



Bob Rogers Travel

Lakewood Area Choral Society

Robert Oster, Director

16-25 June 2016



Ireland, Wales & Scotland

Trip Highlights

- Christchurch & Recital
- Trinity college & Book of Kells
- High Speed Irish Ferry to Wales
- Ffestiniog Railway
- Caernarfon Castle
- Get together with Welch Choir
- North England Lake District
- Scottish Whisky Experience
- Ghost & Ghouls Walking Tour
- St. Giles Cathedral Performance
- British Golf Museum –St Andrews



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LAKEWOOD AREA CHORAL SOCIETY
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DESTINATION: IRELAND, WALES & SCOTLAND
DATES: 16-25 JUNE 2016

Itinerary as of May 18, 2016

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56 Travelers + 1 Tour Director + 1 Driver = 58 total

THU, 16 JUNE	LAKE ODESSA – CHICAGO – DUBLIN
9:00 AM	Gather at Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa, MI 48849 and board the Indian Trails Motor Coach, 800-292-3831
9:30 AM	Depart to Chicago O’Hare International Airport . (Drive time is calculated at 4 hrs plus stops, time change considered) <i>Currently airlines allow one checked bag up to 50 lbs free of charge, additional bag charges may apply for additional bags.</i>
1:00 PM	Bob Rogers Representative, Bob Good , will meet you and assist you with your check with Aer Lingus
3:50 PM	Your overseas flight, Aer Lingus EI122 includes meals and entertainment in-flight.



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FRI, 17 JUNE

DUBLIN

(Meals included: Dinner)

5:15 AM

Welcome to Dublin, Ireland!

Your **Professional Tour Director, Jan Luttenberger** will meet you outside the large glass arrival doors (after passport control, luggage claim & customs). Meet your Driver and Logan's Coach.

7:00 AM

Transfer to **Red Cow Hotel** for a leisurely **Full Irish Breakfast** before transferring into town.

10:00 AM

Orientation walk with Jan along the river to

11:00 AM

Visit to **Collin Barracks**

Transfer to O'Connell Bridge Area for lunch options (*Lunches always at your own expense*).

Walk across the bridge back to your hotel for check in and freshen up.

2:00 PM

Check in available

4:00 PM

Group rehearsal at your hotel.

7:30 PM

Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** at your hotel.

Your Hotel: Wynn's Hotel, Dublin

39 Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1

Tel: +353 1 874 5131

SAT, 18 JUNE

DUBLIN

(Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner)

7:30 AM

Enjoy your first taste of a **Full Irish Breakfast** this morning

8:30 AM

Board the coach and transfer to **Nassau Street/ Grafton Street and Trinity College**.

8:30 AM

Here you meet your **2 local guides** for your morning walking tour and visit to **Trinity College** and **Book of Kells**.

10:45 AM

Finish your tour at your hotel.

*Change into concert attire and bring everything with you for the performance.

11:00 AM

Depart for **Christ Church Cathedral**

11:30 AM

Set up and Rehearsal

12:00 PM

Enjoy lunch on your own in area or quietly tour the Cathedral.

1:15 PM

Lunchtime recital at Christ Church Cathedral



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Saturday continued...

2:15 PM Transfer back to your hotel and enjoy leisure time in Dublin

4:15 PM Depart for Dun Laoghaire

4:45 PM Set up and Rehearsal at **Dublin at The Mariner’s Church/National Maritime Museum**

5:15 PM 3 minutes walk from church to hotel

5:30 PM Enjoy **dinner** at **Royal Marine Hotel** Tel: 01 2300 030

8:00 PM Lakewood Area Choral Society Concert (45 minutes) with the Cantóirí Choir (35 minutes) at The Mariner’s Church/National Maritime Museum

10:00 PM Return to your hotel

SUN, 19 JUNE

DUBLIN – CAERNARFON

(Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner)

6:30 AM Enjoy **Continental Breakfast** at the hotel

7:15 AM Transfer to Dublin’s Port; check in your luggage and walk on board.

7:45 AM Arrive at Ferry Port Dublin – Terminal 1

8:45 AM **Irish Ferries Swift** Departs, 90 Minute High Speed Ferry crossing to Holyhead. Wales, UK.

10:45 AM Upon arrival, take your luggage and board your **British Coach**, and continue on towards the **Snowdonia National Park and Caernarfon**.

11:45 AM Upon arrival in Caernarfon, check into your hotel (as rooms are available) or luggage drop before heading out for lunch.

1:20 PM Group meets at **Caernarfon Castle**.

GROUP A (28 pax) Walk to *Lloyd George Statue* Enjoy a **1-hour “Talk of My Town” tour**

GROUP B (28 pax) Enjoy admissions to the **Caernarfon Castle**

2:45 PM

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GROUP A (28 pax) Enjoy admissions to the **Caernarfon Castle**

4:00 PM

Back to hotel and finish check into the hotel; freshen up for evening events

4:30 PM

Enjoy **Group Dinner** at your hotel



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SUN, 19 JUNE

DUBLIN – CAERNARFON CONTINUE...

6:00 PM Walk to St. Mary’s Church
6:30 PM Warm up and rehearsal

**7:30 PM Lakewood Choral Performance with Caernarfon Male Voice Choir at St. Mary’s Church Caernarfon
Charity Concert British Hearth Foundation Charity**

9:00 PM Concert finished and enjoy an “Afterglow” with the Men’s Choir (light snacks and beverages are provided) before walking back to your hotel.

HOTEL: The Celtic Royal Hotel
Bangor Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd,
Tel: +44(0) 1286 674477

MON, 20 JUNE

CAERNARFON

(Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner)

8:00 AM **Breakfast** at your hotel

9:00 AM Board the coach and head out for a ride on the **Welsh Highland Railway Station.**

10:00 AM The railway takes you on a journey from Caernarfon to Beddgelert. *Your historic trains climb over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains through tranquil pastures and magnificent forests, past lakes and waterfalls, round horseshoe bends clinging to the side of the mountain or even tunneling through it. Single trip.*

11:25 AM Upon arrival in Beddgelert at the Welsh Highland Railway Station and transfer to Blaenau Ffestiniog

12:15 PM Arrive in Blaenau Ffestiniog for lunch on your own.

1:45 PM Transfer to **Slate Llehwedd Cavern**

2:00 PM **Slate Llechwedd Caverns** is no ordinary museum! Set in 2000 acres of land above the town of Blaenau Ffestiniog, we’re a living, working slate mine that has been active since opening in 1836. So grab a hard hat and take a ride into the world of the Victorian Slate Miner on the Miners’ Tramway tour or plunge deep into the ground and explore the vast caverns on **the Deep Mine tour** – Groups of 20 starts at 2:30 pm



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MON, 20 JUNE

CAERNARFON CONTINUE...

NOTE:

Deep Mine Tour: It is around a half mile walk with 61 steps to go down during the tour. The staircase is hand railed and well-lit and is a safety staircase. There will be 3 trains 10-15 minutes apart for the group. The tour is 1.5 hours. They need to be at the tour entrance approximately 30 minutes before departure for safety briefing etc.

4:30 PM

Board the coach and return to your hotel to freshen up.

6:15 PM

Walk to **Stones Bistro** for a **Cocktail Dinner Buffet**

4 Hole in the Wall St,
Caernarfon LL55 1RF,

6:30 PM

Enjoy a variety of finger foods and hot starters; meat, fish, pasta and vegetarian; homemade chips, steamed vegetable and salads, and finish off with some desserts. Includes lemonade and water.

TUE, 21 JUNE

CAERNAFRON – PENRITH

(Meals included: Breakfast)

Morning

After **Breakfast**, check out of your hotel. Depart north towards Scotland with our first stop in the **North England Lake District** (4 driving hours).

2:15 PM

Arrive at **Mirehouse Gardens**, the beautiful, natural gardens offer stunning views of the dramatic Lakeland landscape they are set in. Enjoy the tranquility of the walled Bee Garden, stroll in quiet contemplation along the Poetry Walk or sit by the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake.

Afternoon

Enjoy a **traditional afternoon Tea at Café** at your leisure (via voucher).

4:30 PM

Depart for the hotel; check in

Evening

Enjoy leisure time and dinner on your own.

HOTEL: **The George Hotel Penrith**, Devonshire Street, Penrith CA117SU

Tel: +44 (0)1768 862696



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WED, 22 JUNE

PENRITH – EDINBURGH

(Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner)

9:00 AM

After **Breakfast** at your hotel check out and depart for **Edinburgh, Scotland** (3 driving hours).

Welcome to Edinburgh, the inspiring capital of Scotland, where centuries of history meet a vibrant city! Admire stunning scenery, striking architecture, fine food, and first-class attractions. Edinburgh is the world's festival capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

1:00 PM

Estimated arrival time to your Edinburgh Hotel (right at Bruntsfield Links). Check in or drop luggage and enjoy lunch in the area.

3:30 PM

Board the coach and transfer to Edinburgh Castle parking and walk to your meeting spot.

4:15 & 4:30 PM

Depart on a “**Ghost & Whiskey Walking Tour**”!! (3 Guides)
Includes sights around the Royal Mile and exclusive access to the famously haunted Blair Street Underground Vaults.

6:00 PM

Enjoy a visit to **Scotch Whisky Experience**, at the Castlehill Dining Room at The Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre, 354 Castlehill,

6:15 PM

Private Silver Whiskey Tour (split into smaller groups)

7:15 PM

Get Seated in the Castlehill Room, beverage service, followed by 3 course dinner

10:00 PM

Return to your hotel.

HOTEL: Best Western Bruntsfield Hotel

69 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh

Tel: +44 (0)131 229 1393



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THU, 23 JUNE

EDINBURGH

(Meals included: Breakfast)

7-9 AM

Enjoy **Breakfast** at your hotel.

10:00 AM

Transfer into the city center for leisure time.

11:00 AM

Gather together at **St. Giles Cathedral**, Royal Mile

12:15 PM

Lakewood Choral performs at St. Giles Cathedral

This is the main cathedral of Edinburgh. The choir will sing from the choir stalls immediately in front of the organ. Prayers are said at 12pm. The Minister will then announce the choir's recital

1:30 PM

Enjoy a **visit** to **Edinburgh Castle** that overlooks the city.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. *Visit a woolen mill and walk down the Royal Mile to visit the many local shops.*

Your Tour Director can help with the many options you'll have on your own this afternoon and evening. Please note lunch and dinner are on your own today.

FRI, 24 JUNE

ST. ANDREWS EXCURSION

(Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner)

10:00 AM

After **Breakfast** at the hotel, depart for a day discovering the medieval city of **St. Andrews**, a wonderful coastal resort and the home to **Scotland's oldest University** and of course, golf course!

11:00 AM

St. Andrew's Cathedral sits at the eastern end of St Andrews' two main streets with a collection of ruins that together make up St Andrews Cathedral and a number of associated religious buildings including St Rule's Tower, just to the south east of the cathedral, and St Mary's Church, just outside the precinct wall.

1:00 PM

The British Golf Museum traces the history of golf, in both Britain and abroad, from the middle ages to the present day.

4:00 PM

Return to the hotel and freshen up for this evenings farewell dinner.

6:00 PM

Transfer to Jamhouse.

6:30 PM

Arrive at **Jamhouse**, 5 Queen Street for **Spirit of Scotland Show** including 4 course dinner and show including 1 glass of wine or 1 pint of beer or 1 pint of soft drink, and Show.

9:30 PM

Show ends and board your coach to return to your hotel



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SAT, 25 JUNE

EDINBURGH – DUBLIN – CHICAGO – LAKE ODESSA (Meals: Breakfast)

6:00 AM	Boxed Breakfast and check out of your hotel, board the coach and transfer to the airport.
6:30 AM	Check in for your return flight
8:20 AM	Your flight Aer Lingus EI3251 to Dublin departs
9:30 AM	Arrive in Dublin and walk to your connecting Gate
11:30 AM	Your flight Aer Lingus EI123 departs for Chicago O'Hare.
1:50 PM	Upon arrival, pass through immigration, collect your luggage and pass customs.
3:15 PM	Board the coach for Michigan.
9:00 PM	Estimated arrival time at Lakewood HS. Welcome Home!