

The Jewish Museum Travel Program

DON'T MISS this wonderful opportunity to learn the little known contributions of Jews to the culture and history of Ireland.

**“Lord Mayors and Traders:
The Jews of Ireland”
A Deluxe Jewish Museum Trip of Ireland
May 1 – 12, 2011**

Program includes five nights in Dublin, one in Belfast, three in Kenmare and one in Dromoland.



Muckross House in Killarney, Ireland

Ireland, blessed with a magnificent landscape, is a country rich in spirit and history. It encompasses legends, Celtic myth and music and layer upon layer of different cultures. While Jewish settlers in Ireland are known to date back to the 12th century, it was not until 1660 that the first Synagogue was founded – a small prayer room opposite Dublin Castle. Bolstered by significant immigration from Eastern Europe at the end of the 19th century, Jews have played important roles in Irish society – from Lord Mayors in Belfast, Dublin and Cork, to members of Parliament, the diplomatic service, and the world of commerce and trade.

The 2011 Jewish Museum tour of Ireland will bring to life the heritage and tradition of the Jews of Ireland and explore the origins and nature of their unique experience. We will meet its warm and friendly people and enjoy discussions with leading Jewish figures and local Jewish communities. Experience Ireland’s breathtaking landscape, rugged coastline and verdant countryside – abundant with wildflowers and splendid vistas.

We invite you to join us on this unique and fascinating experience!



Dingle Peninsula
Panoramic view from Aghadoe in Killarney, Ireland

Sunday, May 1

Depart for Ireland

Monday, May 2

Arrive Dublin - check in to the deluxe, 5-star Merrion Hotel - the epitome of relaxed grandeur centrally located in the heart of the city. The hotel comprises several meticulously restored Georgian houses turned into a luxury hotel containing a spectacular collection of 19th and 20th century art. The Merrion collection is considered to be one of the most important private collections in Ireland. Afternoon walking tour of St. Stephen's Green and surrounding area. Evening orientation, opening discussion and welcoming dinner (included).

Tuesday, May 3

Morning: visit the Irish Jewish Museum followed by meeting at Mansion House (home of the Lord Mayor of Dublin) for discussion with Ben Briscoe, P.C.- former member of Dail Eireann (Parliament). Mr. Briscoe, and his father, Robert Briscoe (the first Jew elected Lord Mayor of Dublin) together hold the record of longest continuous service in Dail Eireann. Following lunch on your own, view the celebrated Book of Kells (most important medieval illuminated manuscript in the English speaking world) and the impressive Long Room Library - housing over 200,000 of the most important, priceless manuscripts in the world. Evening: free, dinner on your own.

Wednesday, May 4

Travel to Wicklow and visit Powerscourt House and Gardens and enjoy a guided tour of one of the most famous gardens in Ireland. This will be followed by some free time for shopping and lunch on your own. Afternoon visit to the Avoca Hand weavers in the picturesque village of Avoca, called Ballykissangel in the famous BBC TV series filmed there. The wool mill is Ireland's oldest and produces beautiful, world-renown fabrics. Evening: free, dinner on your own.

Thursday, May 5

Early morning departure for Belfast to meet with Lord Mayor of Belfast, followed by a special tour of West Belfast, which experienced the most difficult times during the "Troubles" and where we will view its famous political murals. Afternoon tour of Stormont and meeting with some members of Parliament, followed by a visit to the Belfast Hebrew Congregation for coffee, tea and a discussion with residents on Northern Ireland's Jewry - past and present. Check in to our Executive Level Rooms at Europa Hotel - centrally located in the heart of Belfast. Dinner (included) at the Europa.

Friday, May 6

Return to Dublin; visit Newgrange en route, one of Ireland's most important neolithic treasures. Built in the fourth century B.C.E., Newgrange predates the pyramids of Egypt and has some of the most exceptional prehistoric passage tombs in Europe. Evening: festive Shabbat dinner (included).



Dingle Peninsula

Saturday, May 7

Morning: (optional) attend Services at a Synagogue followed by Kiddush with the community. Afternoon: guided walking tour to the National Gallery of Ireland, where every major school of European painting is well represented, with a strong emphasis on Irish landscape and portraits. Evening: free for the enjoyment of Dublin's nightlife, pubs and theatres.

Sunday, May 8

Depart Dublin for the charming village of Kenmare. Enroute, visit with dignitaries in Limerick where Professor Dermot Keogh will discuss one of the saddest chapters of Jewish Ireland. Time permitting, visit the Hunt Museum before checking in to the luxurious, 5-star Park Hotel Kenmare overlooking the Ring of Kerry. The Park Hotel is one of Ireland's finest hotels and includes an award-winning spa and restaurant. Dinner at hotel (included).

Monday, May 9

Short morning presentation on the life and activities of Hugh O' Flaherty – "Ireland's Oskar Schindler," followed by a tree planting ceremony in his honor at Killarney National Park accompanied by the Mayor of Killarney. Afternoon: visit the charming coastal town of Dingle with a scenic drive along Sleat Head, and its dramatic views of South Kerry and the Blasket Islands. Stop at Gallarus Oratory on the Dingle Peninsula, built some time between the 6th and 9th centuries and believed to be an early Christian church. Dinner on your own in Kenmare.

Tuesday, May 10

Visit University of Cork for a presentation by Dermot Keogh (Professor Emeritus and author of *The History of the Jews of Ireland*) and meet with Fred Rosehill, President of the Jewish Community of Cork, at Cork Hebrew Congregation (built over 100 years ago). Ms. Rosehill will discuss the fading history of the Jewish Community of Cork. Lunch and time on your own in the picturesque seaside town of Kinsale known for its many gourmet restaurants and charming shops. Return to Kenmare in time for a late dinner at our hotel (included).



Book of Kells

Wednesday, May 11

After a leisurely breakfast, late morning departure from Kenmare for an overnight stay at Dromoland Castle before departing Ireland the next morning. Along the way, stop at Muckross House in scenic Killarney National Park to visit the mansion and its famous gardens. Following lunch on your own at Muckross House, continue to Dromoland Castle. Blending old-world elegance with modern luxuries 15th century Dromoland Castle was the ancestral home of the direct descendants of Brian Boru, High King of Ireland. Check in to Dromoland in the early afternoon with ample time to relax and enjoy the facilities and grounds of this magnificent hotel. Evening: for those interested, meet with Lord Inchquin (former owner of Dromoland Castle and one of the direct descendants of Brian Boru) to hear of the castle's rich and fascinating history followed by dinner at Dromoland (included).

Thursday, May 12

Departure from Shannon Airport.



Trip Leader: Aryeh Maidenbaum, Ph.D., with substantial background in the fields of History, Psychology and Jewish Studies and more than 18 years experience organizing educational travel programs, including 13 in Ireland, is a special consultant to The Jewish Museum Travel Program. Director of the NY Center for Jungian Studies, Dr. Maidenbaum received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University. A former faculty member at NYU, his publications include “The Search for Spirit in Jungian Psychology”; “Sounds of Silence”; Lingering Shadows: Jungians, Freudians and Anti-Semitism, and Jung and the Shadow of Anti-Semitism. Dr. Maidenbaum’s annual Jung in Ireland programs, which he organizes and leads, attract internationally recognized speakers and participants throughout the US and abroad.



Trip guide: Conor Ellard has guided several prior Jewish Museum trips to Ireland. Steeped in the land’s history, politics and people, Conor has worked with Dr. Maidenbaum for many years, guiding and helping organize programs to Ireland. Conor is a delight to travel with and, if asked, might agree to sing a ballad or two with his beautiful baritone voice.

Participation: This deluxe trip to Ireland will be limited to 30 participants.

It is open to all members of The Jewish Museum.

Designed for people of all ages, the travel program entails walking moderate distances. Please feel free to call the Museum Travel Program office if you have any questions and we will be happy to speak with you.



Program Details:

Land Program Cost: \$ 5,650 (plus \$75 Jewish Museum membership fee for nonmembers)

***Program fee includes:**

- Ten nights; luxurious, deluxe hotels, breakfast daily; six dinners
- All lectures, presentations, guided tours, museum and site entrance fees
- All ground transportation for group travel

*Per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement available at \$1,350. For those preferring to share a room and need a roommate, we will try and provide one for you; otherwise, single supplement will apply. Gratuities (\$125) additional. Refund policy upon request and with registration.

Balance due: February 1, 2011

Registration: Ireland, Lord Mayors and Traders

Please complete, include deposit of \$750 per person, and mail or fax to:

The Jewish Museum Travel Program Tel. (845) 256-0194 / Fax (845) 256-0196
27 North Chestnut Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

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YES! I am registering now and my non-refundable deposit is enclosed.

I prefer a double room. I need a roommate.

I'll be traveling with _____

I would prefer a single room (single room supplement \$1,350)

I will make my own air arrangements I would like help with making arrangements

I am a member of The Jewish Museum.

I am not yet a member of The Jewish Museum.

(Basic Membership fee of \$75 will be added to final invoice. Information, including benefits of membership and options for other levels of membership will be forwarded with registration acknowledgment.)

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