

DINGLE, IRELAND CAMPUS/JUNE 28 – JULY 6, 2024

DRAFT SCHEDULE

DEPARTURE DAY FRIDAY – DEPART US

DAY 1: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

- **Depart US For Shannon Ireland Airport (time and airline TBD)**

DAY 2: SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

- Transport to Dingle from Shannon Airport – A coach bus will meet you at Shannon and drive to Dingle. The drive is 2.5 hours long. Please note that the bus will be departing Shannon at approximately 8:00am. If your flight arrives after this time, while we can help you arrange the transport to Dingle, you will be responsible for the cost to Dingle. A taxi to Dingle costs approx. \$230. (Suggested reservation information will follow so don't book your flight yet!)
- Since check-in at the accommodation is not until after 3:00pm; after arriving in Dingle, you will drop your bags into the Skellig Hotel and then go for a guided walk/lunch around dingle town. If staying at the Cottages, we will assist you in getting your bags to the cottages from the hotel for check-in at the cottages.
- Those staying at the Cottages, don't forget to purchase your food supplies.
- We will have dinner (included) this evening at Danno's Restaurant at 7:00pm. This is a ten-minute walk from the Skellig's and five minutes from the Cottages.

- After dinner, you are free to visit the many pubs in Dingle where you can hear traditional Irish music being played and not forgetting the perfect pint of Guinness that you enjoy.

DAY 3: SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Dingle Tour

- Those staying in the Skellig Hotel will enjoy breakfast at the hotel; those staying at the Cottages, this will be your first morning cooking an Irish Breakfast, or you could always visit Courtney's Bakery on Greene Street where you can have the lightest pastries or egg sandwich.
- At 12:30pm, you will be collected from your accommodation, and we will begin our guided tour of Conor Pass and Brandon Bay. This tour starts with the ascent of Conor Pass, stopping off at Peddler's Lake, a beautiful Corrie lake (glacial) with an amazing view of the valley below. The tour will continue visiting Brandon Bay, stopping for lunch at (TBD) Murphy's Pub, at the edge of the sea.
- Dinner on your own with suggestions for places to hear traditional music. You will be provided a list of restaurants in Dingle.

DAY 4: MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

Slea Head

- Breakfast on your own (Hotel/Cottages or local restaurants)
- This morning is the guided tour of Slea Head. You will be picked up at the hotel/cottages at 9:30. A local guide (Kevin O'Shea) will bring you to some of the most important and beautiful archaeological sites on the Dingle Peninsula, such as Gallarus Oratory, Reask Monastic Site, Klilmalkeader Church. Other stops include Coumeenoole Beach, which overlooks the Blasket Islands. We will also stop at Mulcahy's Pottery Shop where you can pick up a beautiful piece of Irish pottery and will continue the tour to the

Blasket Center to learn about life on the Blasket Islands which you will be visiting tomorrow. You will be able to get lunch at the Blasket Center.

- Dinner on your own with suggestions for places to hear traditional music.

DAY 5: TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

Blasket Islands**

- Breakfast on your own (Hotel/Cottages or local restaurants)
- Today we are going to the Blasket Islands, a day you will not forget for all your life. We will meet at Dingle Marina at 9:45a.m. (10-minute walk from the Skellig Hotel, 2 minutes from the Cottages). The boat ride to the Blasket Islands will take 40 minutes. There are no facilities on the island, so please bring a packed lunch/water, etc. with you. You will have learned that the Blasket Islands were inhabited until 1953, so this day will be like going back in time, a magical place. You will have approximately 3 hours on the island. The boat trip to the island will bring you along the Sleah Head route, so you will get another view of this amazing scenery. You will be back in Dingle at approximately 4:00pm.
- Dinner on your own with suggestions for places to hear traditional Irish music.

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

Feast/Famine/Fever & Fermentation

- Breakfast on your own (Hotel/Cottages or local restaurants)
- Today we will meet at Dick Mack's Historic Pub and Brewhouse on Greene Street at 11:00a.m. We will learn about Feast/Famine/Fever & Fermentation in the art of making beer and whiskey. Dick Mack's Pub and newly opened Brewhouse in Dingle is a place where people

go for the craic, and to fill themselves on local beer, fine whiskey and live music.

- Set dancing workshop following the tour of Dick Mack's. This is a fun, informal introduction to Irish dancing, you will learn how to dance the West Kerry set, even if you have never danced before or in a long time, this will be great fun...and educational. The workshop lasts approximately one hour.
- After the dance lesson you can practice your new found dancing skills in one of the local pubs.
- Dinner on your own with suggestions for places to hear traditional Irish music and dancing.

DAY 7: THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

KILLARNEY

- Breakfast on your own (Hotel/Cottages or local restaurants)
- Today, we are going to Killarney Town. You will be picked up at 8:30a.m. Killarney is a beautiful town, one hour bus ride from Dingle. We will stop off at Inch Beach along the way. Inch Beach is a beautiful beach which was used in the filming of Ryan's Daughter. Apart from having some free time in Killarney town to do some shopping, the trip will include a visit to:
 - Muckross House & Gardens: this nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. Queen Victoria stayed here in 1861.
 - Muckross Abbey: The Franciscan friary of Irrelagh, now known as Muckross Abbey was founded for the Observatine Franciscans about 1448 by Daniel McCarthy Mor.

- Killarney National Park contains many features of national and international importance such as the native oakwoods and yew woods together with an abundance of evergreen trees and shrubs and a profusion of bryophytes and lichens which thrive in the in the mild Killarney climate. The native red deer are unique in Ireland with a presence in the country since the last Ice Age.
- We will be leaving Killarney at 4:30pm and back in Dingle at 5:30pm.

(TBD – Evening 4th of July celebration)

DAY 8: FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024

FREE DAY WITH OPTIONAL ACTIVITY IN THE MORNING

- Breakfast on your own (Hotel/Cottages or local restaurants)
- Optional Activities that can be arranged (Additional Costs):
 - Hill walking with local guide – maps offering several trails.
 - Surfing – information on renting surf boards.
 - Sailboarding – information on renting sailboards.
 - Sea Kayaking – information on renting kayaks.
 - Horseback riding – information on places that offer horseback riding.
 - Golf – 4 or 5 courses around dingle – information on making tee time, rentals, transportation.

DAY 9: SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

DEPART DINGLE

- Depart Dingle for Shannon Airport. The bus to bring you back to Shannon will depart Dingle 4:00am and you should arrive at Shannon Airport at 7:00am.
- Return to US

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE DEPENDENT ON WEATHER. SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF ACTIVITIES. FINAL ITINERARY WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN BOOKED.

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS UNTIL WE HAVE A FINAL NEGOTIATION WITH AER LINGUS AND UNITED AIRLINES.