



**KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL SHAMROCK REGIMENT
ST. PATRICK'S AND NENAGH PARADES, IRELAND
MARCH 11 - 20, 2008 (Date changed from 3/12-21/08)
(Order of events may vary and are subject to change)**

Day 1: Tuesday, March 11, 2008; outbound flight

- ✦ Meet at John F. Kennedy High School to board coaches for transfer to LAX

Group A:

7:20 pm Depart from LAX to London's Heathrow Airport on Virgin Atlantic Flight #8, overnight flight, meals on board

Group B:

10:20 PM Depart from LAX to London's Heathrow Airport on Virgin Atlantic Flight #24; overnight flight, meals on board

Day 2: Wednesday, March 12, 2008; Dublin, Ireland

Group A: 12:40 pm Arrive at London's Heathrow Airport

Group B: 2:45 pm Arrive at London's Heathrow Airport

Group 1: Departs 3:35pm – Arrives 4:55pm British Midlands Flight 129
Group 2: Departs 5:40pm – Arrives 7:00pm British Midlands Flight 131
Group 3: Departs 7:50pm – Arrives 9:10pm British Midlands Flight 133

- ✦ Arrive in Dublin, Ireland! Irish welcome by your tour escorts
- ✦ Load luggage and instruments onto Cronin Coaches and transfer to hotel
- ✦ Check-in to the **Grand Hotel in Malahide, County Dublin, Ireland**
Tel: + 353 1845 0000
Fax: + 353 1816 8225

- ✦ Dinner at hotel - included

Day 3: Thursday, March 13, 2008; Galway

- ✦ Full Irish breakfast at the hotel – included; explore the marina and other area surrounding the Grand Hotel
- ✦ Late morning check-out of your hotel; load coaches and drive to Galway (140 miles)
- ✦ Lunch - on own en route
- ✦ Enjoy a short driving tour of Galway with free time afterwards for exploration
- ✦ Check-in to **Days Hotel in Galway, Dublin Road, Galway**
Tel: + 353 91 381 200
Fax: + 353 91 753 187

- ✦ Dinner at hotel - included

Day 4: Friday, March 14, 2008; Galway/Cliffs of Moher/Galway

- ✦ Full Irish breakfast at hotel – included
- ✦ Depart for Bunratty Castle and Folk Park
- ✦ Visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. The castle was built in 1425; experience living history of life in 19th century Ireland
- ✦ Shop at Bunratty Village Mills, one of the best Irish shopping centers to be found!
- ✦ Lunch - on own
- ✦ Drive to the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, via the dramatic limestone landscape of Burren National Park, where rivers flow underground and rare flora bloom from rocky beds
- ✦ The majestic Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights, standing 230 meters above ground nearly 5 miles long and offers amazing views of Ireland.
- ✦ Return to Galway
- ✦ Dinner at hotel - included

Day 5: Saturday, March 15, 2008; Galway/Nenagh/Dublin

- ✧ Full Irish breakfast at hotel – included; check-out of hotel
- ✧ Depart for Nenagh, 65 miles, approximately 1.5 hour drive
- ✧ Arrive in Nenagh;
- ✧ **Participate in the Nenagh Parade!**
- ✧ ☆ **Parade route: Martyrs Road, Kenyon Street, Pearse Street, Kickham Street, and Banba Square, terminating at Castle Field**
- ✧ Lunch on own
- ✧ **Recital performance opportunity at Castle Field (weather permitting)**
- ✧ **Gift exchange ceremony with the Mayor of Nenagh**
- ✧ Drive to Dublin, 110 miles, approximately 2.5 to 3 hour drive
- ✧ Check-in to hotel in Dublin

Band, staff, & chaperones: Mespil Hotel, Mespil Road, Dublin 4

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Adults & families:

Days Hotel Park West

Park West Business Campus

Nangor Road

Tel: +353 (0) 1 642 9100

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- ✧ Dinner at hotel - included; balance of evening at leisure

Day 6: Sunday, March 16, 2008; Dublin:

- ✧ Full Irish breakfast at hotel – included
- ✧ Guided city tour of Dublin: General Post Office, Bank of Ireland, the old Parliament House, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park
- ✧ Visit Trinity College; view the incredible Book of Kells and Old Library
- ✧ Afternoon free for shopping and sightseeing
- ✧ Dinner at hotel – included

Day 7: Monday, March 17, 2008; Dublin, Ireland: St. Patrick's Day!

- ✧ Full Irish breakfast at hotel – included
- ✧ 9 am: Depart hotel in full uniform to St. Stephen's Green, staging area for step-off
- ✧ 11 am: Depart from staging area to Parnell Square
- ✧ Noon: **March in the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade!**
(Parade route is Parnell Square, O'Connell Street, Dame Street, ending at St. Patrick's Cathedral)
- ✧ Motorcoach pickup of band to return to hotel; change clothes
- ✧ Lunch - on own
- ✧ Afternoon at leisure to shop and sightsee
- ✧ Dinner at hotel – included
- ✧ Disco for all parade participants at Earl Of Kildare Hotel (7:30 to 10:30 pm)

Day 8: Tuesday, March 18, 2008; Dublin, Ireland / London, England

- ✧ Full Irish breakfast at hotel – included.; checkout of hotel and drive to airport
- Group 1: Departs 9:10am – Arrives 10:30am British Midlands Flight 129**
- Group 2: Departs 11:15am – Arrives 12:35pm British Midlands Flight 131**
- Group 3: Departs 3:40pm – Arrives 4:55pm British Midlands Flight 133**
- ✧ Departure flight to London; arrive London
- ✧ Transfer to hotel and check-in
- ✧ Free time to explore the sights of London on your own, including Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace's Changing of the Guard, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben to the
- ✧ Dinner on own; overnight in London

Day 9: Wednesday, March 19, 2008; London, England

- Continental breakfast at hotel – included
- Group tour of the Tower of London, where you can admire the Crown Jewels, including the enormous Cullinan I and the notorious Koh-i-noor, and walk through history from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth I! See Tower Green where the 2nd wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I, Anne Boleyn, was beheaded.
- Visit one of the many museums: the British Museum, the National Gallery, Madame Tussaud's, or the Cabinet War Rooms, the underground complex used by Winston Churchill and staff during the air raids of World War II
- Dinner – cash handout
- Overnight at hotel; pack your bags!

Day 10: Thursday, March 20, 2008; return flight

- Continental breakfast at hotel – included; checkout of hotel
- Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Group A:

11:30am Depart from London's Heathrow Airport to LAX on Virgin Atlantic Flight #8, overnight flight, meals on board

Group A:

3:45pm Arrive from London's Heathrow Airport to LAX on Virgin Atlantic Flight #8, overnight flight, meals on board

Group B:

3:00pm Depart from London's Heathrow Airport to LAX on Virgin Atlantic Flight #24; overnight flight, meals on board

Group B:

7:50pm Arrive from London's Heathrow Airport to LAX on Virgin Atlantic Flight #24; overnight flight, meals on board

Welcome Home!**Inclusions:**

- ✦ 8 nights accommodations in 3-4 star hotels with private facilities
- ✦ 8 breakfasts: full Irish breakfasts in Ireland, with continental breakfasts in England
- ✦ 7 dinners, including five 3 course dinners (excluding drinks at all meals)
- ✦ Group leader from On Trek and Creative Music Tours for duration of tour
- ✦ 3 Multi-lingual tour escorts
- ✦ Instrument rental; see below for specific list quoted
- ✦ Private deluxe coaches as per itinerary; narrative drivers
- ✦ Driver's accommodations in Galway
- ✦ Half-day step-on guide in Dublin, 1 per coach
- ✦ Entrance fees to Trinity College, St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunratty Castle
- ✦ Organization of & participation in St. Patrick's Parade, Nenagh Parade and 1 performance in Galway County
- ✦ Driver's daily tip; tour leaders' daily tip
- ✦ All admissions, taxes, and gratuities per itinerary
- ✦ Band trip spirit shirts and Trip DVD
- ✦ Insurance and financial protection

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EXCLUSIONS:

- ↳ Transportation to/from departing airport
- ↳ Rollaway beds
- ↳ Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- ↳ Any fees, tariffs or tips not indicated on itinerary
- ↳ Excess or oversize baggage (if applicable)

Website links for hotels and attractions:**IRELAND:**

Cliffs of Moher: http://www.shannonheritage.com/Cliffs_of_Moher.htm

Bunratty Village Mills: www.shannonheritage.com/Bunratty_Day.htm

Bunratty Castle and Folk Park: http://www.shannonheritage.com/Folk_Park.htm

Book of Kells: <http://www.tcd.ie/info/trinity/bookofkells/>

or <http://celtdigital.org/CeltArtKells.htm>

Trinity College: <http://www.tcd.ie/>

Please note that some triple accommodations will be double bed and 1 single/sofa bed.

Dublin:

Grand Hotel in Malahide: <http://www.thegrand.ie/>

Mespil Hotel, Dublin: <http://www.leehotels.com/mespil/index.php>

Days Hotel Park West, Dublin: <http://www.dayshotelparkwest.com/>

Days Hotel Galway: www.dayshotelgalway.com

LONDON:

Tower of London: <http://www.hrp.org.uk/>

Westminster Abbey: www.westminster-abbey.org

Houses of Parliament and Big Ben: www.parliament.uk

Buckingham Palace: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/page555.asp>

and <http://www.changing-the-guard.com/sched.htm>

The British Museum: www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

The National Gallery: www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Madame Tussaud's: www.madame-tussauds.co.uk

London eye for an amazing view of London: www.londoneye.com

Cabinet War Rooms: Sir Winston Churchill, his cabinet and the chiefs of staff used this underground complex during WWII air raids. Displays include the Map Room, Trans-Atlantic Telephone Room, and Map Room, and in 2003, Churchill's bedroom, private kitchen and dining room were added to the tour. An audio guide includes first-hand accounts of life in the War Rooms. www.cwr.iwm.org.uk