Saint Xavier University Choir Tour of Ireland 2027

Mar 6 - 13, 2027



About this trip

Join the the the choir of Saint Xavier University for a performance and music appreciation tour in Ireland.

We are excited to travel to Ireland!

Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey to Ireland with Mr. Thomas McNichols and the Saint Xavier University Choir and alumni.

This special experience has been designed to expose our travelers to the cultural richness of the Emerald Isle and its unique musical traditions.

Billing, Payment and Cancellation Policy

The price of this tour is $4600. The initial deposit of $300 is non-refundable and is due by October 15, 2026. You are not signed up officially on the trip until the deposit is paid. The initial deposit must be made in this portal.

The next two payments are as follows:

The second payment of $2150 is due by November 20. The final payment of $2150 is due by January 15.

In the event of a cancellation, provided that all due payments have been made in time, refunds will be issued based on the following schedule:

Cancellation between November 21- January 14 - $1000 refund

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No refunds will be issued after February 10, 2025

Cancellations must be sent in writing via email to info@blueprinttours.com. Cancellations by phone will not be accepted.

After making your initial deposit of $300 in this portal, you will make the final two payments to in this WeTravel portal. **The email that you enter in this portal will be the email where all payment reminders are sent.** We also recommend you save your password to return to the portal.

Late payments could result in a forfeiture of your spot on the trip.

If you choose to pay for your trip by credit card, there is a 3% processing fee credit card payments. There is a 2.9% processing fee for Apple Pay. You may also choose to pay by ACH transfer from your checking account (no processing charge).

You will receive three email reminders that your next payments are upcoming close to the date of those payments. Because so many of our clients like to set up their account and then forgo the hassle of making payments, auto-billing is available for this tour and will automatically apply to our account. What is auto-billing? Your our original form of payment will be charged (either credit card or ACH) on November 20 and January 15. You will receive three email reminders before this happens.

If you would like to opt-out of auto-billing, please send an email to sue@blueprinttours.com and we will turn off auto-billing for your account.

If your opt out of auto-billing, you will need to visit your portal and make the final two payments. You will receive three email reminders. **The email that you enter in this portal will be the email where all billing reminders are sent.** You will need to save your login and password to return to this account to make payments.

Waitlist

There are 27 spots for students and alumni on this trip. If this trip sells out before October 15, a wait list will be started. Please add your name to the wait list and you will be contacted by Blueprint Tours via the email address.

We also ask if your plans change and you can no longer travel, please consider giving up your spot so another traveler from the wait list can attend.

Baggage

We will be flying American Airlines. Standard airline weight limits and dimensions apply. Participants will be allowed one checked bag with a limit of 50 lbs. In addition, participants will be allowed one "carry-on" piece of luggage small enough to fit under an airline seat, plus one personal item (i.e. purse or small backpack). If you have questions regarding baggage and carry-on luggage, you are encouraged to refer to the air carrier's website. Operator assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen luggage, personal belongings or excess baggage charges.

Required travel documents

Documents Required: Each person must have a valid passport that has an expiration date at least six months beyond the tour return date. All travel documents and costs affiliated with obtaining them are the sole responsibility of the participant. You must upload a picture of your passport on this portal by January 15, 2027. If you are not a US Citizen, please contact the tour company before signing up for this tour so we can review with you any visa requirements.

The European Union countries may adopt a new travel authorization system called ETIAS. All travelers will be required to download the ETIAS app on their phone to register and pay for the visa. Blueprint Tours will be providing additional guidance on this process closer to the departure date.

Travel Insurance Is Always A Good Idea

We are excited to show students the world again! Safety and good health while traveling are our top priority. Weather delays are always a possibility. Lost luggage can happen. Travel insurance can help mitigate any loss for all these unforeseen events.

Cancel for Any Reason Insurance:

The most comprehensive plans are the most time-sensitive. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) plans must be be purchases (depending on the carrier) 48 hour to two weeks after a deposit is given on a trip. Consider this type of plan if you have concerns about any reason to cancel that is not a covered event under a traditional travel insurance policy. Some reasons a child may not be covered by traditional travel insurance include the need to cancel participation in a trip due to mental health concerns, sports, academics, school or extra-curricular activities, college search, SAT/ACT, or just a change in plan, etc.

Illness happens: We will be traveling during flu season, one way to protect your investment in the trip is to buy a tradition travel insurance policy.

Before the trip: Purchase the best travel insurance possible that will cover trip cancellations or expenses associated with traveling home, medical care or hospitalization due to an illness. **You can shop insurance policies at insuremytrip.com. You will also be given the option of purchasing insurance through this website from Trawick International at the end of your registration for the tour.** https://product.wetravel.com/travel-insurance.

Please review the terms of any insurance you choose to purchase to ensure it covers any interruptions or trip delays due to any other illness. The cancellation policy outlined in our brochure is firm and there will be no refunds due to illness, including Covid-19. You may also choose to pay for this trip with your credit card. Many credit card companies provide travel insurance if you purchase your trip using their card. You will need to review what is covered by their travel insurance policy to figure out what is right for you.

All insurance companies reference above are independent from Blueprint Tours. Blueprint Tours does not endorse or recommend any specific company, but has provided this information for your convenience.

Terms and Conditions

General: Blueprint Tours, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Operator, acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. The Operator and their respective employees, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Operator is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the tour / trips arranged by Operator. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

Responsibility: The Operator assumes no liability for failure to provide the services and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of the Operator. In absence of negligence on the part of the Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no liability or responsibility of any persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, coach company, sight seeing or guiding company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator, sponsor, and its group leaders for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator shall not be responsible for any delays, substitution of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants, and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising therefrom. Operator reserves the right to decline, accept, or retain any participant at any time for any reason. Operator reserves the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case full or partial payment will be refunded without further obligation on Operator's part. If terrorist act, terror threat, war, pandemic, act of God or other event would cause the Operator or sponsor to cancel or delay the tour, Operator shall not be responsible for refund. The passenger contract in use by the airline shall constitute the sole contract between the airline companies and the participant. Blueprint Tours, Inc. does not assume any costs, fees or liability associated with the extension of this tour caused by occurrences such as but not limited to extreme weather, natural disasters, terrorist action or threat, pandemic, or act of God. If a tour participant is required to remain in a country beyond the last day of the tour, all meals, lodging, transportation and

other costs shall be the responsibility of the tour participant and /or their legal guardian. By forwarding the deposit and submitting the application, the participant agrees with these terms and conditions and certifies that they are free from any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazardous condition for participant or other participants. All tickets issued by any contractors are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered or provided and the issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the operators shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury, damage to or in respect of any person or property howsoever caused or arising. Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, acts of God, political conditions, unscheduled or unanticipated closings, mechanical difficulties or other factors beyond the control of the Operator without consulting the participants. In addition, Operator also reserve the right to make such alterations in the itinerary determined to be desirable by the Operator to provide for convenience of parties and smooth operation of tour. Participant has no right to refund or other considerations in the event of changes to the itinerary.

What's included

- ✓ **Airfare :** Roundtrip air fare on American Airlines and all air taxes
- ✓ **Hotels:** Twin occupancy in 4 star hotels
- ✓ **Ground transportation:** Transportation will be a combination of private motor coach and local trains/mass transit on rare occasions
- ✓ **Meals:** All breakfasts and one welcome dinner as noted in the itinerary.
- ✓ **Blueprint Tours rep:** 24/7 representative traveling with the group
- ✓ **All site admissions**
- ✓ **All performance venues**
- ✓ **Luggage:** One free checked bag (up to 50 lbs)

What's not included

- ✗ **Souvenirs**
- ✗ **Personal items:** Personal items such as government documents, food orders and beverages, valet and laundry services, personal grooming services, optional excursions, phone calls, personal tipping, and any other items
- ✗ **Travel documents:** Passport fees and applicable visa fees
- ✗ **A single supplement :** A single supplement to have your own hotel room is available in this portal as an add-on

Packages

Trip Price — **$4,600**

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LAND ONLY

$3,375

Deposit: $300

In this package, the participant will be responsible for booking their own flights and meeting the group. The tour operator has no responsibility for any travel delays, etc. for your flights.

Saint Xavier Music Directors

$0

This is a package for the music director who is an employee of Saint Xavier

Add-ons

Single Supplement

$1,000

If you would like a single room (instead of a shared room with one other person), you may choose this option.



See Availability

Package and add-on availability may change at any time. Scan the QR code or click here to see real-time availability and book your trip.



Travel to Dublin

Today will meet at O'Hare Airport where our group leaders will help us with check-in. It's important to sleep on the flight. The group is scheduled on an American Airlines Flight 2840 scheduled to depart at 3:30 pm - connecting through Philly, and departing again on AA 0722 - arriving in Dublin the next morning at 8:30 am. Feel free to sign-up for an American Airlines miles number to receive credit for the flight.



Galway and Ennis

Touchdown Ireland!

The vibrant town of Galway will be our first stop today. This beautiful seaside city boasts of one of Ireland's universities. Narrow winding streets, performers on most corners, and pubs galore - -Galway will help us get over our jet lag!

Late this afternoon we will check into our hotel and have a lovely welcome dinner.

Hotel: Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. https://www.templegatehotel.com/

Meals included: D



Ennis, County Clare and the Burren

Today we will travel along the dramatic, rocky coastline of County Clare. We will stop for a hike at the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. We'll continue on the coast road around Black Head to the lovely harbor village of Ballyvaughan. We'll then travel into the Burren, a karstic limestone plain reminiscent of a lunar landscape, where we'll see prehistoric wedge tombs. We will return to Ennis for our last night in the west country. Tonight you will be able to explore this town, its music and pubs on your own.

Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. https://www.templegatehotel.com/

Included meals: B



Rock of Cashel and the Comhaltas Music Exchange

This morning we'll visit Cashel. We'll see its cathedral remnants and famous 'Rock of Cashel', a monastery in ruin that has been associated with the legend of St. Patrick. We also have a visit the Boru Bru Music and cultural center as guests of the Comhaltas school of Irish music. The students of the Comhaltas music school will host a music exchange for all ensembles. Comhaltas is an international cultural movement committed to the promotion of Irish

music, song and dance throughout Ireland and across the world. Tonight we will drive to Tipperary and check into our hotel.

Hotel: Minella, Tipperary. https://www.hotelminella.com

Included meals: B



Tipperary, Blarney Castle and Dublin

Touchdown Ireland! Today we drive to see Blarney Castle for an obligatory stop to kiss the stone and explore the beautiful gardens. We'll have an opportunity to visit the nearby Blarney Woolen Mills for lunch and some shopping. Tonight we will arrive in Dublin. After a brief orientation tour, you are free to explore this vibrant city and its music scene!

Hotel: https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/dublin/leonardo-hotel-dublin-christchurch

Included meals: B



Dublin - Christ Church Cathedral Concert Series

Schedules permitting, we will perform at Christ Church Cathedral at their afternoon Concert Series. One of the

oldest churches in Dublin, Christ Church has seen centuries of history and has a well established lunchtime concert series.

A second potential concert at a Mercy Secondary School or a university is possible.

This evening you are free to enjoy Dublin.

Note: all concerts are subject to confirmation.

Hotel: Hotel: https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/dublin/leonardo-hotel-dublin-christchurch

Included meals: B



Dublin - Performance at National Museum and Mother McAuley's Home

This morning we will perform at the National Museum of Ireland. The National Museum of Ireland holds an impressive collection of archeological and cultural treasures of the Emerald Isle and is a popular museum destination for Irish families and visitors. We are delighted to have a full ensemble performance at the National Museum of Ireland. Today we will head to the home of our founders.

This afternoon we will visit the home and tomb of Mother McAuley. This home was built by Catherine McAuley and was the first House of Mercy in response to the needs of the poor in Dublin. This home is now the final resting place of Mother McAuley and the Mercy International Centre, welcoming members of the Mercy family and visitors from all over the globe. This will be our last evening in Dublin and we will have time for last minute shopping, and dining in smalll groups.

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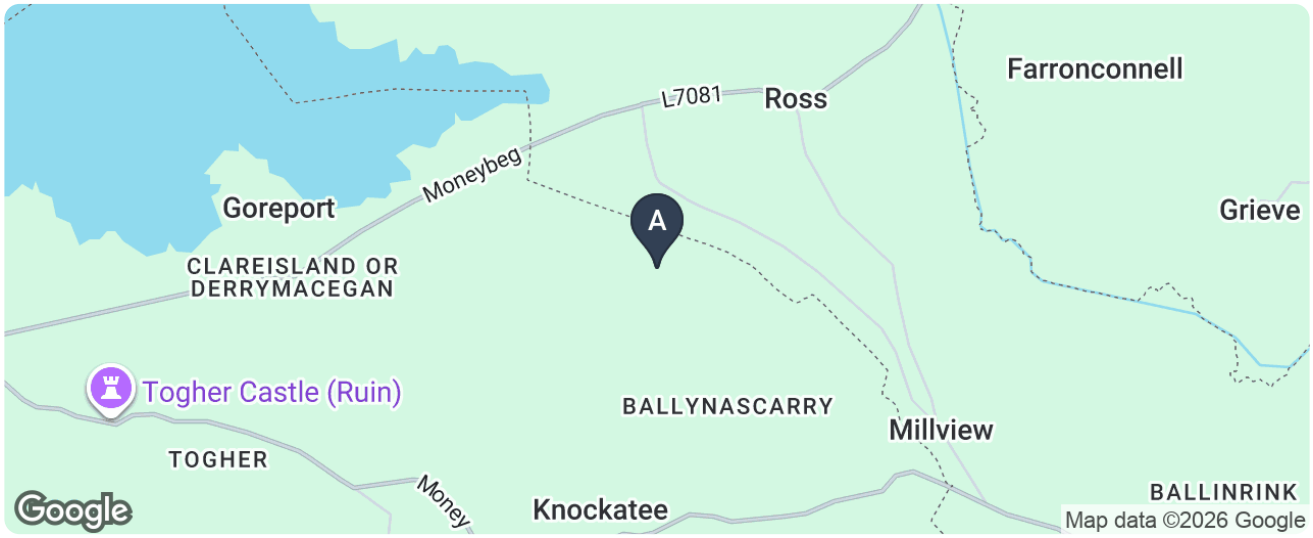
Hotel: Hotel: https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/dublin/leonardo-hotel-dublin-christchurch

Included meals: B



Return home

Today, we'll leave Dublin and return home to Chicago, with memories of the Emerald Isle to last a lifetime. Our flight AA 723 is scheduled to depart Dublin at 11:30 am, connecting through Philly, and scheduled to arrive on AA 3180 at ORD (Terminal 3) at 5:34 pm. (Note: you will clear US passport control and customs in Dublin). Welcome home!



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About your organizer

Blueprint Tours, Inc.
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Photo gallery

