

# CHOIR TOUR

## Ireland, Northern Ireland

### May 2024

### Packing List

#### CONCERT ATTIRE

Choir dress (please be sure the hem is straight, clean and touches the top of your feet!)  
Pearls/Crystals  
Black dress shoes (no boots, sandals, or flip-flops)

#### **OR**

Black shirt and trousers  
Black bowtie  
BLACK socks  
Black dress shoes

#### EVERYONE NEEDS:

E-Town shirt  
Folder and music

#### THINGS TO PACK IN CARRY-ON LUGGAGE

Passport, CISI Card, Driver's License, ATM/Credit Card, Music  
Photocopies of: ATM/credit cards, passport  
(Keep separate from your cards, also leave copies at home with your emergency contact)  
Prescriptions or other medications (Liquids must be 3 oz. or smaller, in a 1-quart Ziploc bag)  
Contact lenses/solution and glasses/toothbrush-toothpaste  
One change of clothing (suggested, in case your suitcase goes missing...it happens)

#### THINGS TO PACK IN CHECKED LUGGAGE

Concert attire  
Clothes for cool/mild weather - bring layers - that properly represent Elizabethtown College  
(NO short shorts, tank tops, crop tops, ripped jeans)  
Toiletry items – hairbrush/comb; deodorant; etc. (Personal hygiene items are more expensive there)  
Comfortable shoes for walking/hiking...there will be LOTS of this! (Flip-flops NOT recommended)  
*Waterproof* jacket and/or umbrella  
One nice outfit for tour banquet

#### RECOMMENDED ITEMS – You and your roommate can plan to share some of these.

Sunscreen  
Band-Aids  
Reusable water bottle  
Reusable shopping bag (groceries often won't provide bags, or they will charge for them)  
Over-the-counter meds for pain, gas, diarrhea, etc.

#### OTHER ITEMS

**Electricity** – You will need an *adapter* (to fit the outlets). The countries we're going to use **G** plugs. You can order these from Amazon.com. You MAY need a *converter*. Converters change the voltage, but MOST device chargers automatically convert from 110v to 230v. Check the label to be sure. iPhone and iPad should not need a converter.

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND THOUGHTS

**PHONES/WIRELESS** - Do NOT plan to use data unless you purchase an overseas data package before going, or your bill will be HORRENDOUS. You will be able to use WIFI at the hotels and various other places.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

#### **Cash**

Ireland uses the *euro*.

Northern Ireland uses *British sterling pounds*

The easiest way to obtain currency is to use your debit/credit card in an ATM when you arrive.

There will be a fee, but it'll be lower (and easier) than exchanging your American cash. (Not all shops take credit/debit cards, but most tourist places will.) **Remember to contact your credit card company/bank to tell them where you'll be using your cards.**

#### **Meals you're responsible for buying:**

Breakfast will be included at hotels and hostels, so be sure you get up in time to EAT!

Lunches – 12

Dinners – 12

Food costs will vary, depending on where and what you choose to eat. If you're being cost-conscious, you can go to the grocery and keep some *non-perishable* food with you. (Hotels/hostels don't have refrigerators like US hotels.) Plan for about **\$20-25** a day for two meals; if you can eat for less, you can take money home!

#### **Miscellaneous**

Save €20 for our coach driver's tip at the end of the tour. It's a good idea to do this at the beginning of tour.

Keep a copy of the phone number and your credit/debit card number in a separate place to call immediately if your card is lost or stolen.

**Time Zone** – Ireland and Northern Ireland are both on the same time, **5 hours** ahead of (EST) Eastern Standard Time.

**Weather** - Typical temperatures for this time of year range from **upper 40s (night) to mid 60s or low 70s**, although it could possibly be cooler or warmer. Plan for rain, be pleasantly surprised if there's sun!

**Best plan: check the 10-day weather forecast the night before we leave!**

(As always, Dr. Gross is not responsible for the weather.)