



# The CALLING

## Milwaukee Irish Fest

### Music & Culture Tour of Ireland



**JANUARY 18-28, 2024 | COUNTY DONEGAL AND DUBLIN**

JOIN US FOR OUR UNIQUE MUSIC AND CULTURAL TOUR—AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN IRELAND. THE TRIP INCLUDES:

#### **FOUR NIGHTS IN COUNTY DONEGAL**

Ireland's most scenic and beautiful county.

- Cultural Classes on Irish History, Language and Culture
- Guided Visit to Ancient Tombs, Historical Donegal Castle, Ancestral O'Donnell Kingdom of Tir Chonaill
- Visit Beaver Island Memorial on the Gaelic-speaking island of Arranmore
- Visit Leo's Tavern, home of 'Clannad' and 'Enya'
- Tour and Tasting at the famous Crolly Distillery
- Live Music by the best of Donegal Musicians each evening
- Meals at top recommended restaurants & farm-to-fork Gastropubs & Cafés

#### **FIVE NIGHTS IN DUBLIN CITY**

Tickets for Dublin City TradFest included.

- 4★ Hotel Accommodation with Breakfast
- Admission to TradFest, Dublin's Biggest Festival of Irish, Folk and Trad Music: admits you to three lunchtime concerts, two evening concerts, one major headline concert.
- Concerts take place in a variety of unique heritage venues throughout Dublin City including St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, the National Museum of Ireland, and the GPO Museum.

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# 2024 TRIP ITINERARY

Jan 18.  
**Depart  
USA for  
Dublin**

## DAY 1

Jan.19

Arrive in Dublin Airport and to your **4-star hotel** for check-in. You'll meet your trip guides for an orientation meeting. You can relax for the evening, or join us for a visit to the **Epic Museum of Emigration**, and dinner in Dublin's **Temple Bar**.

## DAY 2

Jan.20

We travel by private coach to Donegal via **Brú na Bóinne**, where we visit the **Newgrange monument**. We will lunch in the **Boyne Valley**, then onwards to our accommodation in Donegal. After check-in, you'll be invited to enjoy a complimentary drink and our **'Meitheal'** showcase, featuring the best local traditional musicians and a history of the local tunes.

## DAY 3

Jan.21

Our day begins with a cultural talk about Irish History, before a guided tour of **Donegal Castle**. We visit famous **Sliabh Liag** - Ireland's highest sea cliffs. We'll enjoy a meal at **Anderson's Boathouse Restaurant in Killybegs** and return to a live performance from **The Henry Girls**.

## DAY 4

Jan.22

An early start as we make our way to **Arranmore Island**, one of Donegal's offshore Gaelic-speaking islands. We'll visit the **Beaver Island Memorial**, and check into our overnight stay in **Dunlewey**. We end our evening with a meal and entertainment in **Leo's Tavern, home of Clannad and Enya**.

## DAY 5

Jan.23

A visit to **Glenveagh estate**, and to **Croithlí Distillery** for a great whiskey tour & tasting. We'll stop for lunch at **award-winning Blás Restaurant** in Donegal town, and then its back to **Bundoran** for a performance by the legendary **Johnny Gallagher & the Boxy Band**.

## DAY 6

Jan.24

A morning talk on **'Irish Writers through the ages'** sets up our day with a tour of **Yeats Country & Sligo City**, on our way back to Dublin. We continue onwards to Dublin, check in to our hotel and collect our **Tradfest** tickets, then its a free evening before the festival begins.

## DAY 7-9

Jan.25-27

**Tradfest** kicks off for another year, showcasing the cream of both Irish and international trad and folk artists while also providing a stage to promote the next generation of Irish musicianship. With gigs in historic venues such as the **St. Patrick's Cathedral, Malahide Castle**, and in bars, on street corners and more!

**TRAD  
FEST  
2024  
TEMPLE BAR**

Jan. 28  
**Depart  
Dublin  
for USA**

**\$2,300** per person based on double occupancy

**INCLUDED:** Accommodation in Dublin 4★ city center hotel and Donegal self-catering apartments with on-site pub and music venue on the Atlantic Coast, Cultural classes, live music gigs and guided tours. Dublin meal plan includes full Irish breakfast. Donegal meal plan includes large continental breakfast buffet and three evening meals. TradFest ticket includes three lunchtime performances, three evening performances.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare to Ireland, travel insurance, optional adventure activities, beverages and gratuities, and airport transfers.