



Barrington Community School

presents

St. Patrick's Day in Dublin

A Warm Celebration of Irish Tradition

March 15 - 20, 2011

Set against a backdrop of mythology, deep green fields, literary heritage, and proud but turbulent history, Ireland is as lovely and lyrical as it is lively. Here at its very heart, in the wonderful old city of Dublin, you'll experience the full breadth of Irish hospitality, during the ultimate Irish celebration—St. Patrick's Day.

This March, join BCS Director, Sandi Tinyk, and Discover Europe's David Phillips in a city full of surprises. One of Europe's most-visited cities, Dublin offers up a delightful combination of elegant Georgian buildings, exciting museums, trendy cafés, inviting shops, and warm, friendly people. The city's center, bounded by St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, Temple Bar, and the Old City, offers a wealth of sights easily explored on foot.



St. Patrick's Cathedral



Parade Revellers

From Trinity College, housing the priceless Book of Kells, to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, we'll explore Dublin's treasures with a local guide. Free time allows you to seek out your own hidden gems—wander along the River Liffey, visit Dublin Castle, sample rich stout at the Guinness Brewery, take a literary walking tour, or view the magnificent permanent collection at the National Gallery.

Outside Dublin, the Irish countryside opens up. We'll take excursions to the monastic settlement at Glendalough, the magnificent prehistoric tomb of Newgrange, and the splendid gardens at Powerscourt House, considered to be among the finest in Ireland. It's the perfect conclusion to our stay in the capital—that, and a traditional *Ceilidh* celebration!

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Boston departure:	\$2690
Land Only:	\$1890
Single supplement:	\$580

The following services are included:

Airfare:	Roundtrip air from Boston on Aer Lingus. All customs fees and airport taxes included.
Hotels:	4 nights accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
Coaching:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
Meals:	Full Irish breakfast daily; 1 lunch; 2 dinners.
Guides:	Discover Europe tour director throughout. Local guide for Dublin sightseeing.
Expenses:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person.
Entrances:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
Additional:	Roundtrip coach transfer from Barrington to Boston.
Insurance:	Complete travel insurance including cancellation coverage.

This March, instead of waiting for the grass to turn green, try wearing it! Join us for the magic of a very special *St. Patrick's Day in Dublin*.



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Tuesday, March 15. Our private coach transports us from Barrington to Boston's Logan Airport, where we board our Aer Lingus flight for overnight service to Dublin.

Wednesday, March 16. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our centrally located hotel. Here, we'll gather for an afternoon of panoramic sightseeing with a local guide that will orient us to the city. Among our stops, we'll explore St. Patrick's Cathedral, the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland and the burial place of Jonathan Swift (dean from 1713-45). The massive west tower dates from 1370 and houses one of the largest peal of bells in Ireland. Then it's on to Trinity College, Ireland's oldest college, to view the celebrated Book of Kells, an illuminated New Testament text dating back to 800 AD. Tonight, a relaxing welcome dinner at our hotel. **(D) Overnight: Dublin**

Thursday, March 17. Who doesn't love a parade? This morning, the consummate St. Patrick's Day celebration unfolds before our eyes. Then, the afternoon is free to explore Dublin on your own. You might check out Temple Bar, the city's bustling, 28-acre cultural quarter brimming with arts and entertainment, along with top restaurants, cafés, and shops. Or visit Grafton Street, Dublin's best shopping area, which runs from St. Stephen's Green to Trinity College. Situated on the highest ground of the city, Dublin Castle is the historical heart of Dublin. The original fortification was a Gaelic ring fort, but in the 10th century, it became a Viking fortress; parts of the present building were erected in the 13th century by King John of England. This evening you're free to sample one of Dublin's many wonderful restaurants. **(B) Overnight: Dublin**



The Hill of Tara



An Irish Country Lane

Friday, March 18. Just north of Dublin, the Boyne Valley is the most important archaeological site in Ireland, with the Megalithic Passage Tomb at Newgrange, built around 3200 BC. The kidney-shaped mound covers an area of more than an acre. The passage and chamber are illuminated by the winter solstice sunrise, and the image of the tri-spiral design inside the chamber is probably the most famous Irish megalithic symbol, often referred to as Celtic but carved at least 2500 years before the Celts arrived. We'll also visit the Mound of the Hostages, the oldest monument on the Hill of Tara, dating to 2500-3000 BC. The evening is free - perhaps you'll get tickets to the Abbey Theatre, or one of Dublin's other fine playhouses. **(B) Overnight: Dublin**

Saturday, March 19. When it comes right down to it, all of Ireland is a garden. Still, some of the loveliest settings in Ireland revolve around its gardens, havens of peace and tranquility. The gardens at Powerscourt House, located at the foot of the

Wicklow Mountains, were created in the 1740s by Richard Wingfield, the Viscount of Powerscourt. With the highest waterfall in Ireland, Powerscourt offers numerous attractions including formal gardens and landscaped walks with more than 200 varieties of trees, shrubs, and flowers. After time for lunch, we'll continue on to Glendalough, a monastic settlement founded in the 6th century. We return to Dublin mid-afternoon. This evening we'll round off our trip with a night of authentic Irish entertainment and fine dining. **(B, D) Overnight: Dublin**

Sunday, March 20. This morning we depart Dublin on our Aer Lingus flight to Boston, and then board a private coach for transfer to Barrington. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner



Newgrange Passage Tomb