

JOHN F. KENNEDY SHAMROCK REGIMENT
IRELAND TOUR – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
MARCH 11 – 19, 2016

(All times are estimated as of August 3, 2015. Airline flight numbers, routing and times subject to change)

MARCH 11 **FRIDAY – DEPART USA**

- 10:10am **Group #1 – Lufthansa**
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- 11:10am **Group #1 – Lufthansa**
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- 12:10pm **Group #1 – Lufthansa**
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- 12:25pm **Group #2 – Virgin Atlantic/Aer Lingus**
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- 1:25pm **Group #2 – Virgin Atlantic/Aer Lingus**
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- 2:25pm **Group #2 – Virgin Atlantic/Aer Lingus**
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Terminal 2), check in for flight
- 3:10pm **Group #1 – Lufthansa**
Lufthansa #457 departs Los Angeles for Frankfurt (11:10am + 1 scheduled arrival time)
- 5:25pm **Group #2 – Virgin Atlantic/Aer Lingus**
Virgin Atlantic #8 departs Los Angeles for London/Heathrow (12:00pm + 1 scheduled arrival time)

MARCH 12 **SATURDAY – WELCOME TO IRELAND**

- 4:00pm **Group #1 - Lufthansa**
Lufthansa #980 departs Frankfurt for Dublin
- 4:20pm **Group #2 – Aer Lingus**
Aer Lingus #169 departs London/Heathrow for Dublin
- 5:00pm **Group #1 – Lufthansa – Arrive Dublin Airport (Terminal 1) - LH 980**
- 5:40pm **Group #2 – Aer Lingus – Arrive Dublin Airport (Terminal 2) – EI 169**

After clearing customs, proceed to the Arrivals Terminal where representatives of Grand Tours & Norman Travel will meet the group. Board your awaiting motor coaches and transfer the short distance to Malahide.
- 9:00pm Dinner in Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin

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MARCH 13 SUNDAY – MALAHIDE/DUBLIN/MALAHIDE

7:00am Wake up call.

8:00am Full Irish breakfast.

9:00am 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.

12:30pm Tour ends (approximate time) at Nassau Street. Time for lunch on your own, personal sightseeing and shopping.

3:00pm Return transfer to Malahide

3:30pm Approximate arrival time at Grand Hotel, Malahide

5:00pm Dinner in Hotel

TBA Cultural Exchange Concert with the Clondalkin Youth Band

TBA Return to hotel

 OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin

MARCH 14 MONDAY - MALAHIDE/GALWAY

7:00am Wake up call.

8:00am Full Irish breakfast.

9:00am 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.

3:15pm Transfer instruments to St. Patrick’s School, Lombard St., Galway

5:00pm Dinner – Group 1 - Shamrock Regiment & Staff (1 hour, 15 minutes)

6:00pm Dinner – Group 2 – Adults (1 hour, 15 minutes)

6:30pm The Shamrock Regiment and staff departs hotel for St. Patrick’s School, Lombard Street, Galway

6:50pm Arrive at St. Patrick’s School

7:00pm Band and Colorguard rehearsal begins

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- 7:30pm Band and Colorguard rehearsal ends
- 7:30pm Group 2 – Adults depart hotel for St. Patrick’s School
- 8:00pm Cultural Exchange Concert - Senior Patrician Brass Band and John F. Kennedy High School Shamrock Regiment.
- 10:00pm 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.
- 11:15pm Return to Hotel (approx. time)
- OVERNIGHT: Jurys Inn, City Center, Galway

MARCH 15 TUESDAY – GALWAY/CONNEMARA/GALWAY

- 7:30am Wake up call.
- 8:30am Full Irish breakfast.
- 9:30am 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.
- Lunch on your own.
- 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’.
- 7:30pm Dinner – First sitting for Shamrock Regiment and Staff
- 8:00pm Dinner – Remainder of group
- OVERNIGHT: Jurys Inn, City Center, Galway

MARCH 16 WEDNESDAY – GALWAY/BUNRATTY/NENAGH/MALAHIDE

- 5:45am Wake up call.
- 6:30am Full Irish breakfast.
- 8:00am Depart hotel for County Clare.
- 9:30am 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. Lunch on your own.
- 12:30pm Continue your journey, stopping in Nenagh, County Tipperary.

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- 1:30pm 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.
- 2:00pm Walk from the hotel to the railway station (approximately 10 minute walk).
- 2:15pm Start the parade at St. Martyr’s Road, Kenyon St., Pearse St., Kickham St. Banba Square, finishing at the Court House.
- 3:00pm Welcome speech by the Mayor of Nenagh followed by the bands recital on the Court House steps.
- 3:30pm Return transfer to the Abbey Court Hotel. Change out of uniform in Club Mecca
- 4:00pm 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.
- 5:00pm Return to the Capital City of Dublin.
- 8:15pm Dinner in hotel (entire group)
- OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin

MARCH 17 THURSDAY – IN DUBLIN - HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

- 6:00am Wake up call for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- 6:30am Wake up call, remainder of group
- 7:00am Full Irish Breakfast for Shamrock Regiment and staff.
- 7:30am Full Irish breakfast, remainder of group.
- 9:30am The Shamrock Regiment & Staff departs hotel in full uniform for assembly point
- 10:00/10:15am Parade Assembly
- 10:15am Remainder of group transfers from hotel to free standing viewing area on O’Connell St. Those with paid seating proceed to grandstand seating area.
- 11:00am Parade leaves Assembly Area
- 12:00pm Parade starts at Parnell Square
- 1:30/2:30pm Parade Dispersal
- Return transfer to hotel following parade.
- Lunch on your own. Balance of afternoon at leisure.
- 6:00pm Dinner in hotel (entire group)
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MARCH 18 FRIDAY – MALAHIDE/WICKLOW/MALAHIDE

- 7:15am Wake up call for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- 7:30am Wake up call, remainder of group
- 8:15am Full Irish breakfast for Shamrock Regiment and staff
- 8:30am Full Irish breakfast, remainder of group.
- 9:30am Touring – 2 options

Tour A: Glendalough and Powerscourt House and Gardens

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.

Tour B: Irish National Stud, Japanese Gardens and Malahide Castle

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.

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 symbolize 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.

- 7:00pm Dinner in hotel (entire group)
- OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin

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MARCH 19 SATURDAY – DUBLIN/LOS ANGELES

Group #1 – Lufthansa

2:15am Wake up call.

3:00am Boxed continental breakfast, to be collected in the hotel lobby.

3:15am Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport

5:50am Lufthansa #983 departs Dublin for Frankfurt (8:50am scheduled arrival)

10:05am Lufthansa #456 departs Frankfurt for Los Angeles

12:40pm Scheduled arrival time in Los Angeles

2:10pm Depart to Kennedy High School

3:10pm Estimated arrival time in Kennedy High School Parking Lot

Group #2 – Aer Lingus/Virgin Atlantic

3:15am Wake up call

4:00am Boxed continental breakfast, to be collected in the hotel lobby.

4:15am Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport

6:40am **Group #2**
Aer Lingus #152 departs Dublin for London/Heathrow (8:05am scheduled arrival)

10:10am **Group #2**
Virgin Atlantic #7 departs London/Heathrow for Los Angeles

2:40pm Scheduled arrival time Los Angeles

4:10pm Depart to Kennedy High School

5:10pm Estimated arrival time in Kennedy High School Parking Lot

Fáilte Abhaile (Welcome Home)

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HOTELS WHILE GROUP IS ON TOUR

MARCH 12 & 13, Dublin, Ireland

The Grand Hotel - Malahide

Co. Dublin, Ireland

Tel: 011-353-1-845 0000

MARCH 14 & 15, Galway, Ireland

Jurys Inn

Quay St.

Galway, Ireland

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MARCH 16, 17, 18, Dublin, Ireland

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Co. Dublin, Ireland

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IRELAND IS EIGHT (8) HOURS AHEAD OF LOS ANGELES TIME. EXAMPLE: 12:00 NOON – LOS ANGELES, - 8:00 PM IN IRELAND.

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