

## **International Soccer Tour 2022 Itinerary**

### **Seattle Celtic**

### **Ireland – Dublin and Galway**

#### **Travel dates:**

July 30-August 8, 2022.

#### **Itinerary:**

- July 30 Arrival group at Dublin airport. Transfer to Croke Park in Dublin for optional tour of Croke Park and GAA Museum, home of the Gaelic Games, or visit Aviva Stadium, home stadium of the Irish National Team. Transfer to hotel and check in. Rest of day at leisure. Optionally, some group members can meet the group at the hotel instead of the airport.
- July 31 Sightseeing Dublin. Visit Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral and/or Guinness Store tour. Evening match vs. local team. After match, the opposing team will host your team for a BBQ/after-match social.
- August 1 More sightseeing Dublin – visit Phoenix Park, Dublin financial district, Kilmainham Gaol/Prison and the General Post Office where the 1916 uprising started and O'Connell Street.
- August 2 More sightseeing Dublin – visit and tour Trinity College. Afternoon tour of Aviva Stadium, home to Ireland's National Rugby team. Evening match vs. local team.
- August 3 Transfer to your accommodation in Galway. Make a stop at and tour the Cliffs of Moher on the way. Check in to hotel and rest of day/evening at leisure. Galway Cup.
- August 4 Galway Cup
- August 5 Galway Cup and/or day free for sightseeing and exploring Galway. Stroll along High Street taking in all its shops, restaurants and typical Irish pubs.
- August 6 Galway Cup and/or Optional excursion to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park where you can experience the living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland from over a century ago.
- August 7 Transfer back to Dublin for an overnight in Dublin before departure. Arrival at hotel, check in and rest of day at leisure for sightseeing in Dublin.
- August 8 Transfer to Dublin airport for departing flights.



Willamette University



Galway Kylemore Abbey



Fishers High School



Streets of Dublin

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

**Price per person:**

40-44 people traveling - \$ 1,973.00

45-49 people traveling - \$ 1,920.00

**Price inclusions:**

- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotels specified below are subject to availability at time of tour booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

**Sport program included:**

Your group will arrange your own soccer program. Feel free to consult is you need us to arrange any games or training sessions for your team(s).

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Dublin:** 3-star hotel accommodation in Dublin.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located on the outskirts of Dublin approx. 8 miles from the center of Dublin. Hotel is located within short walking distance to public transportation as well.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms all with private bathroom, iron, safe, coffee maker, free Wi-Fi, TV and phone.
- The hotel has a restaurant, lounge/bar and coffee shop,
- Double rooms available as well at a supplement of \$13.00 per person per night.
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**Galway:** 4-star hotel accommodation in Galway.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located in Galway just outside the city center and a 20 minute walk to Eyre Square. The hotel has a restaurant and free Wi-Fi.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room) all with private bathroom, iron, safe, coffee maker, satellite TV and phone. Please notice that the hotel only has 13 triple rooms available for your group for the travel dates.
- Double/twin and single rooms available as well at a supplemental cost. Supplement for a double/twin room (2 people per room) is \$30.00 per person per night. Supplement for a single room (1 person) is \$59.00 per person per night.

**Transportation:**

During your stay the group will have a private bus available exclusively for your group 10 hours each day.

**Local guide services:**

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

**Other items not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions. This applies to per person admission fees for sights and attractions. Based on the suggested itinerary in this proposal we recommend budgeting \$140.00 per person to cover entrance fees.

## **Touristic Information Dublin**

Dublin is the capital and largest city of Ireland. Dublin is in the province of Leinster on Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey. Founded as a Viking settlement, the Kingdom of Dublin became Ireland's principal city following the Norman invasion. The city expanded rapidly from the 17th century and was briefly the second largest city in the British Empire before the Acts of Union in 1800. Following the partition of Ireland in 1922, Dublin became the capital of the Irish Free State, later renamed Ireland.

**Guinness Brewery:** Guinness Storehouse is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Dublin, at St. James's Gate Brewery. Since opening in 2000, it has received over four million visitors. The Storehouse covers seven floors surrounding a glass atrium shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness. The ground floor introduces the beer's four ingredients, and the brewery's founder, Arthur Guinness. Other floors feature the history of Guinness advertising and include an interactive exhibit on responsible drinking. The seventh floor houses the Gravity Bar with views of Dublin and where visitors may drink a pint of Guinness included in the price of admission.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral:** Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland, founded in 1191, is the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland. With its 141 ft tall spire, St. Patrick's is the tallest church in Ireland and the largest. Christ Church Cathedral, also a Church of Ireland cathedral in Dublin, is designated as the local Cathedral of the diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

**Aviva Stadium:** The spectacular Aviva Stadium is home to the Irish Rugby Union team, as well as the Republic of Ireland National Soccer Team. It is Ireland's only UEFA Elite Stadium and has played host to matches for large tournaments such as the Heineken Cup, Nations Cup, and European Cup.

**Downtown Dublin:** The Downtown area is home to several shopping centers, restaurants, pubs, and historical buildings. For shopping, visit Grafton street, Dawson street, located only a few blocks from Trinity College, or O'Connell and Henry street located near The Spire. The Spire otherwise known as the Monument of Light, is a 390 ft tall monument that has become a favored tourist location in Dublin. For fine dining try the Brasserie sixty6 or Dax Restaurant, just two of many top-rated restaurants in Dublin. The Rustic Stone just a few blocks from Grafton Street offers a unique and modern Irish food options.

**Dublin Castle:** Erected in the early thirteenth century on the site of a Viking settlement, Dublin Castle served for centuries as the headquarters of English, and later British, administration in Ireland. In 1922, following Ireland's independence, Dublin Castle was handed over to the new Irish government. It is now a major government complex and a key tourist attraction. We hope you enjoy your visit.

## **Touristic Information Galway**

Galway, known as the City of the Tribes, is an important tourist center and a gateway to the scenic areas of the county. Beginning in the 15th century, Galway was ruled by the leading fourteen merchant families, which were known as "tribes." The families built many castles throughout County Galway. Many streets and landmarks bear the names of these early "tribes."

Galway is a bustling town with fantastic nightlife. The beautiful scenery, charming pedestrianized streets, and numerous pubs and cafes are sure to keep you occupied.

Cliffs of Moher: A must-do while on your way to Galway, is to see the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher. Here you will encounter nature in its wildest, purest form – see the rugged cliffs facing the mighty ocean, taste the salt air, feel the ancient rocks beneath your feet. This destination is one of the most breathtaking sights to see during your trip to Ireland.

Eyre Square/City Center: While in Galway, the City Center there is plenty to see and do. The Eyre Square Center is home to several shops, restaurants, pubs and tourist attractions.

Optional Day Trip to Limerick: While in Limerick visit King John's Castle, a 13<sup>th</sup> century marvel located next to the River Shannon. You can also visit Thormond Park, home of Munster Rugby Club, one of the top teams in Ireland.

Bunratty Castle: The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. Bunratty Castle, is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times.

Folk Park: Enjoy the sights, sounds tastes, scents, of this enchanting place as you stroll from house to house or around the charming village street complete with school, post office, doctors house, hardware shop, printers and of course McNamara's pub. When you visit Bunratty Folk Park you experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting.