

**JOHN F. KENNEDY SHAMROCK REGIMENT
IRELAND TOUR – ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
MARCH 11 – 19, 2012**

DAY 1-MARCH 11 SUNDAY – DEPART USA

- 11:15am **Group #1 – 57 Passengers**
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- 12:15pm **Group #1 - 57 Passengers**
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- 1:15pm **Group #1 – 57 passengers**
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal), check in for flight
- 4:15pm **Group #1 – 57 passengers**
Lufthansa #457 departs Los Angeles for Frankfurt (11:10am + 1 scheduled arrival time)



- 1:35pm **Group #2A & B – 85 passengers**
Arrive at Kennedy Band Room. Check-In Suitcase is tagged and Passengers put on their Name Badges
- 2:35pm **Group #2A & B – 85 passengers**
Depart Kennedy High School for Los Angeles International Airport (Tom Bradley Terminal)
- 3:35pm **Group #2A & B – 85 passengers**
Arrive Los Angeles International Airport (Terminal 2), check in for flight
- 6:35pm **Group #2A & B – 85 passengers**
Virgin Atlantic #8 departs Los Angeles for London/Heathrow (12:25pm + 1 scheduled arrival time)



DAY 2-MARCH 12 MONDAY – WELCOME TO IRELAND

- 2:25pm **Group #2A – 50 passengers**
Aer Lingus #163 departs London/Heathrow for Dublin
- 3:35pm **Group #2B – 35 passengers**
Aer Lingus #165 departs London/Heathrow for Dublin
- 3:45pm **Group #2A – 50 passengers** - Arrive Dublin Airport (Terminal 2) - EI #163
- 4:00pm **Group #1 – 57 passengers**
Lufthansa #980 departs Frankfurt for Dublin

4:50pm **Group #2B – 35 passengers** – Arrive Dublin Airport (Terminal 2) – EI #165
 5:05pm **Group #1 – 57 passengers** – Arrive Dublin Airport (Terminal 1) - LH #980
 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



DAY 3-MARCH 13 TUESDAY – 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 for Shamrock Regiment and staff (depart from Nassau Street adjacent to Trinity College)

3:30pm Approximate arrival time at Grand Hotel, Malahide
4:00pm Band & Colorguard practice at Grand Hotel Malahide – 90 minutes
5:30pm Band & Colorguard finish rehearsal.

Adults - This afternoon is at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping.

5:30pm Adults - Return transfer to Malahide (depart from Nassau Street adjacent to Trinity College)
8:00pm Dinner in Hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin

DAY 4-MARCH 14 WEDNESDAY - 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
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: Carlton Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway



DAY 5-MARCH 15 THURSDAY – 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: Carlton Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway

DAY 6-FRIDAY MARCH 16 – GALWAY/BUNRATTY/NENAGH/DUBLIN

- 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.
- 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: Mespil Hotel, Mespil Road, Dublin 4

DAY 7-SATURDAY MARCH 17 – 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)

OVERNIGHT: Mespil Hotel, Dublin



DAY 8-SUNDAY MARCH 18 – DUBLIN/WICKLOW/DUBLIN

- 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 This morning you will take an excursion to Wicklow, the 'Garden of Ireland'.

Group A: 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.

Group B: You will visit Powerscourt House and Gardens situated south of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains.



Lunch on your own.

Group A: This afternoon you will visit Powerscourt House and Gardens situated south of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains.

Group B: This afternoon, 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.

7:00pm Dinner in hotel (entire group)

OVERNIGHT: Mespil Hotel, Dublin

DAY 9-MONDAY MARCH 19 – DUBLIN/LOS ANGELES

Group #1 – 57 passengers

- 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
- 5:45am Lufthansa #983 departs Dublin for Frankfurt (9:00am scheduled arrival)
- 10:15am Lufthansa #456 departs Frankfurt for Los Angeles
- 1:55pm Scheduled arrival time in Los Angeles
- 3:25pm Depart to Kennedy High School
- 5:00pm Estimated arrival time in Kennedy High School Parking Lot

Group #2 – 85 passengers

- 4:15am Wake up call
- 5:00am Boxed continental breakfast, to be collected in the hotel lobby.
- 5:15am Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport
- 7:45am **Group #2 – 85 passengers**
Aer Lingus #154 departs Dublin for London/Heathrow (9:10am scheduled arrival)
- 11:25am **Group #2 – 85 passengers**
Virgin Atlantic #7 departs London/Heathrow for Los Angeles

4:05pm Scheduled arrival time Los Angeles
4:35pm Depart to Kennedy High School
6:05pm Estimated arrival time in Kennedy High School Parking Lot

Fáilte Abhaile (Welcome Home)

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND HOTEL LIST

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MARCH 12 & 13, Dublin, Ireland The Grand Hotel - Malahide
Co. Dublin, Ireland
Tel: 011-353-1-845 0000

MARCH 14 & 15, Galway, Ireland The Carlton Hotel
Dublin Road
Galway, Ireland
Tel: 011-353-91-381 200

MARCH 16, 17, 18, Dublin, Ireland The Mespil Hotel
Mespil Road
Dublin 4, Ireland
Tel: 011-353-1-488 4600

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