

The Alexandria Singers

American Celebration of Music in Ireland

Bill Colosimo, Director

July 17 - 23, 2018

Flight Information

30 SEATS

<u>Depart:</u>	<u>Return:</u>
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 <i>Aer Lingus Flight #118</i> Depart: Washington, DC (IAD).....5:15pm	Monday, July 23, 2018 <i>Aer Lingus Flight #119</i> Depart: Dublin (DUB).....12:30pm Arrive: Washington, DC (IAD).....3:35pm
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 Arrive: Dublin (DUB).....5:15am	

Baggage Fee Information

*Please note that baggage fees are **not** included in your tour cost and are subject to change.*

1st Bag Fee: \$0/each way 2nd Bag Fee: \$100/each way
(2nd bag is limited to instrument or musical equipment only)

All baggage handling fees are at the discretion of the airline(s), and these charges are the responsibility of the individual traveler upon check-in at the airport.

Hotel Information

1. Cork..... July 18 - 20

Rochestown Park Hotel

Rochestown Road

Douglas, Co. Cork

Phone: 011 353 21 489 0800

[Click here](#)

2. Waterford..... July 20 - 21

Waterford Marina Hotel

Canada Street

Waterford

Phone: 011 353 51 856 600

[Click here](#)

3. Dublin..... July 21 - 23

Arlington Hotel O'Connell Bridge

23-25 Bachelors Walk

O'Connell Bridge, North City, Dublin 1

Phone: 011 353 1 804 9100

[Click here](#)

The Alexandria Singers American Celebration of Music in Ireland

July 17 – 23, 2018 (5 nights / 7 days)

Day 1 Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5:15pm Depart Washington Dulles via Aer Lingus Flight #118

Day 2 Wednesday, July 18 Bunratty / Cork (D)

5:15am Arrive in Dublin

Meet your MCI Tour Managers, Irwin Johnston and Gerry Ronayne, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Bunratty

10:00am Visit 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 to hotel

Check-in to the Rochestown Park Hotel

7:00pm Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 3 Thursday, July 19 Cork / Ring of Kerry (B)

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel

Today enjoy a tour of the Ring of Kerry Highlights including Moll's Gap and Ladies View. Moll's Gap is a spectacular photographic viewing with a magnificent view of Death Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View viewing point which gives a different perspective of the countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains

Lunch, on own

Afternoon at leisure as time allows (pending performance schedule)

Dinner, on own

6:30pm Arrival and rehearsal at St. Mary's Church of Ireland (1 hour)

7:30pm Change into concert attire

8:00pm *Performance at St. Mary's Church of the Sloes as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland (1 hour)*

9:00pm Clear performance area (30 minutes)

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 Friday, July 20 Cork / Blarney / Waterford (B)

7:00am Breakfast at the hotel; followed by hotel check-out

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

Continue to Waterford

2:40pm Visit the Waterford Crystal visitors center to see the famous hand cut crystal

4:00pm Walking tour of the city given by Jack Burtchaell. Jack Burtchaell has for



years now charmed and informed visitors on his historic tours. 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

Check-in to the Waterford Marina Hotel

Dinner, on own

Overnight at the hotel

Day 5 Saturday, July 21 Waterford / Kilkenny / Dublin (B,D)

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel; followed by hotel check-out
 Transfer to Kilkenny
 Time at leisure in Kilkenny
 Lunch, on own

2:00pm Arrival and rehearsal at St. Canice's Cathedral (1 hour)

3:00pm Change into concert attire

3:30pm *Performance at St. Canice's Cathedral as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland (1 hour)*

4:30pm Clear performance area (1 hour)
 Transfer to Dublin

6:30pm Dinner and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock
 Check-in to the Arlington Hotel O'Connell Bridge
 Overnight at hotel

Day 6 Sunday, July 22 Dublin (B)

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel
 Enjoy a tour of Dublin including St. Stephen's Green, South Bank, College Green, Merrion Square, Liffey Footbridges, Grafton Street, Temple Bar, O'Connell Street, and Phoenix Park

11:00am Visit Rathfarnham Castle
 Lunch, on own

3:00pm Entrance to Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university. Trinity College contains the Book of Kells, which dates from AD 800, making it one of the oldest books in the world
 Dinner, on own

6:45pm Arrival and rehearsal (45 minutes)

7:30pm Change into concert attire

8:00pm *Shared Performance at St. Patrick's Church of Ireland with the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Singers as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland (75 minutes)*

9:30pm Clear performance area (30 minutes)
 Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 7 Monday, July 23 Depart for home (B)

8:00am Breakfast at the hotel; followed by hotel check-out

9:00am Transfer to Dublin's airport for return flight

12:30pm Depart Dublin via Aer Lingus Flight #119

3:35pm Arrive Washington Dulles

***This is a very flexible itinerary.** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*

