UNIVERSITY OF
ST. FRANCIS

Presents
The Gems of Ireland
April 12 – 20, 2010
$2,490 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Chicago

This is an exclusive travel program presented by The University of St. Francis & InterTrav
Day by Day Itinerary

Mon., April 12 – CHICAGO/EN ROUTE
Depart Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport for the overnight transatlantic flight to Dublin, Ireland. (I)

Tues., April 13 – DUBLIN/GALWAY
Shortly after the sun rises on the Irish coast we will arrive in Dublin where we’ll meet our Irish Driver/Guide who will travel with us throughout the tour. We will depart Dublin and journey across the rolling pastures of Ireland’s heartland to visit Clonmacnoise. This monastic settlement was founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran and is delightfully set on the banks of the river Shannon. We will continue our drive to Galway and our hotel. The afternoon is at leisure to relax and settle in before joining with the group for dinner. (I, D)

April 14 – GALWAY
(Connemara, Kylemore Abbey and Celtic Crystal)
Today we tour Connemara and admire the sweeping views of bog lands and misty mountains. We will stop in the quaint village of Spiddal, which retains the Irish language and many traditional lifestyles. As we drive along, you will see many sheep that graze freely and also tracts of bog lands where some people hand-cut peat for home heating. We will then stop to visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion overlooking Kylemore Lake. Originally a private residence, it is now a prestigious girls school. We’ll visit the chapel and the restored award winning Victorian Gardens. After our visit we’ll continue our drive to the town of Moycullen to visit the Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory. This family business specializes in designs based on the shamrock, Claddagh ring and harp, often in colored crystal. We will watch the craftsmen demonstrate the cutting of designs and see the full range of products in the showrooms. We will return to Galway where the evening is at leisure. (I, D)

Thurs., April 15 – GALWAY/KILLARNEY (Cliffs of Moher)
We will depart Galway this morning and travel through Galway and around Galway Bay. We continue through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills renowned for its flora and prehistoric stone monuments. We’ll stop to view the majestic Cliffs of Moher, a rocky wall that rises nearly 700 feet above the foaming Atlantic Ocean. From there, we will take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary to the mountainous countryside of Kerry. We will arrive in Killarney in the afternoon and the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to relax and explore before our evening dinner. (B, D)

Fri., April 16 – KILLARNEY (Dingle Peninsula Tour)
This morning we drive via Killorglin and out along the Dingle Peninsula. We will journey along the scenic road which winds along portions of the shoreline and through the hilly country, enjoying spectacular views of mountains and coast, with new vistas opening up at every turn in the road. We will also see the Iveragh Peninsula to the south. On our journey we stop in the town of Dingle before driving to the very tip of the peninsula to see the primitive stone “beehive” huts of the early monks and the Gallarus Oratory, built in the 6th century of un-mortared stone and watertight after 14 centuries. We will return along the peninsula to the town of Tralee and then travel south back to Killarney. (B)

Sat., April 17 – KILLARNEY/CORK
(Blarney Castle and Cobh Heritage Center)
Leaving Killarney, we drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, we will stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle to kiss the famous “Stone of Eloquence”. We will also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. We’ll also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. We’ll re-board our motor coach for the short drive to the east of Cork to Cobh, the harbor town for large ships. We will visit the Cobh Heritage Center, which depicts the varied history of emigration from Ireland and many European countries to the United States over the past 150 years. Cobh was the last port of call for the famous “Titanic” and many liners that carried emigrants to the New World. This informative display is housed in the rail station through which all of the Irish emigrants had to pass. After our visit we will drive to our hotel in Cork city. (B, D)

Sun., April 18 – CORK/DUBLIN
(Glendalough and Powerscourt)
This morning we depart Cork and travel through the rich dairy country of Cork and Tipperary, past the gentle slopes of the Galtee Mountains and the majestic Rock of Cashel. We then drive though the midland region where we will see many farms and marketing towns. Our route will take us past the towns of Portlaoise and Kildare. We continue across the Wicklow Mountains to see the 6th century monastic ruins of Glendalough, where the peacefulness of the valley conjures up the spirit of the monks. The Visitor Center explains how St. Kevin founded this settlement at a time when Christianity was burgeoning throughout Ireland. Today the monks have long gone, leaving the ruins of numerous churches and a round tower. We will then drive north toward Dublin stopping to visit the Powerscourt Gardens, a superb collection of trees, shrubs, and flowers gathered from all around the world. This former home of Lord Powerscourt is a delightful experience with terraced Italian Gardens and abundant floral displays. After our visit we will drive to Dublin and check into our hotel. (B, D)

Mon., April 19 – DUBLIN
Today we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the prominent historic buildings of Dublin. Dublin is an ancient settlement founded by the Vikings in the 9th century.
The city has been molded though the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political, and artistic influences. Stop to tour Dublin Castle to see the State Apartments where many state functions are held in the richly decorated chambers. Next we visit Trinity College to view the 8th century Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the gospels. Then we visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. We will finish our visit in the roof top bar, Gravity, overlooking the city center where we will sample a draft Guinness and enjoy a view of the city. The remainder of the afternoon is free for sightseeing and last-minute shopping. Tonight we’ll end our vacation in style with an evening of dinner and entertainment. (B, D)

Tues., April 20 – DUBLIN/CHICAGO
This morning we return to Dublin Airport in preparation for the return journey home. (B, I)

* * * Welcome Home * * *

I = In-flight meals  B = Breakfast
L = Lunch    D = Dinner

The Tour Price Includes:
- Economy-class air transportation by scheduled service - Chicago/Dublin - Dublin/Chicago. Meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Irish Driver/Guide.
- Accommodations in first-class hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower.
- Full Irish breakfast each morning and six evening dinners as shown in the tour itinerary.
- Full sightseeing program as described in the tour itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- Luggage handling and porterage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Taxes for ground services and entrance fees to included excursions.
- Taxes for included land services; and airport departure taxes; Customs service charges and airline security fees @ $130 per person (subject to change).

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; tips to the Driver/Guide and local guide(s); luggage handling at airports; personal and baggage insurance; meals other than those stated above; drinks with meals other than breakfast.

Reservation Application

Please detach and mail to: Aubrey Durish
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Please reserve ___________ places for me/us on the Gems of Ireland Tour. Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of $________ (300 deposit per person).

Please make checks payable to: INTERTRAV CORPORATION

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. (PLEASE PRINT FULL FIRST & LAST NAMES - IDENTICAL TO PASSPORT)

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ADDRESS___________________________________________________________

CITY _______________________________ STATE ___________ ZIP CODE ________

TELEPHONE (_________) ___________ (_________) ___________

                                   Area Code         Area Code

Home                       Business

I will room with (if other than spouse) ________________________________

Other passengers I/we are traveling with _______________________________

☐ I do not have a roommate but will share. If a roommate cannot be found, I will pay the single supplement.
☐ I desire single room accommodations (subject to availability) at the supplementary charge of $400.
TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations and payments are accepted with personal or bank checks. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE Friday, January 15, 2010.**

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of September 24, 2009. In the event of a marked increase or decrease in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

TOUR PRICING: This is a package tour in which special group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, or take the land tour only this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of $100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: You will be given the opportunity to purchase insurance coverage for cancellation due to illness or accident. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance and you cancel from the tour, charges will be made without exception in accordance with the cancellation policy.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of $100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of $350 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the $350 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s), or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue St. Charles, IL 60174, faxed to:630-584-1573 or emailed to info@intertravcorp.com

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a valid passport. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before the return date of the tour, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour.

AIRLINE TICKETING: For ticketing purposes legal first, middle, and last names are required (identical to your passport). Once airline tickets have been issued and if a ticket requires a name change because of incorrect information supplied to our office, the client is responsible for any applicable airline charges.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PRICING: The tour price as quoted is based on tariffs in effect for estimated 2010 prices as of September 24, 2009. Tour prices do increase every year, and it is therefore possible that increases could occur after the printing of this brochure in advance of your tour’s departure. InterTrav Corporation will do everything possible to avoid an increase in the tour cost. However, should increases occur in airfares, hotel prices, and/or coach transportation costs, they will be added to the tour cost and passengers will be notified accordingly.

RESPONSIBILITY

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