

Denton Independent School District Request for Out of State Student Travel

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Guyer High School Date of Request 8-10-10
 School Organization Choir Activity Sponsor Michael Pricer

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** Ireland
 Description of Activities or Events 9-day tour of Ireland including stops in Dublin and Killarney. The choir will sing at least two formal concerts, as well as, tour the countryside with professional tour guides.
 Dates of Travel March 10 -18, 2011 Mode of Travel Airplane & Charter Bus
 Number of Student Participants 45 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 20
 Educational Purposes and Value The students of Guyer HS Choir will receive performance opportunities in numerous historical backgrounds. They will also get to experience the sights and sounds of an entirely different culture than their own which will give them a much wider perspective of the global world around.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	\$1350
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Total Cost of Activity	\$1850
Estimated Cost/Student	\$500

***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

Patron Program Advertisements, Yankee Candle Sales, Car Washes, Madrigal Dinner Concert

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Barbara Fischer</u> NAME	<u>Barbara Fischer</u> SIGNATURE	<u>8/10/10</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>David McCullae</u> NAME	<u>David McCullae</u> SIGNATURE	<u>8-24-10</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

US Integrity Touring Company Presents:

Guyer High School Choir Performance Tour

Tentative Itinerary for Ireland

March 10 – 17, 2011

As of August 16, 2010

Thursday March 10th 2007

Early afternoon, we depart Dallas/Ft. Worth on AA Flt. 2352 at 1:30 PM to arrive Chicago at 3:50 PM. Then we take Aer Lingus Flt. 124 from Chicago at 7:15 PM, to arrive at Shannon in the morning on Friday, March 11th, with meal service en route.

Friday, March 11th

We arrive at Dublin Airport at 9:00 AM to be met by our USIT tour conductor and Irish driver/guide. After checking through passport control and customs with our luggage, we load the coaches and we're off! It's about a half hour drive into central Dublin. We'll start with a visit to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells in the college library, and then we'll go on to with our panoramic tour to see Christchurch Cathedral, the Phoenix Park, Dublin Castle, the houses of Parliament and the Georgian houses on Merrion Square. We could also walk over the Ha'penny Bridge to Temple Bar or visit the National Gallery. Along the way, we'll have lunch on our own in the city. Late afternoon we'll check into our hotel to get settled for the night after a long day and night of travel from Denton. Dinner is included tonight at your hotel. Hotel: Academy Plaza Hotel, 10-14 Findlater Place, Dublin Phone: 011 353 1 878 0666 from the US <http://www.academyplazahotel.ie/>

Saturday, March 12th

This morning we visit the ancient ruins of Glendalough Abbey, a monastic settlement founded by St. Kieran, the monk that lived in a tree in the 6th century. The churches, abbeys, and the famous 'round towers' make this one of the most venerated sites in Ireland and are legendary. We take lunch on our own in the nearby village of Laragh a mining town in the early 1900's where silver & gold were found among other minerals. After lunch we divert over the Wicklow Gap in the mountains to "Hollywood" the original Irish village on route to your hotel. Upon returning to Dublin, we visit the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral, where we will sing a lunchtime concert at 1:15 PM. After changing back to street clothes, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore the city of Dublin. A little shopping on Grafton Street will make this a full day. Hotel: Academy Plaza Hotel, Dublin

Sunday, March 13th

This morning we travel across the country from east to west to Galway city. This ancient Celtic city has Spanish influences everywhere—your guide will tell you why. The Irish language is spoken here by the people of the Connemara region also traditional Irish music can be heard in many of the pubs each evening. We take a walking tour of the city visiting the original site of 'Lynching', the Spanish Arch, the site of Columbus last prayers and more. Free time this afternoon to explore on your own. Dinner is provided at the hotel. Hotel & Dinner: The Harbour Hotel, Galway City Centre Phone: 011 35 91-569466 from the US. <http://www.harbour.ie/>

Monday, March 14th

Today is the Figure of Eight Tour, which will take us around the wild and very scenic "Gaeltacht of Connemara". The mountains of the 12 Bens, the village of Leenane Killary Harbour, Irelands only

fjord are some of the sights on today's trip. Today will have many good photo stops, a very scenic day, all-in-all. On route to Galway we will be passing Kylemore Abbey, Clifden, and Spiddal. We'll make a stop at Kylemore, an extraordinary Gothic abbey that sits at the base of a heavily wooded hill overlooking the mirrorlike waters of Kylemore Lake. The highlight is the recently restored Gothic chapel, an exquisite cathedral in miniature, and we may be able to sing informally there. Then we're back to Galway City for the evening. Dinner is on our own in Galway Centre. Hotel: The Harbour Hotel

Tuesday, March 15th

After a (full Irish) breakfast, we drive south to County Clare visiting the spectacular Cliffs of Moher & the Burren, an ancient limestone 'Carst' region. On to Limerick City founded by the Vikings and captured by King John of Magna Carta fame in 1201 A.D. We'll see King John's Castle on the way. Then we drive south to Killarney to check in for two nights. We are right in town at this hotel. Dinner is on our own. Hotel: Dromhall Hotel, Muckross Rd., Killarney, County Kerry Phone: 011 353 64 66 39300 from the US <http://dromhall.com/index.html>

Wednesday, March 16th

Today is the famous "Ring of Kerry" tour--110 miles of spectacular scenery as we circle the Iveragh peninsula, enjoying the high cliffside views of the Atlantic. It's a great day to relax, take our time, and enjoy the amazing scenery. One stop we make at Waterville, 60's holiday home of Charlie Chaplin, to lunch (on our own) at the Scariff Inn overlooking the Atlantic near the westernmost point of the Ring. We continue the breathtaking ride along the cliffs to Sneem village for a rest stop, then over the mountains to Ladies View, made famous by Queen Victoria and her entourage. Through the National Park, Killarney, by the lakes we travel to back to our hotel in Killarney, arriving at around 4.30. Tonight, we have the privilege of singing at the 6:15 PM mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney. We arrive at 5:30 dressed for the mass. Dinner is at the hotel tonight after the mass. Hotel: Dromhall Hotel

Thursday, March 17th

Following a continental breakfast we depart early for Dublin Airport, a five-hour drive. We take the noon flight to Chicago, Aer Lingus 125, arriving at 3:00 PM. We go through customs in Chicago. We transfer to AA Flt. 2349 from Chicago at 7:00 PM and arrive at DFW at 9:30 PM.

Slan Abhile, Translates to "Safe Home"

Notes: All breakfasts are full hot breakfasts and are provided in the tour, as are dinners, unless stated that they are on your own. All lunches are on your own. The USIT will have a cell phone with a number that will be given to all participants before the tour to be used for emergency contact.

Emergency calls: The USIT rep will be carrying an Irish cell phone for emergency calls (please *only* for emergencies!), which can be dialed from the US 011 353 879 769 174. Within Ireland, it is dialed 0879 769 174.