

Alexandria Singers – Ireland Trip

10 July 2018 Update

Below are some final instructions prior to travel. Please refer to the detailed tour itinerary to confirm meals and concerts.

Group Departure:

Tuesday, 17 July

Aer Lingus Flight 118, Dulles, Departure 5:15 pm

Instructions: Recommend that you arrive at Dulles at least 2 hours before the flight.

- Be sure your MCI luggage tags are on your checked and carry-on bags.
- Proceed to the Aer Lingus ticket counter for check-in.
- Present your passport, and inform them that you're on Flight 118 to Dublin
- Receive boarding pass, check bag
- Proceed to gate; check in with Margit and/or Bill
- You're encouraged to sleep (if you can) on the plane; the tour starts right after arrival.
- Upon landing, proceed to baggage claim, retrieve your bag and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where you'll be met by our tour guides and the land-only travelers.

If the flight is cancelled:

- *Stay with the group until the flight is rebooked.*

If you miss the flight:

- *Text or email Lee, Margit or Bill.*
- *Work directly with Aer Lingus to rebook (there could be a fee).*

Land-only Travelers:

- Group arrives at Dublin Airport on Aer Lingus Flight 118 at 5:15 am, Wednesday, 18 July.
- Be sure your MCI luggage tags are on your checked and carry-on bags.
- Meet group and our tour guides in the Arrivals Hall no later than 6:00 am with your bags. Our tour guides will most likely have Alexandria Singers placards to assist with assembly. Text Lee, Margit or Bill if you're delayed or have trouble finding the group.
- It's not possible to accurately estimate how long it will take travelers to retrieve bags and assemble in the Arrivals hall, so please be flexible and patient.

If you miss the group:

- *Text or email Lee, Margit or Bill.*

- *Secure transportation to the first stop on the tour. This will most likely have to be by Taxi. While Uber operates in Ireland, Uber drivers are Taxi drivers, and it may be more cost effective/efficient to simply use a Taxi. The first stop on the tour is: Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Bunratty, County Clare. The group is expected to arrive there at 10 am and will be in the area until after lunch.*
- *If you are delayed and don't make it to Bunratty, plan to meet at the hotel. Hotel information below.*

First Night Accommodations:

- Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Road, Douglas, County Cork. Telephone: 003553214892233.
- **A group dinner is scheduled at the hotel at 7 pm. Adult beverages are not included and must be paid directly.**

Thursday morning breakfast is at 8 am. Assume the buses will depart the hotel at/around 9 am.

Important note: The group will leave the hotel after breakfast on Thursday morning for a full day of touring, culminating in a performance at St. Mary's Church of Ireland. We will not return to the hotel prior to the performance, so *Singers must bring performance attire on the bus, and be prepared to change at the venue. Changing rooms are limited, and it's recommended that Singers arrive "dressed." Be creative and flexible.*

Note: The final itinerary is enclosed. Please consider saving it on your phone and/or printing a copy. The tour guides and trip coordinators will provide updates at breakfast or on the bus if anything changes.