

**Alexandria Singers Ireland Travel
Happy Hour and Information Session
1 June 2018**

Full Package Travelers

Departure Dulles – Tuesday, 17 July - Aer Lingus Flight 118 departs 5:15 pm

- Plan to arrive at Dulles no later than 3:15 pm.
- Check in at the ticket counter with your passport.
- Check your bag and proceed through security to the gate.
- Meet up with the group at the gate. Check in with Margit, so she can count your head and/or nose.

Arrival Dublin – Wednesday, 18 July – Scheduled arrival 5:15 am

- Proceed through customs.
- Go to bag claim to retrieve your bag.
- Meeting place will be identified and provided prior to the trip.

Land-Only Travelers

- Plan to meet the group at the TBD designated area in/near the baggage claim area at the airport. Best estimate for meeting time is 6:00 am; we will update this when more specific information becomes available.
- If your flight is delayed or you do not make it to DUB in time to meet the group, you are responsible for getting yourself to a subsequent stop on the tour.
- Margit and Lee will coordinate the group at the airport and count heads/noses.

Other Helpful Information

- We'll provide a copy of the final itinerary within 30 days of the trip.
- For the full tour travelers, you are limited to one checked bag, one carry on bag, and one personal item. Any additional baggage will incur a fee.
 - It is strongly recommended that you adhere to the bag limit for a few reasons – you need to carry/haul your own bags from place to place; there is limited luggage space on the buses; and elevators in Ireland are notoriously small (and we expect the hotel rooms to be smaller than what Americans are accustomed to, also).
- Consider alerting your credit card company and/or bank/financial institution that you're traveling abroad so they don't activate fraud prevention processes on your credit or debit cards.
- Our experience suggests that the best exchange rate you'll get will be via an ATM. There may be a transaction fee, but it's always less than using a currency exchange service. Consider using your debit or bank card when you arrive in Dublin if you would like to have cash on hand.

- Breakfast is included daily, and there are two group dinners. Please note that there has been a change to the trip itinerary, and the group dinner will be on Saturday night instead of Sunday. We have a performance on Sunday at 8 pm which would have forced us to squeeze the group dinner in prior. This change will allow for a more leisurely Sunday prior to performing.

Director's Input

- Costuming for all three performances in Ireland will be our normal “bright and blue,” which should be the same degree of “fancy” you’d wear to our summer or winter show. Do pay attention to the weather/temperature; although July, it’s generally much cooler (and possibly wetter) in Ireland than it is here. Bill will provide additional guidance regarding preparation/changing rooms and other performance related logistics.
- Bill will be following up with a summary of the information he shared with the group.