Luther College Alumni and Friends

IRELAND REVEALED

October 8-19, 2019  12 Days

Hosted by Dr. Paul Gardner and Rebecca Wiese
A Message from Paul and Rebecca...

There is so much to be revealed about Ireland, one island but two countries. Ireland is a place to explore fairy myths, age-old cemeteries, ancient history, art and literature, all while enjoying an Irish jig or two, and visiting its gregarious citizens in local pubs and shops. The awe of the natural beauty of Ireland will bring into light this amazing history, as we also explore and learn from the conflict and peace and reconciliation process between the Catholic and Protestant communities of Northern Ireland.

Paul retired this summer after teaching Political Science at Luther for thirty-three years. During that time he directed Luther’s Nottingham program and led six student groups to Ireland and Northern Ireland. Rebecca also retired this year from a career in health care management. Paul and Rebecca directed Luther’s spring 2018 program in Malta. We love sharing travel experiences with others. We invite you to join us as we uncover and re-discover the beauty, mystery, and history that is Ireland. We will begin and end in the Republic of Ireland and spend six days in Northern Ireland. Our twelve-day tour will allow us time enough in Dublin, Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, and Galway to visit sites, hear stories, and enjoy the people on the streets, shops and pubs.

Peak experiences call for times of preparation and reflection. Prior to departure, Paul will guide participants with suggested readings, web sites and films. During our time together in Ireland, Paul will offer opportunities to reflect on our impressions, as it is through reflection that experiences gain meaning.
PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of $400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. A second payment of $1000 is due June 5, 2019. Final payment is due no later than August 5, 2019. The fee for late payment is $50 per traveler. For credit card payment, Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be non-refundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to June 4, 2019 - $100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; June 5 – September 23, 2019 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; September 24, 2019 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than June 5, 2019. A minimum fee of $100 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a $50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

LATE BOOKINGS

TOUR CONDITIONS

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

☐ AIRFARE: Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.

☐ ACCOMMODATION: Ten nights accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities.

☒ GROUND TRANSPORT: Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

☐ SIGHTSEEING: Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.

☐ EXPERT GUIDES: An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Dublin through departure from Shannon plus local guides.

☐ PORTERAGE: Luggage handling of one piece per person.

☐ GRATUITIES: Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, $78 per person has been included).

☐ TAXES: Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently $426 per person).

ALL THE INFO YOU NEED: Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

Costs:

The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of August 2018, a minimum of 22 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, we are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. Not all bookings have been made and all space/ rates are subject to availability at time of booking.

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room (in addition to base tour cost)$949

Items Not Included

• Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.

• Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.

• Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.

• Items of a personal nature.

• Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.

• Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.

• No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#191005 OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ______ Month/Day/Year
   First Name Middle Name Last Name

2. ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________ ______ Month/Day/Year
   First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address (no P.O. boxes) ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State__________ Zip Code_________________ Email_________________________________________

Roommate_________________________________

☐ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Tip: If we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and may add to your cost. We will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itineraries as outlined in the itinerary.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

☐ I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.

☐ I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements.

☐ I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.

If you select the "I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements" option, you must send Group Travel Directors the following information:

Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

_________________________________________________________ Date__________________

_________________________________________________________ Tel. (Day) ____________________  (Eve.)__________________

☐ I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature ____________________________________________ Date __________________

Signature ____________________________________________ Date __________________

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

☐ I/We have reserved ______ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

☐ $648 per person ($697 in single occupancy) inclusive of travel protection.

☐ $400 per person without travel protection.

I/We decline, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#191005.

☐ Check

☐ Charge my deposit(s) to

Credit Card #______________________

Exp ____________________________

Security Code __________________

Name as it appears on credit card:

Iowa Seller of Travel #1075

I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.

I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements.

I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.
Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation..................................................up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption..................................................up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay..........................................................$750
Missed Connection.................................................$300
Baggage..................................................................$1,000
Baggage Delay.........................................................$200
Medical Expense......................................................$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation............................................$500,000
Accidental Death......................................................$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation...............................$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services......................................Included
Assistance Service..................................................Included

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is $248 per person ($297 in single occupancy). Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment, due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed the U.S. State Department Travel Advisory for this destination was Level 1 (Exercise Normal Precautions); please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

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