

# Savannah Children's Choir Partner Tour to Ireland

(6 nights/8 days)

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**Day 1 Tuesday June 7, 2016**

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Depart via scheduled air service to Dublin, Ireland

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**Day 2 Wednesday June 8                      Birr / Limerick                      (D)**

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Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Birr to visit Birr Castle. Birr Castle Demesne is an estate of 50 acres of parkland in the Midlands town of Birr. It is home to Birr Castle and its magnificent Formal Gardens, the Historic Science Centre and the Great Telescope built in the 1840's. Ireland's Historic Science Centre in the old stable block features the many pioneering achievements of the Parsons family and of other great Irish scientists in the fields of astronomy, photography, engineering and horticulture

Continue to Limerick for late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

*Limerick city straddles the Shannon's broadening tidal stream, where the river swings west to join the Shannon Estuary. Despite some unexpected glitz and gloss, it remains an unflinchingly honest town that doesn't shy away from a tough past as portrayed in Frank McCourt's Angela's Ashes. Limerick has an intriguing castle, a lively art museum and contemporary cafe culture to go with its uncompromised pubs*

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**Day 3 Thursday June 9                      Limerick / Bunratty / Burren                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. Also visit the Folk Park, a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century Ireland

Lunch on own

Continue through the Burren to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. On a clear day, the views are tremendous

Return to Limerick

Attend Savannah Children's Choir concert

Evening dinner and overnight

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**Day 4 Friday June 10                      Limerick / Blarney / Cork / Waterford (B,D)**

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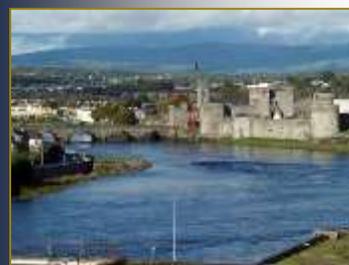
Breakfast at the hotel

Mid-morning transfer to Blarney where we will visit the Blarney Castle and Stone. The castle dates from 1446 and is built on solid limestone in beautiful grounds. The sacred stone is found at the top of the castle and when you catch a glimpse of it, you may well feel compelled to bend over backwards and kiss it!

Lunch on own

Also visit the Old Jameson Distillery in Cork

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Continue to Waterford for dinner and overnight

*Waterford lies near the southeastern tip of Ireland on the River Suir. The river at this point is broad and deep, and has thus enabled the town to develop into a seaport of considerable importance. The town has a variety of industries, but is particularly known for its glass. Waterford glass was famous in the early 19th century, and since its revival in 1947 again enjoys an international reputation. Most of the principal sights of Waterford can be seen by going down various streets and lanes opening southwards off the Quay*

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**Day 5      Saturday June 11      Waterford / Kilkenny      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a walking tour of Waterford. A walled city of Viking origins, Waterford retains much of its medieval character together with the graceful buildings from its 18th century expansion. Reginald's Tower marks the city's Viking heart and the surrounding area is particularly attractive. Also visit the Waterford Glass visitors center to see the famous hand cut crystal

Lunch on own

Transfer to Kilkenny to attend Savannah Children's Choir recital

Time at leisure time to explore Kilkenny on own

Return to Waterford

Attend Savannah Children's Choir concert

Evening dinner and overnight

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**Day 6      Sunday June 12      Waterford / Glendalough / Dublin      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Morning at leisure to explore Waterford on own or take an excursion to Wexford

Transfer to Wicklow

Lunch on own

Attend Savannah Children's Choir concert

Visit to Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains. The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough the "valley of the two lakes" harbor one of Ireland's most atmospheric monastic sites — established in the 6th century. Here we see the Round Tower, Cathedral, St. Kevin's Cross, and Gatehouse

Continue to Dublin for dinner and overnight

*Dublin is Ireland's capital and its largest, most cosmopolitan city. The 'boom years' came in the 18th century and the city expanded across the river forming a new Dublin of stately squares, streets and Georgian mansions. Today, with its elegant Georgian streets, gregarious inhabitants and long history, it's little wonder Dublin is a city of writers*

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**Day 7      Monday June 13      Dublin      (B,D)**

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Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral

Visit the Guinness Storehouse. The Guinness Brewery in Dublin is Europe's largest stout producing brewery and home to the Guinness Storehouse. Visitors will discover what goes into the making a pint of Guinness - the ingredients, the brewing process, the time, the craft and the passion. The exhibition shows how the brew has been marketed and how it is today sold in over 150 countries. Once the tour has finished, the guest is invited to the Gravity Bar to enjoy their pint of Guinness

Lunch on own

Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Evening Farewell Dinner and entertainment at Merry Ploughboys



**Day 8**      **Tuesday June 14**      **Depart for home**      **(B)**

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Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to Dublin's airport for return flight

