

Ireland Inside Track Program

Summer 2018

August 4-11

Program Description

The Ireland Inside Track Program is an eight-day immersion program designed to provide Notre Dame undergraduate students with insight and access to Irish society, culture and economy. Undergraduate students from Notre Dame will travel to Ireland to interact with influential Irish leaders, entrepreneurs, politicians, and artists; they will have the opportunity to visit European headquarters of major tech companies, visit the parliaments of two countries and gain a real insight into Ireland's position within the European Union and the modern global economy.

They will also be introduced to the magnificent Irish landscape and partake in Irish cuisine and cultural activities, such as the uniquely Irish sport of Hurling. The one-credit "Inside Track" course was created to ensure that highly motivated students will not be passive tourists but engaged pilgrims who will experience Ireland in a genuine way, and absorb an authentic experience of contemporary Ireland.

Academic Highlights

- ❖ Students will reside at Trinity College Dublin and Kylemore Abbey
- ❖ Students divided into 3 areas of academic interest:
 - Business
 - Political Science
 - Arts & Letters
- ❖ Mandatory Preparation Class offered at University of Notre Dame in Spring 2018 prior to Summer Program
- ❖ National University of Ireland - Galway Visit and 'Brexit's Impact on Ireland' Lecture

Cultural Highlights

- ❖ Dublin
 - Historical Walking Tour
 - All Ireland Hurling Semi-Final
 - Community Outreach Project
- ❖ Belfast
 - Peace Wall with Black Taxi Historical Tour
 - Titanic Museum Tour
 - Tour Stormont Parliament Buildings
- ❖ The West
 - Aran Islands Cultural Tour
 - Archaeological Tour of the Cliffs of Moher & the Burren



Ireland Inside Track Program 2018 Tentative Schedule (not confirmed)

Saturday 4 August: Student Arrival Day (Day One)

Students Arrive to Dublin Airport
Accommodation: Trinity College Dublin
Historical Walking Tour of Dublin
Opening Dinner at Fire Restaurant

Sunday 5 August (Day Two)

Accommodation: Trinity College Dublin
Opening Mass at Newman University Church
Tour of Croke Park: Hurling Semi Final

Monday 6 August (Day Three)

Accommodation: Trinity College Dublin
Belfast Day: Black Taxis Tour/Titanic Museum
Tour/Stormont Castle Tour
Reconciliation Mass

Tuesday 7 August (Day Four)

Accommodation: Trinity College Dublin
Service Day in Dublin
Spirit of Service Award

Wednesday 8 August (Day Five)

Accommodation: Kylemore or Cloverfox
Travel to West of Ireland: Galway City
NUIG: 'Brexit's Impact on Ireland' Lecture
Galway City Walking Tour

Thursday 9 August (Day Six)

Accommodation: Kylemore or Cloverfox
Cliffs of Moher & The Burren Trip

Friday 10 August (Day Seven)

Accommodation: Kylemore or Cloverfox
Aran Islands Tour

Saturday 11 August (Day Eight)

Transfer back to Dublin
Accommodation: Trinity College Dublin
Closing Mass at Newman Chapel
Closing Dinner at Johnny Foxes

Sunday 12 August Student Departure Day (Day Nine)

Students Depart Dublin Airport