



SEMESTER AT SEA®



Summer 2014 Parent Trip

Ireland

July 6 - 15, 2014

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DAY 1

July 6: Arrival and the Ring of Kerry

Upon your arrival at the Shannon Airport you will be greeted by your driver and transferred to the beautifully located Europe Hotel, overlooking the famous Lakes of Killarney in County Kerry. Once at the hotel, you will have time to relax and enjoy the hotel's amenities. In the afternoon, we will meet our guides and explore some of the highlights of the "Ring of Kerry." In the evening, we will have an early dinner in Killarney.

Meals: D | Lodging: The Europe Hotel

DAY 2

July 7: Dingle Peninsula

Following breakfast, we will explore the Dingle Peninsula, including the Sleah Head drive, a region that many regard as the most beautiful in the world. In the evening, we will have dinner at Foley's Townhouse, a family-run 19th century guesthouse that is one of western Ireland's best loved restaurants. Afterwards, we'll have time in Killarney to visit some of the town's "watering holes" before returning to the hotel.

Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: The Europe Hotel



DAY 3

July 8th: Rock of Cashel and Castletown House

Following breakfast and checkout at the hotel, we will travel east across Ireland to the K Club in County Kildare. On the way we will visit the spectacular icon, the Rock of Cashel, and have lunch at the Cashel Palace Hotel. In the early afternoon we will arrive at the K Club, a magnificent 19th century Georgian estate set on 550 acres on the River Liffey. Upon arrival, you may wish to enjoy a private tour of the property and its remarkable art collection by Jack B. Yeats, one of Ireland's best known artists. In the evening, we will have drinks and hors d'oeuvres with a private tour of the nearby Castletown House, one of the finest Palladian style houses in Ireland.

Meals: B, L, Evening Reception | Lodging: The K Club

DAY 4

July 9th: Dublin

We will have a leisurely morning at the K Club, where you may wish to enjoy a spa treatment or a round of golf. In the early afternoon, we will travel to Dublin for an introductory tour of Dublin City, including visits to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College to see the Book of Kells.

Meals: B | Lodging: The K Club



DAY 5

July 10th: *MV Explorer* Arrival in Dublin

After an early morning breakfast, we will travel to Dublin to watch the arrival of the *MV Explorer*. Today is an open day to spend with your sons and daughters. Please note that some voyagers may have required faculty-led Field Labs. In the evening, we will have a tour of the Guinness Storehouse, followed by a private buffet and drinks in the Storehouse's Gravity Bar, the highest bar in Dublin with panoramic views of the city.

Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: The K Club

DAY 6

July 11th: The Cliffs of Moher and the Burren

After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to the west of Ireland for a visit to the world famous Cliffs of Moher. We will have lunch at Ireland's most famous Oyster Bar—Moran's on the Weir—a restaurant that has been in the same family for seven generations. In the evening, we will have dinner at the K Club.

Meals: B, L, D | Lodging: The K Club



DAY 7

July 12th: The National Stud and Japanese Gardens

On this day we will have a late morning check out at the K Club to allow for golfing or more exploration of the grounds and art collection. En route to Dublin we will visit the National Stud and the Japanese Gardens. After checking into the Westbury Hotel, we will have time to explore Dublin. In the evening, we will have dinner and experience a traditional Irish performance at Ireland's most famous pub, Johnnie Fox's.

Meals: B, D | Lodging: The Westbury Hotel

DAY 8

July 13th: *MV Explorer* Departure and Ship Reception

This day will be free to explore Dublin City. In the late afternoon, there will be a reception for parents and family with voyage deans and faculty aboard the *MV Explorer*. Please note that some voyagers may have required, faculty-led Field Labs.

Meals: B, Evening Reception | Lodging: The Westbury Hotel



DAY 9

July 14th: The Garden of Ireland

On this day, we will travel to the stunning County Wicklow, known as the "Garden of Ireland." Here, we will visit Powerscourt Estate, Glendalough, and Blessington Lake. In the evening, we will have a farewell dinner in one of Dublin's fine restaurants.

Meals: B, L, D | The Westbury Hotel



DAY 10

July 15th: Dublin / Journey Home

Departures from Dublin. (*Transfers to the Dublin Airport are included.*)