

Quinnipiac University Women's Hockey Ireland - January 2020

Tues, Dec 31: Heading for the Emerald Isle

Start your journey by taking an overnight flight across the Atlantic where you will arrive in Dublin the next morning.

Wed, Jan 1: Welcome to Ireland

This morning you will land at Dublin Airport and proceed through to the arrivals area, where you will be met and transferred to your first destination, Co. Dublin, the small capital of Ireland with a huge reputation. **We will take a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin** to see local landmarks and historic buildings like the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Trinity College, housing the Book of Kells, and much more. We then journey deep into the heart of Ireland's most famous brand, Guinness,



which has been called the legendary St. James's Gate Brewery 'home' since 1759. **We will visit Guinness Storehouse** to hear the story of this iconic drink, touring the seven floors which bring to life the heritage of Guinness from its early days to growth as a global brand, known and enjoyed all around the world. What better place to savor a pint of Guinness than sitting high

above Dublin in the Guinness Storehouse Gravity Bar! After, we will check in to our hotel where you are free for the evening.

Overnight: Jurys Inn – Christchurch (B&B)

Thurs, Jan 2: Next Stop... Belfast



Following breakfast this morning, we will depart Dublin to seek new adventures in Belfast, Northern Ireland. On route we will stop at Slane Castle & Distillery and take a guided tour. Experience the world class facility, culminating in a tasting of the signature Triple Casked Slane Whiskey. At the Castle



we will learn about the heritage and history of the Conyngham family, their ancestral home and of course the rock and roll history. We will continue our journey to Belfast and upon arrival **we will take a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city** to taking in its historic areas

including the City Center, the Protestant neighborhood of Shankill Road, the Catholic neighborhood of Falls Road and much more. After, we will check in to the hotel where you can enjoy an evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Ramada Encore Hotel (B&B)

Fri, Jan 3: Day trip to Co. Antrim

This morning after breakfast we will depart the city to visit **Northern Ireland's iconic attraction and its only UNESCO World heritage site, The Giant's Causeway.** We will



journey via the Causeway Coastal Route- dubbed one of the best coastal drives in the world! Resulting from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago, this is the focal point for a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which has attracted visitors for centuries as well as the legendary giant- Finn McCool. On the way we will

stop at the Dark Hedges – also known as the 'Kingsroad' in Game of Thrones. We will return to the hotel where you can enjoy a free evening.

Overnight: Ramada Encore Hotel (B&B)

Sat, Jan 4: Game Day 1!! Let's go Bobcats

Today a coach will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the SSE Arena where the Women's Hockey games are being held. Here you will wear your team's colors, soak in the electrifying atmosphere and cheer on those Bobcats as they take to the rink. The game starts at 4pm so you will have some free time before to spend at your leisure and explore Belfast City yourself. Check out the amazing Titanic Quarter, try one of the many tasty



restaurants, cafes and pubs or why not treat yourself with a trip to Victoria Square - a shopping and leisure complex located in the heart of Belfast City Center.

Overnight: Ramada Encore Hotel (B&B)

Sun, Jan 5: GAME DAY 2!!



Today's game kicks off at 12pm. The coach will pick you up at your hotel and transfer you the SSE Arena for the final game. Once the game has ended and the winners are crowned you will board your coach as we'll depart Belfast and make our way back to Dublin for your final night. Check-in to your hotel and freshen up as tonight you will attend a

traditional Irish evening with dinner and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock Irish Show. After, you will return to your hotel.

Overnight: Jurys Inn – Christchurch (B&B)

Mon, Jan 6: Homeward Bound

With bags packed, fuel up on breakfast and take your airport transfer for your flight home. Carry on your photos and memories of Dublin and Belfast – bringing a bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. 'The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes' will be expecting you again soon.