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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA

MAY 13-23, 2026



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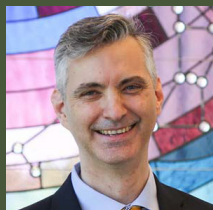


# JOIN US!

Join the Concordia University, Nebraska community as we travel to the Emerald Isle of Ireland!

Join Concordia University, Nebraska President, faculty and staff for a nine-night land adventure to explore the bustling city of Dublin, the charming village of Killarney, and the seaside location of Galway. All are welcome to join us—Alumni, Parents of Alumni/Students, Friends of Concordia University, members of the community, everyone! Submit your deposit today to secure your spot and look forward to enjoying some ***Craic agus Ceol!*** (Fun and Music)

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NORTHERN  
IRELAND

BELFAST

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GALWAY

CLIFFS OF MOHER

DUBLIN

DINGLE PENINSULA



KILLARNEY



BLARNEY CASTLE

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, ***all the earth!***  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
**Declare his *glory* among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Psalm 96:1–3





# ITinerary

## **DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**

### **DEPART FROM HOME**

Depart the US for your overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

## **DAY 2 THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**

### **DUBLIN**

Arrive early in the morning into Dublin. Upon arrival you will be met by our representatives and transferred to your hotel. Note that with the early arrival, your hotel room will probably not be ready. You can check any bags with the bellman at the hotel and head out to start exploring the city of Dublin. Your day is free until this evening when we have a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

**Overnight: Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin**

**Meals: Dinner**

## **DAY 3 FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026**

### **DUBLIN**

After breakfast at the hotel, it is in Trinity Library where you start your visit today. Trinity College was founded by Elizabeth I in 1592 and Trinity is the sole college of Dublin University. The Old Library

houses some 200,000 of the college's collection of more than 2 million volumes. The most priceless manuscript it has is the Book of Kells, a Latin text of the Four Gospels with illuminated pages, which dates from about AD 800.

Next you will visit The Guinness Storehouse, a historical and cultural landmark in Dublin city. Here you will learn how the famous brew is made, and discover the secrets of Guinness as well as sample it! A warehouse of the original brewery (founded in 1759), it has been transformed into a hi-tech visitor center covering 6 floors. Containing 3 bars, the visit culminates with a pint of the 'black stuff' in the Gravity Bar on the 6th floor of the center, (Dublin's highest pub) where you can also enjoy 360-degree views over the city. Lunch is included today.

This evening you will join the CUNE A Capella Choir for a concert in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Afterwards, enjoy a group dinner together with the choir.

**Overnight: Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





#### **DAY 4 SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

##### **DUBLIN | OPTIONAL TOUR TO BELFAST**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then enjoy a free day relaxing, or shopping on Grafton Street, or make a visit to the iconic Bewley's Café for coffee and a spectacular pastry. Your entire day and evening are free.

##### **AN OPTIONAL DAY TOUR TO BELFAST** is

offered on this day for an additional cost. Depart in the morning for Belfast, Northern Ireland. When you arrive in Belfast, you will take part in a panoramic city tour seeing the City Hall, Queen's University, the parliament building at Stormont, and visit the amazing new Titanic Signature Building. The newly-opened Titanic Belfast is a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland. It is located in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, 6-floor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous

maiden voyage and tragic end. The adventure begins the moment you walk through the door and into the building's giant atrium surrounded by the four 'ship's hull' shaped wings which house the Titanic Experience. As you journey through the nine large galleries of this state-of-the-art interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic.

After an included lunch, you will be taken on a Black Taxi tour of the Shankill and Falls Road, learning of how things were during the course of the Troubles. See the wall murals that are known all over the world. Every mural tells a story which they will explain in great detail. You will get a chance to walk around to take plenty of photos. Then you will visit the famous peace wall that separates both Protestant and Catholic communities where you will get a chance to sign your name on the wall.

Return to Dublin where your evening is free.

**Overnight: Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch included only for Belfast Tour participants**





## **DAY 5 SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

### **DUBLIN | KILLARNEY**

After breakfast at your hotel, you will depart Dublin and travel to the southwest of the country to the village of Killarney. Enroute you will visit Blarney Castle where you can climb the castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone to obtain the gift of eloquence. Or you can spend some time perusing the wares at the Blarney Woollen Mills. Lunch is included today.

Continue on to Killarney and check into your hotel. This evening includes a welcome dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Killarney Plaza Hotel in Killarney**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## **DAY 6 MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

### **KILLARNEY | DINGLE PENINSULA**

Start your morning with breakfast, and then depart for the Dingle Peninsula. Once cited as 'the most beautiful place on earth' by the National Geographic; it was voted among the top 100 destinations in the world by Trip Advisor. The Dingle Peninsula, renowned for its rugged

beauty and quiet clean beaches, stretches 30 miles into the Atlantic Ocean. Ireland's second highest mountain, Mount Brandon, is situated to the north of the island, reaching a height of 3,100 feet. To the west of the peninsula lie the Blasket Islands, a group of six principal islands and several smaller ones. The town is one of the most visited in Ireland and has received many accolades. Its narrow streets are dotted with fine fish restaurants, art galleries, craft shops selling local pottery, clothing made from hand weaved cloth, sculptured figurines, gold and silver jewelry. Outside of the harbor lives Dingle's own dolphin, Fungie, a male bottle nosed dolphin who wandered into the bay in 1983 and decided to stay. He is very friendly and always greets visitors with great enthusiasm. Time will be available to find lunch on your own today in the town of Dingle.

Dinner is included at a local restaurant tonight.

**Overnight: Killarney Plaza Hotel in Killarney**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**





## **DAY 7 TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

### **KILLARNEY | GAP OF DUNLOE**

Enjoy breakfast before you depart for your tour today. Travel to The Gap of Dunloe which is a narrow pass between Macgillycuddy's Reeks and the Purple Mountains near Killarney. It begins at Kate Kearney's Cottage and ends with a descent into The Black Valley, a distance of approximately 7 miles. As you travel through the Gap from Kate Kearney's, five small lakes are passed: CoosaunLough, Black Lake, Cushnavally Lake, Auger Lake, and Black Lough; in turn, these lakes are connected by the River Loe from which the gap gets its name. Between the first two lakes is an old arch bridge called the 'Wishing Bridge' so named because it is said that wishes made while upon it are destined to come true. This tour is more of an adventure than tour with a combination of a bus to Kate Kearney's Cottage, then a journey of 7 miles by jaunting cart through the famous gap and a glaciated valley to Lord Brandon's Cottage. After an included lunch, a traditional style boat takes you through the three Lakes of Killarney to Ross Castle where a bus will return you to Killarney.

Your evening and dinner are on your own.

**Overnight: Killarney Plaza Hotel in Killarney**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

## **DAY 8 WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

### **KILLARNEY | GALWAY**

After breakfast, relax this morning before you start your journey to Galway. Enroute you will make a stop at the Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs of Moher in County Clare are Ireland's most visited natural attraction with a magical vista that captures the hearts of one million visitors every year and are a Signature Discovery Point in the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. They stretch for 5 miles, as the crow flies, along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland and reach 702 feet at their highest point at Knockardakin just north of O'Brien's Tower. Here you can have a world class one in a million-visitor experience.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch included at a local pub. From here, continue onward to your hotel in Galway. Dinner is included this evening.

**Overnight: Salthill Hotel in Galway**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





## DAY 9 THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

### GALWAY

This morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel to start your day. Depart on your tour to Connemara, a place of contrasts, colors, wilderness and warm welcomes on the west coast of Ireland. From the bogs and lakes of the Gaelic speaking South Connemara, to the mountain vistas of North and West Connemara, the diversity of the landscape and the people who populate it offer much to the visitor. Dotted around the rugged coastline are the islands of Connemara, some inhabited and others long since deserted, but all remote and beautiful in the wild and windswept Atlantic. Much of Connemara's wild beauty is due to its remote location and sometimes harsh conditions, but a regular influx of visitors in the last two centuries has produced a region that is proud of its natural beauty yet remaining largely unspoiled.

Next, prepare to be awed by the spell binding beauty of the 19th-century Kylemore Abbey that is perfectly framed within Connemara's romantic landscape. Originally built as a castle,

step back in time to the Victorian era by visiting the Abbey's perfectly restored period rooms and the 6-acre Victorian Heritage Walled Garden that is one of Ireland's most visited gardens. Embrace the outdoors on a stroll through the natural woodland and a magical lakeshore walk. At the new From Generation to Generation visitor experience, follow the stories of romance, tragedy, innovation, education, and spirituality that define Kylemore, and learn how Kylemore evolved from hunting lodge to Victorian Castle & Estate, to Benedictine Abbey, prestigious boarding school, and visitor attraction. A short walk from the Abbey, nestled in the woods, is the neo-Gothic Church. Described as a "cathedral in miniature" this beautiful building's uniquely feminine gothic architecture and haunting acoustics offer a truly serene stop. Afterwards, return to your hotel for your evening and an included dinner.

**Overnight: Salthill Hotel in Galway**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





## DAY 10 FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

### GALWAY | DUBLIN

After breakfast, depart from the hotel for Dublin. Enroute make a stop at Clonmacnoise, an ancient monastic site near Shannonbridge, County Offaly. It was founded by St Ciaran in the mid-6th Century and over the years it was a great center of learning. Many manuscripts, including the 11th Century Annals of Tighernach and the 12th Century Book of the Dun Cow, were written here. Today, visitors can see three high crosses, a cathedral, seven churches and two round towers. You will also pass through the visitor center, which displays a number of cross-slabs and the 9th Century Cross of the Scriptures. Continue to Dublin and check in to your hotel. This evening includes a traditional Irish farewell dinner and show.

**Overnight: Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin**  
**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## DAY 11 SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

### DUBLIN | RETURN HOME

After an early breakfast, depart from the hotel for the Dublin Airport for your return flight home.

Arrive home the same day.

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# ACCOMMODATIONS

## **IVEAGH GARDEN HOTEL DUBLIN | 4 NIGHTS TOTAL IN DUBLIN**

A modern take on traditional luxury, the four-star Iveagh Garden Hotel is an urban oasis just steps from Grafton Street. Opened in February 2018, this Dublin Hotel offers one of the lowest carbon footprints of any Irish Hotel and is Europe's first fully sustainable hotel. Located in the heart of this vibrant city, the Iveagh Garden Hotel offers one of the best Dublin hotels near all major attractions. Retreat to one of our 145 luxurious rooms, unwind with a stroll through the Iveagh Gardens, enjoy delicious casual dining, craft cocktails and the freshest local ingredients in Elle's bar and bistro prepared by award winning chefs and highly skilled mixologists. Designed to the highest standards with a classic contemporary feel, the hotel's rooms are infused with jewel colors, rich textures, bespoke joinery and luxury finishes.

## **KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL | 3 NIGHTS IN KILLARNEY**

Located on the doorstep of Ireland's oldest national park, the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa blends classic 4-star luxury with a vibrant town center and an abundance of outdoor ambiance and natural wildlife, waiting to be explored. A world of discovery awaits the discerning soul, where the town and the park meet at the Plaza. Our urban sanctuary welcomes you to our playground- Killarney National Park, while offering you immediate access to the bustling town center. We invite you to discover, connect and fulfill at the Killarney Plaza. The Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa has its own unique style which is carried throughout the 198 luxury guestrooms and suites. Stylish, spacious, and fully air-conditioned, each room overlooks the town or park. The elegant design combines the finest wood, soft furnishings, and marble. We offer a wide range of options for dining in Killarney with a range of restaurants and bars.

## **SALTHILL HOTEL GALWAY | 2 NIGHTS IN GALWAY**

Nestled on the stunning Salthill Promenade, Salthill Hotel offers breathtaking panoramic views of Galway Bay and the Clare Hills. Perfectly positioned just minutes from Galway City Centre, our award-winning hotel provides a luxurious seaside retreat for every occasion. Whether you're planning a romantic getaway, a family vacation, or a business trip, you'll find everything you need for a memorable stay. Staying at Salthill Hotel means experiencing premium hospitality and exceptional amenities. Guests enjoy stylish and spacious rooms, a state-of-the-art gym equipped with professional fitness classes and top-tier equipment, and a fully equipped leisure center, featuring a 25m swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, sauna, and steam room. Two award-winning restaurants, where fresh seafood and locally sourced Irish cuisine take center stage. With direct access to Salthill Beach, morning walks or sunset strolls along the promenade effortless.



# TOUR INCLUSIONS

- » Nine night's accommodation in 4\* properties in Dublin, Killarney, and Galway
  - » 4 nights total at Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin
  - » 3 nights at Killarney Plaza Hotel in Killarney
  - » 2 nights at Salthill Hotel in Galway
- » Airport transfers and all transportation throughout for ten days
- » Breakfast daily, six lunches, and seven dinners including a farewell dinner - two of your dinners will be with the A Capella Choir
- » Attendance at the A Capella Choir Concert in Dublin at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- » Tours and visits in Dublin including Trinity College, the Book of Kells, and Guinness Storehouse
- » Optional day trip to Belfast (at an additional cost)
- » Tours and visits in the Killarney area including Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, and the Gap of Dunloe
- » Galway area sightseeing including the Cliffs of Moher, Connemara National Park, and Kylemore Abbey
- » And more

# TOUR PRICING

**\$4,895** per person, based on double occupancy

**\$6,595** per person, based on single occupancy (limited availability, by request only)

Space on this tour is limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

All prices listed are per person, based on stated occupancy, include items listed under Tour Inclusions, and are based on cash or check payment. Other forms of payment are subject to a 3.5% processing fee.





# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PLEASE NOTE** A valid passport with 6 months validity from your scheduled return is required for U.S. citizens.

**NOT INCLUDED** Airfare, air taxes and fees, passport fees, airline baggage fees, meals (unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary), optional sightseeing or onboard excursions, phone calls, travel insurance, gratuities for drivers and guides on excursions, or any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

**RESERVATIONS** All reservations will be handled directly with Carrousel Travel.

**FIRST DEPOSIT** \$1,000 per person due at time of booking

**SECOND DEPOSIT** \$1,500 per person due by October 10, 2025

**FINAL PAYMENT** Due by February 6, 2026

**AIRFARE** Carrousel Travel will be offering a special group airfare connected to this program. Airfare and flight schedules will be available approximately 330 days prior to your departure. We will advise once we have more details about the group air options.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Trip cancellation insurance is available and details are available upon request.

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