, Tel: +353-(0)1-845 0000		
3 - Fri.	3/15/2024	6:30 AM	Malahide	Wake up call		
		7:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant		
		8:30 AM	Dublin	Depart Malahide for the City; meet up with local guides for a sightseeing tour of Dublin, our first visit will be Trinity College (Book of Kells & Old Library). On route you will see some of the more notable sights, the Georgian Squares of Merrion & Fitzwilliam, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park, General Post Office located on the main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, the Bank of Ireland- (Old Parliament House), & conclude the tour in Nassau St.		
		1:00 PM		Lunch on your own, Leisure time in the area.		
		3:00 PM		Transfer from Nassau Street to Malahide.		
		5:00 PM	Malahide	Dinner in hotel.		
		6:45 PM		Transfer to the Green Isle Hotel, Clondalkin, (band in uniform).		
		8:00 PM		Joint performance Clondalkin Youth Band and John F. Kennedy Shamrock Regiment Band.		
		9:00 PM		Presentation of gifts.		
		9:15 PM		Depart Clondalkin and transfer to Malahide.		
		Overnight		Grand Hotel, Malahide, County Dublin.		
		4 - Sat.	3/16/2024	7:00 AM	Malahide	Wake up call
				8:00 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant
9:00 AM				Transfer to City (Dublin); Sightseeing at leisure with chaperones		
5:00 PM				Transfer from Nassau Street to Malahide.		
7:30 PM				Dinner in hotel.		
Overnight				Grand Hotel, Malahide, County Dublin.		
5 - Sun.	3/17/2024	6:30 AM	Malahide	Wake up call		
		7:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant		
		9:00 AM		Band in uniform, transfer to Blessington St.		
		10:00 AM	Dublin	Parade assembly		
		10:15 AM		Non-performers transfer to Christchurch Grandstand No. 1		
		12:00 PM		Parade begins at Granby Row		
1:30 PM		Parade dispersal, return to coaches				

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5 - Sun.	3/17/2024	2:30 PM		Lunch on your own, leisure time.
		5:30 PM		Return to Malahide
		8:00 PM	Malahide	Dinner in Hotel
		Overnight		Grand Hotel, Malahide, County Dublin.
6 - Mon.	3/18/2024	7:00 AM	Malahide	Wake up call
		8:00 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant
		9:00 AM	Galway	Today we travel across the midlands of Ireland to Galway. On arrival in Galway we take a short panoramic sightseeing tour of the City where we will see Eyre Square, Salmon Weir Bridge, Galway Cathedral, University of Galway, The Claddagh, Spanish Arch and Galway Bay. Lunch on your own.
		3:00 PM		Coach with instruments transfer from Gaol Road to St. Patrick's School, Lombard Street, Galway. On arrival musical instruments to be taken by JFK band members from the motorcoach to the school hall and then walk the short distance to Jurys Inn for check-in.
		4:45 PM		Dinner in hotel.
		6:15 PM		Band & Chaperones depart hotel and walk to St. Patrick's School, Lombard Street, for rehearsal
		6:30 PM		Dinner in hotel for non-performers.
		8:00 PM		Cultural Exchange Concert: Patrician Brothers Brass Band and John F. Kennedy Shamrock Regiment Band.
		10:00 PM		The Mayor of Galway will make a presentation on behalf of Galway City to the JFK Band followed by speeches from the Principal of St. Patrick's School & Band Director of John F. Kennedy.
		11:00 PM		Walk back to the hotel.
		Overnight		Jurys Inn, Quay Street, Galway, Tel: +353-(0)91-566444.
		7	3/19/2024	6:30 AM
7:15 AM				Full Irish Breakfast Buffet (first sitting)
8:00 AM				Full Irish Breakfast Buffet (second sitting)
8:45 AM				Full Irish Breakfast Buffet (third sitting)
9:30 AM	Connemara			Today we discover Connemara a breathtaking region of mountains and lakes. Drive through Barna, Furbo & the Irish speaking village of Spiddal and onwards to Clifden. Optional lunch in Kylemore Abbey and included visit. Afterwards, return to Galway, via Maam Cross, site of the replica cottage used in the classic movie 'The Quiet Man', Oughterard and Moycullen.
6:15 PM	Galway			Dinner in hotel (Band & Chaperones)
8:00 PM				Dinner in hotel (remainder)
Overnight				Jurys Inn, Quay Street, Galway.
8	3/20/2024	5:45 AM	Galway	Wake up call
		6:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast Buffet (Band & Chaperones)
		7:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast Buffet (remainder)
		8:30 AM		Depart for County Clare
		9:30 AM		Visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park where Irish life at the turn of the century is tellingly recreated. Some time for shopping in Bunratty Village Mills. Optional lunch on your own in the Village.

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8	3/20/2024	12:30 PM		Continue to Nenagh, County Tipperary
		1:30 PM	Nenagh	On arrival in the Town of Nenagh we proceed to the railway station car park. Disembark from coaches and walk the short distance to the Kenyon Bar. Band members to change into uniform & warm up in the railway car park in preparation for the parade performance.
		2:00 PM		Start the Parade: Route Kenyon Street, Pearse Street, Kickham Street, Banba Square and finish at the Court House.
		2:30 PM		Welcome speech by the Cathaoirleach, Nenagh Municipal District, followed by Kennedy Band recital on the steps of the Court House.
		3:00 PM		Transfer from the Court House to the railway station car park. Walk to the Kenyon Bar and change out of uniform.
		3:30 PM		Local Chamber President will speak on behalf of the Town of Nenagh to the John F. Kennedy Shamrock Regiment in the Kenyon Bar and present a gift to the Band Director who in turn will reciprocate with a plaque on behalf of the band.
		4:30 PM		Depart Nenagh and transfer to Malahide, County Dublin.
		9:00 PM	Malahide	Dinner in hotel.
		Overnight		Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin, Tel: +353-(0)1-845 0000
9	3/21/2024	6:30 AM	Malahide	Wake up call
		7:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant
		8:30 AM		This morning we depart from Malahide on a day excursion to Belfast, Northern Ireland.
		10:45 AM	Belfast	SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BELFAST: On arrival in Belfast we will meet our step-on guides and proceed to take a guided panoramic tour of the City, which will include the political wall murals located on the Protestant Shankill Road and Catholic Falls Road, Crumlin Road Gaol, Stormont Parliament Buildings, St. Anne's Cathedral, the Albert Memorial Clock Tower, City Hall, Opera House and Queens University – a unique cultural experience. Lunch on your own. Visit Titanic Belfast for tours.
		5:00 PM		Return transfer to Dublin
		8:30 PM	Malahide	Dinner in hotel.
		Overnight		Grand Hotel, Malahide, County Dublin.
10	3/22/2024	7:30 AM	Malahide	Wake up call
		8:30 AM		Full Irish Breakfast, Coast Restaurant
		11:30 AM		Depart for DUB
		12:00 PM		Arrive at Dublin Airport
		3:20 PM	DUB	Flight EI69
		7:40 PM	LAX	Arrive
		8:00 PM		Proceed through customs and load the buses and truck
		9:30 PM	La Palma	ETA at JFKHS