

 **UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA**
CAVALIER TRAVELS
For Alumni, Parents and Friends

Golfing in Ireland
August 14-22, 2009

The University of Virginia is pleased to announce this remarkable trip for golfers and non-golfers alike. Your host will be **U.Va. Basketball Legend, Barry Parkhill**.

Incredible scenery, challenging courses that test any golfer's skill and mettle, and legendary hospitality make Ireland one of the best places in the world for a top-quality golfing holiday. From lush green parkland to wind-lashed, rugged coastal dunes, Ireland is a destination of awe-inspiring scenery at every turn. This trip features **five of the best golf courses Ireland has to offer**: Lahinch and Doonbeg in County Clare, Tralee on the Dingle peninsula in County Kerry and the Kilkenny and Mount Juliet courses in County Kilkenny. **A rich cultural program is offered for non-golfers**, including visits to the Cliffs of Moher, Corcomroe Abbey and the Limerick Hunt Museum.

Program Highlights



Barry Parkhill '73
Cavalier Basketball Legend and
Associate Athletics Director

Golfers will play:

Lahinch Golf Course, Doonbeg Golf Course, Tralee Golf Course, Kilkenny Golf Course and Mount Juliet Golf Course

Non-Golfers will visit:

The Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Corcomroe Abbey, Limerick's Hunt Museum, Dingle Peninsula and Cormac's Chapel

Both golfers and non-golfers will enjoy visits to the Rock of Cashel, Craggaunowen Project, Quin "Abbey," Corrofin and Kilfenora.



Accommodations & Meals

Old Ground Hotel in Ennis

A former manor house dating from the 18th century which includes a private contemporary art collection

Kilkenny River Court Hotel

Situated on the banks of the River Nore, it overlooks Kilkenny's majestic 12th century castle

Meals

Includes daily breakfast, a welcome reception and four dinners

Itinerary ~ Ireland

Day 1—U.S. / Shannon

Depart home for Shannon, Ireland

Day 2—Shannon / Ennis

After a morning arrival at Shannon Airport, a short drive brings us to our hotel in the heart of the town of Ennis. We'll stop at nearby Quin "Abbey," actually an early 15th century Franciscan Friary built on the remains of a Norman castle. After lunch on our own, we visit the Craggaunowen Project, where we see a replica of a Bronze Age crannog—a village built on stilts in a bog. We continue to our hotel to check in, unpack and relax before we gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 3—Ennis / Lahinch Golf Course / The Burren

Following breakfast we'll head into north County Clare. We'll stop first at the Dysert O'Dea Archeology Center and view the church and High Cross on the adjacent site. Then we'll continue through Corrofin and Kilfenora, with its 12th century cathedral and high crosses, to Lahinch golf course, a McKenzie course founded in 1892. We drop the golfers off and visit the Cliffs of Moher and continue to the spa town of Lisdoonvarna for lunch on our own. From here we explore "The Burren," including several megalithic sites. Our final visit of the day will be to Corcomroe Abbey (St. Mary of the Fertile Rock), founded in 1194 and notable for carvings that reflect flowers of The Burren. We pick up the golfers at Lahinch and return to our hotel. The evening is free to sample local food and entertainment in the local pubs.

Day 4—Ennis / Doonbeg Golf Course / Limerick

The golfers leave Ennis this morning and head west to the coast to Doonbeg, a course designed by Greg Norman. After the motorcoach returns to Ennis, the non-golfers head for Limerick, the capital of the Shannon region, for a visit to the Hunt Museum, with its extraordinary collection of medieval art. There is free time for lunch and individual exploration in Limerick

before we return to Ennis for a free evening. The golfers will be picked up and returned to the hotel.



Day 5—Ennis / Tralee Golf Course / Dingle Peninsula

Today non-golfers enjoy a full-day excursion south into County Kerry. We drop the golfers off at Tralee, winner of the 2007 IGTOA Golf Course of the Year, and continue around the scenic Dingle Peninsula. The Dingle blends magnificent views of coastal scenery with fascinating antiquities ranging from Iron Age stone forts to inscribed stones, early Christian oratories and beehive huts. We venture out to Sleat Head for breathtaking views over to the Blaskets and visit the Oratory of Gallarus. We stop for lunch in the town of Dingle before continuing to Ballintaggart to view a collection of nine Ogham Stones in a circular burial ground and then cross over to the north coast of the peninsula. We return to our hotel via Tralee, to pick up the golfers. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

Day 6—Ennis / Kilkenny

Golfers and non-golfers all head southeast, arriving at Cashel in the late morning. The Rock of Cashel is a splendid limestone outcrop rising from the plains in County Tipperary, and the fortress of Brian Ború, high king of Ireland. After time for lunch, we continue our journey eastward to our hotel in Kilkenny. There will be time to freshen up before dinner at the hotel.

Day 7—Kilkenny / Kilkenny Golf Course / Powerscourt

Today the golfers play at the Kilkenny course, five minutes from the town center. Non-golfers will be able to take an excursion to see the gardens at

Powerscourt House, located at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains, created in the 1740s by Richard Wingfield, 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 continue to Glendalough, a monastic settlement founded in the 6th century. We return to Kilkenny in the afternoon and the evening is free to explore Kilkenny.

Day 8—Kilkenny / Mount Juliet Golf Course / Waterford

A final day of golf is in store today at Mount Juliet, a Jack Nicklaus signature course. After dropping off the golfers, we continue to Waterford for a visit to the famous glass factory. Enjoy free time for lunch in the town before we drive to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum with its extensive collection of young trees and shrubs. From here it is a short distance to return to Mount Juliet to pick up the golfers. We return to our hotel in Kilkenny for a farewell dinner.

Day 9—Kilkenny / Shannon, U.S.

After breakfast, we travel by motor coach to the Shannon Airport for flights back home to the U.S.



Program Fees

Land program:

\$5,495 per person, double occupancy, for golfers

\$4,995 per person, double occupancy, for non-golfers

\$525 single supplement

With Air: There is no air-inclusive price but the tour operator will arrange air for you at your request.

\$500 deposit due with registration; balance due June 15, 2009.

Price includes:

- Seven nights accommodations at the following hotels: four nights at The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis and

three nights at the Kilkenny River Court Hotel.

- Breakfast daily, a welcome reception and four dinners.
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary.
- Land travel by deluxe motorcoach.
- Green fees and tee times for the Lahinch, Doonbeg, Tralee, Kilkenny and Mount Juliet golf courses or alternative cultural itinerary for non-golfers.
- All gratuities to drivers and guides.
- Group transfers with luggage handling at the airport and hotels in Ireland.

- Local tour manager to handle all trip details.

Price does not include:

International airfare, airport and departure taxes; airport/hotel transfers for those not traveling on the group dates; meals not listed as included; charges for items of a personal nature including laundry, beverages and excess baggage charges; independent travel arrangements; travel and accident insurance; and passport fees.

Contact us for more information or to register

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U.Va. Faculty



Cavalier basketball legend Barry Parkhill was appointed the associate director of athletics for development in

1998. He previously served dual roles as director of alumni development for the U.Va. Alumni Association and director of capital projects for athletics. Before that, he spent three years as associate director of regional development in U.Va.'s Office of Development. Parkhill's first association with the University began in the fall of 1969 when he enrolled as a scholarship basketball player. From 1970-73, he established himself as one of the greatest all-purpose guards in Atlantic Coast Conference history. He was the second player in school history to have his jersey number (#40) retired.

Terms & Conditions

■ **HEALTH:** All participants must be in good health. This program is active and involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require special medical attention or other accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.

■ **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$500 per person. Final payment is due by June 15, 2009 and must be paid by check. A significant change in fuel costs, the value of the dollar or group size could result in a slightly higher trip price.

■ **TOUR SIZE:** The program cost is based on a minimum of 20 participants.

■ **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Refunds, less a cancellation

fee of \$300 per person, will be made if Siemer & Hand is notified on or before June 15, 2009. No refunds will be granted after that date. All cancellations must be in writing.

■ **RESPONSIBILITY:** A detailed statement of limitations and exclusions of liability of Siemer & Hand Travel, Inc., and the University of Virginia for loss of property, injury, illness or death will be provided to passengers upon enrollment and is available to prospective travelers upon request.





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