

# JOHN F. KENNEDY BAND BOOSTERS SPONSORED NON CURRICULAR IRELAND TOUR – MARCH 11-19, 2016

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## DAY 1-MARCH 11 FRIDAY – DEPART USA

- **Group #1 Passengers**  
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- **Group #1 Passengers**  
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- **Group #1 Passengers**  
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal), check in for flight
  
- **Group #2 – Passengers**  
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- **Group #2 – Passengers**  
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- **Group #2 – Passengers**  
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Terminal 2), check in for flight
- **Group #2 – Passengers**  
Pending

## DAY 2-MARCH 12 SATURDAY – WELCOME TO IRELAND

- **Group #1 & 2 – Passengers**  
Arrive Dublin Airport
- **Group #1 & 2 – Passengers**  
After clearing customs, proceed to the Arrivals Terminal where representatives of Grand Tours & Norman Travel will meet the group. Board your awaiting **Cronin motor coaches** and transfer the short distance to Malahide.
  
- Dinner in Hotel.

**OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin.** Ideally located in Dublin's Malahide, The Grand Hotel is close to Dublin Airport, Dublin City and the Irish Sea. The Grand Hotel offers you the convenience and bustle of a Dublin city break with the added bonus of a country getaway.

## DAY 3-MARCH 13 SUNDAY – MALAHIDE/DUBLIN/MALAHIDE

- Wake up call.
- Full Irish breakfast.
- Depart hotel for a guided sightseeing tour of Dublin, during which you will see some of the more notable sights, pass the General Post Office located in O'Connell Street, the Bank of Ireland – Old Parliament House, the Georgian Squares of Merrion and Fitzwilliam. Your first stop will be at Trinity College (Old Library & Book of Kells) and en route you will also visit St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Tour ends (approximate time) at Nassau Street. Time for lunch on your own, personal sightseeing and shopping.
- Return transfer to Malahide (depart from Nassau Street adjacent to Trinity College)
- Dinner in Hotel.

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- Cultural Exchange Concert – Clondalkin Youth Band from Southern Ireland and John F. Kennedy High School Shamrock Regiment.
- Dignitaries to be present at the concert and will speak and make a presentation on behalf of Clondalkin Youth Band to the Shamrock Regiment, followed by a speech from Joshua Parsons.
- Return to Hotel

**OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin**

## **DAY 4-MARCH 14 MONDAY - MALAHIDE/GALWAY**

- Wake up call.
- Full Irish breakfast.
- Today you will travel across the midlands of Ireland to the historic and enchanting Medieval City of Galway, capital of the West.

Lunch on your own.

On arrival in Galway take a short panoramic sightseeing tour of the City where you will see Eyre Square, Salmon Weir Bridge, Galway Cathedral, University of Galway, The Claddagh, Spanish Arch and Galway Bay.

- Transfer instruments to St. Patrick's School, Lombard St., Galway
- Dinner – Group 1 - Shamrock Regiment & Staff (1 hour, 15 minutes)
- Dinner – Group 2 – Adults (1 hour, 15 minutes)
- The Shamrock Regiment and staff departs hotel for St. Patrick's School, Lombard Street, Galway
- Arrive at St. Patrick's School
- Band and Colorguard rehearsal
- Group 2 – Adults depart hotel for St. Patrick's School
- Cultural Exchange Concert - Senior Patrician Brass Band and John F. Kennedy High School Shamrock Regiment.
- Mayor of Galway will be present at the concert and will speak and make a presentation on behalf of Galway City to the Shamrock Regiment, followed by a speech from Joshua Parsons.
- Return to Hotel (approx. time)

**OVERNIGHT: Jury's Inn Hotel, City Centre, Galway.** Mid-rise Waterfront Hotel, located across from historic Spanish Arch, overlooking Galway Bay perfectly situated in the heart of the city centre.

## **DAY 5-MARCH 15 TUESDAY – GALWAY/CONNEMARA/GALWAY**

- Wake up call.
- Full Irish breakfast.
- Today you will discover Connemara a breathtaking region of mountains and lakes. Drive through the Irish speaking village of Spiddal and onwards to Clifden - with an almost alpine setting and nestling on the edge of the Atlantic.

**Number 1 Visitor Attraction in West Ireland.** You will visit Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent 19th century castle. Continue your drive via Maam Cross, site of the replica cottage used in the classic movie 'The Quiet Man'.

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Lunch coupon provided for visit at Kylemore Abbey at Mitchell's Cafe. The menu reflects the Victorian and traditional style baking and cooking with recipes bestowed by the Benedictine Nuns of Kylemore Abbey,

- Dinner – First sitting for Shamrock Regiment and Staff and remainder of group

**OVERNIGHT: Jury's Inn Hotel, City Centre, Galway.**

## **DAY 6-WEDNESDAY MARCH 16 – GALWAY/NENAGH/BUNRATTY/MALAHIDE**

- Wake up call.
- Full Irish breakfast.
- Continue your journey, stopping in Nenagh, County Tipperary.
- On arrival in the town you will proceed to Club Mecca, Abbey Court Hotel. Time for band & colorguard members to change into uniform and warm up in the car park in preparation for the parade performance.
- Walk from the hotel to the railway station (approximately 10 minute walk).
- Start the parade at St. Martyr's Road, Kenyon St., Pearse St., Kickham St. Banba Square, finishing at the Court House.
- Welcome speech by the Mayor of Nenagh followed by the bands recital on the Court House steps.
- Return transfer to the Abbey Court Hotel. Change out of uniform in Club Mecca
- The Lord Mayor will speak to the Shamrock Regiment on behalf of Nenagh Town in the Abbey Court Hotel. Joshua Parsons will speak to the people of Nenagh.
- Depart hotel for County Clare. 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. A shopper's paradise with everything you could wish for. Lunch on your own.
- Sightsee in the Bunratty Folk Park and assemble at the castle by 5:15pm
- Enter the castle for the 5:45pm Banquet Dinner and Show
- Join the Earl of Thomond for a glorious banquet at this majestic 15th century Bunratty Castle.
- When you arrive at Bunratty Medieval Castle Banquet, a kilted piper plays a tune of welcome.
- You ascend the Castle steps crossing over the drawbridge to the 'Bite of Friendship' offered by one of the Hostesses.
- While partaking of a sumptuous four course dinner, delight to the dulcet tones of the Ladies of the Castle accompanied by Irish Harp and Fiddle.
- The Butler seeks the Lords approval for all dishes brought before him.
- The 35 minute spectacle which follows dinner is a superb selection of Irish medieval and traditional songs and instrumental.
- Return to the Capital City of Malahide.

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## **DAY 7-THURSDAY MARCH 17 – IN DUBLIN - HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

- Wake up call for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- Wake up call, remainder of group
- Full Irish Breakfast for Shamrock Regiment and staff.
- Full Irish breakfast, remainder of group.
- The Shamrock Regiment & Staff departs hotel in full uniform for assembly point 10:00/10:15am Parade Assembly

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- Remainder of group transfers from hotel to free standing viewing area on O'Connell St. Those with paid seating proceed to grandstand seating area.
- Parade leaves Assembly Area
  
- Parade starts at Parnell Square
- Parade Dispersal

Return transfer to hotel following parade.

Lunch on your own.

Balance of afternoon at leisure.

- Dinner in hotel (entire group)

**Overnight: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin**

## **DAY 8-FRIDAY MARCH 18**

- Wake up call for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- Wake up call, remainder of group
- Full Irish breakfast for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- Full Irish breakfast, remainder of group.
- Travelers will choose Tour A or Tour B

### **Tour A: MALAHIDE/WICKLOW/MALAHIDE**

- Your first stop will be Glendalough Visitor's Centre where you will see the Audio Visual presentation followed by a tour of this early Christian monastic site, founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses.
- Your second stop will be to visit Powerscourt House and Gardens situated south of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. the 'Garden of Ireland. Powerscourt overlooks the breath-taking Sugarloaf Mountain. It is Ireland's most beautiful country estate occupying 47 acres.
- Main attractions on the grounds include the Tower Valley (with stone tower), Japanese gardens, winged horse statues, Triton Lake, Bamberg Gate and the Italian Garden. Inspiration for the garden design followed visits by Powerscourt to ornamental gardens at the Palace of Versailles, Schönbrunn Palace near Vienna, and Schwetzingen Castle near Heidelberg.
- Lunch on own.

### **Tour B: MALAHIDE/KILDARE/MALAHIDE**

- Morning excursion to Kildare
- Learn about the "sport of kings" and view some of Ireland's finest thoroughbred horses at the **Irish National Stud**; the Stud combines an active role in the development and promotion of Irish bloodstock with its role as one of the country's major tourist attractions. It is the only Stud farm in Ireland open to the public.

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- On the same grounds, visit the **Japanese Gardens**, acclaimed as the finest Japanese gardens in Europe. They are a living monument to the meeting of Eastern and Western cultures in a Western setting.
- The aim of the Japanese Gardens was, through trees, plants, flowers, lawns, rocks and water, to symbolise the "Life of Man".
- The Japanese Gardens are a place for contemplation, meditation and reflection.
- Lunch – on own
- Continue to **Malahide Castle**, one of the oldest and most historic castles in Ireland. From 1185 to 1975, it was the home of the Talbot family. This was a remarkable tenure by a single family and is one of the longest in Ireland.
  - Dinner in hotel (entire group)

**OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin**

## **DAY 9-SATURDAY MARCH 19 – MALAHIDE/LOS ANGELES**

### **Group #1 & #2 – Passengers**

- Wake up call.
- Boxed continental breakfast, to be collected in the hotel lobby.
- Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport
- Departs Dublin Airport
- Scheduled arrival time in Los Angeles
- Depart to Kennedy High School
- Estimated arrival time in Kennedy High School Parking Lot

**Fáilte Abhaile (Welcome Home)**

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## ESTIMATED PRICE PER PERSON

**The pricing is based on a 10% increase from our very successful Kennedy Band trip to Ireland from March 11-19, 2012.** This is the same tour we completed with a couple of minor itinerary enhancements. We are rolling out this tour on September 17, 2014 with **estimated trip costs**, understanding that the land and air prices from our tour operators won't be available until March 2015 at the earliest. Typically land seasonal rates aren't available until 12-14 months before arrival and air until 320 days prior to departure. The land pricing will be based on the Euros to US Dollar exchange rate. If at the time of purchase for land if the exchange rates are less or greater, adjustments will be made in pricing. Airfares are always in US Dollars so the exchange rate does not apply.

This early rollout of the Ireland trip is to help the Shamrock Regiment families better afford a lower monthly payment over an extended period of time. Until we receive the actual quotes from our tour operators most likely in March 2015 with the inclusions and exclusions, any cancellations will receive a 100% refund. So there is no risk to enroll and get started paying for the trip to Ireland now.

### STUDENT PRICE PER PERSON

Competitive Band-Sharing Triple Accommodations: \$3,180.00 PER PERSON  
 Non Competitive Band-Sharing Triple Accommodations: \$3,498.00 PER PERSON \*\*\*

### ADULT PRICE PER PERSON

Sharing Triple Accommodations: \$3,180.00 PER PERSON  
 Sharing Twin Accommodations: \$3,210.00 PER PERSON  
 Single Accommodations: \$3,650.00 PER PERSON  
 Sharing Twin Accommodations (**Chaperone**): \$2,980.00 PER PERSON

\*\*\* For students in the Kennedy Band and Colorguard, please note this pricing is based on competitive band members. If you are not in competitive band, a 10% penalty is added to your trip cost. This only applies to the students.

<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE Payment #</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Non Competitive Band Student Triple</b>	<b>Competitive Band Student Triple</b>	<b>Adult Triple</b>	<b>Adult Double</b>	<b>Adult Single</b>	<b>Adult Double Chaperone</b>
Deposit	Sep 2014	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Payment #1	Oct 2014	\$207.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #2	Nov 2014	\$207.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #3	Dec 2014	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #4	Jan 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #5	Feb 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #6	Mar 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #7	Apr 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #8	May 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #9	Jun 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #10	July 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #11	Aug 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #12	Sep 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #13	Oct 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #14	Nov 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #15	Dec 2015	\$206.00	\$186.00	\$186.00	\$188.00	\$216.00	\$174.00
Payment #16	Jan 2016	\$206.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$170.00

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**Traveller Enrollment Form**

**Please check one:**

- Competitive Band Student     Non Competitive Band Student  
 Adult Triple             Adult Double     Adult Single     Adult Chaperone \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Note requires AUHSD Finger Printing and TB Test. Band Director selects chaperones.

**Payment Information:**

- Cash (You will be mailed a receipt) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Savings Account Transfer) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check or Money Order (Payable to "Shamrock Regiment") \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payments may be made on-line through the "Payment Portal" at shamrockregiment.org  
 Amount of payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of payment \_\_\_\_\_

Payments can be made in the Band Room Lockbox or mailed to the following address:  
Shamrock Regiment, PO Box 539, Cypress, CA 90630

All questions about payments should be directed to the band bookkeeper Henri Soucy.  
Home (714) 281-2917; Cell (562) 547-9909; E-mail address: henrisoucy@gmail.com

Traveller Legal First, Middle and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Marching Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_ Passport: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ or a Foreign National: \_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**Traveller Shirt Size:**

(Circle One): Small    Medium    Large    X-Large    XX-Large    XXX-Large

**Invoice Note:** Each traveller will be either mailed or emailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month their invoice that will show the current scheduled payments, along with their payments to-date and any balance due or if overpaid, the surplus paid to-date. I would like to receive my invoice on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month via the following delivery method:

**Please Circle One:** **Mail** (To address listed above) or **Email** (To the email address listed above)

By signing below I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the extra-curricular student tour sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Band Boosters. I further acknowledge that my daughter/son assumes full responsibility for his/her own actions, and shares responsibility for the group's actions. I also assume responsibility for my actions, should I be the enrolling participant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date