

TRAVEL ITINERARY
MAY 28 - JUNE 13, 2023

The Castle Project

GCEL GOES TO SCOTLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND,
AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



BALINTORE CASTLE, NEAR KIRRIEMUIR

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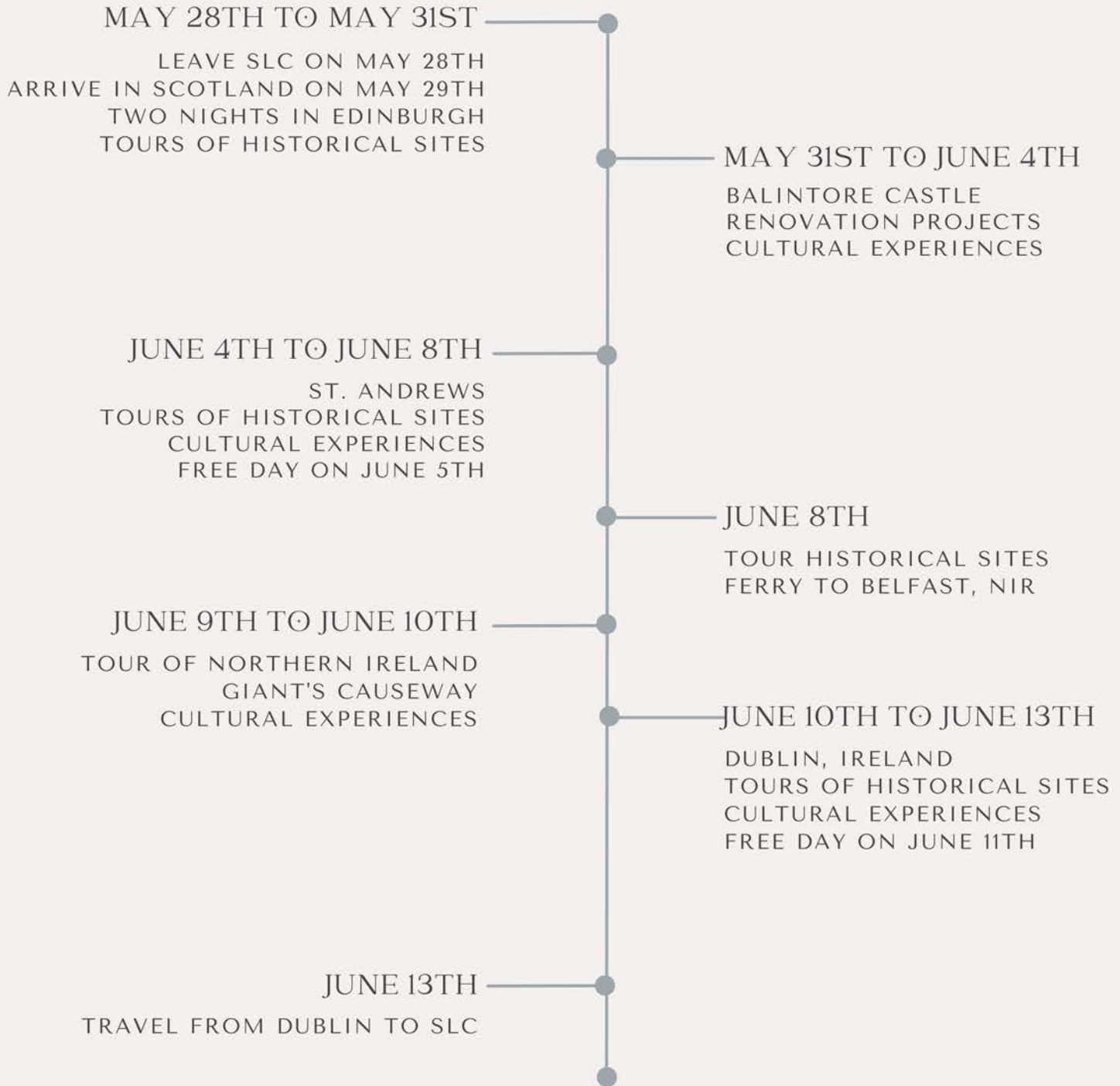
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Overview

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION



TRAVEL ITINERARY | MAY 28 - JUNE 13, 2023

Flights

FLIGHT INFO:

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

KLM Airlines
SLC > AMSTERDAM

KL 610

9:00 pm - 2:25 pm+1

9H 25M (overnight flight)

LAYOVER

AMSTERDAM (AMS)
1H 50M

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

KLM Airlines
AMS > EDINBURGH

KL 1289

4:15 pm - 4:40 pm

1H 25M

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Delta Airlines
DUBLIN > JFK

DL 45

11:30 am - 1:55pm

7H 25M

LAYOVER

NEW YORK (JFK)
2H 35M

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Delta Airlines
JFK > SLC

DL 557

4:30 pm - 8:14 pm

5H 44M

Lodging

LODGING INFO:

EDINBURGH, UK | MONDAY, MAY 29 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

KICK ASS GREYFRIARS

37-39 Cowgate

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK EH1 1JR

GLEN QUHARITY, UK | WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 - SUNDAY, JUNE 4

BALINTORE CASTLE or SCOTLAND SHOOTING CLUB

In Angus, Near Kirriemuir

DD8 5JS

ST. ANDREWS, UK | SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - THURSDAY, JUNE 8

McINTOSH HALL

University of St. Andrews

Abotsford Cres KY16 9HT

BELFAST, NIR | THURSDAY, JUNE 8 - SATURDAY, JUNE 10

TITANIC HOTEL

Titanic Quarter, 8 Queens Road

Belfast, Northern Ireland BT3 9DT

DUBLIN, IE | SATURDAY, JUNE 10 - TUESDAY, JUNE 13

TRINITY COLLEGE

Graduate Memorial Building and Pearse Street Housing

Dublin, Ireland

TRAVEL ITINERARY
MONDAY, MAY 29 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

Edinburgh

DAY 1

4:40 PM | EDINBURGH AIRPORT
ARRIVE IN SCOTLAND

Typical activities upon arrival: claim bags, customs, immigration, locate our transportation. Travel to hotel.

6:00 PM | KICK ASS GREYFRIARS
CHECK-IN TO HOSTEL

Free time to explore. Dinner on-your-own.
You will be sharing a room with other WSU students (there will no one from outside our group in our rooms, even though this is a hostel).

TIME TBD | HOTEL
GROUP REFLECTION

Plan on meeting for group reflections each night of the trip, sometime after dinner. This is an opportunity for us to gather together and discuss the events of the day. The trip leaders may even give you a topic to be thinking about for the next day's reflection or for you to write about in your trip journal. This is also a time for you and your group leader to check in with each other.

NOTES:

It's pronounced ED-in-burah!

Not ED-in-burrow,
nor ED-in-burg (like Pittsburgh).

SIGHTS TO SEE IN EDINBURGH

1. The Royal Mile
2. Holyrood House
3. Shopping for tartans
4. Arthur's Seat
- 5.

DAY 2

8:00 AM | HOTEL
BREAKFAST

9:00 AM | EDINBURGH
WALK FROM HOTEL TO EDINBURGH CASTLE

It's a fairly short walk but there is a pretty good uphill portion as Edinburgh Castle sits on the top of a hill (so you might want to plan to wear good shoes).

AFTERNOON | EDINBURGH
FREE TIME TO EXPLORE EDINBURGH

Lunch and dinner on your own.

TIME TBD | HOTEL
GROUP REFLECTION

Group Discussion/Reflection Topic:

from Edinburgh to Balintore Castle

DAY 3

8:00 AM | HOTEL

BREAKFAST

We will be touring Edinburgh all day and then leaving for Balintore Castle so we'll need to check out of our hotel rooms after breakfast. Our luggage can be stored on the bus for the day.

9:00 AM | EDINBURGH

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Tour the Parliament Building.

TIME TBD | EDINBURGH

LUNCH, LAST-MINUTE SHOPPING

Lunch is on your own.

TIME TBD | CHARTERED BUS

TRAVEL TO BALINTORE CASTLE

The trip is approximately 74 miles (or two hours).

TIME TBD | SETTLE IN TO ROOMS

BALINTORE CASTLE or SCOTLAND SHOOTING CLUB

Some of us will sleep in the castle and some of us will sleep at The Shooting Club. The Shooting Club is approximately a 20-minute walk across the glen from the castle. Anyone who wants a chance to sleep in the castle will get the opportunity to do so.

TIME TBD | BALINTORE CASTLE

CASTLE TOUR and PROJECT OVERVIEW

Balintore Castle has 85 rooms spread out over 20,000 square feet and we'll get a chance to explore the building.

TIME TBD | DINNER

BALINTORE CASTLE

Group dinner and reflection/discussion.

NOTES:

BALINTORE CASTLE IS IN A REMOTE AREA IN THE HIGHLANDS, NEAR THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK.

WE WILL HAVE A CHEF PREPARING OUR MEALS FOR US WHILE WE ARE AT THE CASTLE, BUT THERE ARE NO STORES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE WHERE WE CAN PURCHASE EXTRA FOOD OR SNACKS WHILE WE'RE THERE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU COULD PURCHASE SOME SNACKS BEFORE WE LEAVE EDINBURGH TO TAKE WITH US. WE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO KITCHEN AREAS DURING OUR TIME AT THE CASTLE.

TRAVEL ITINERARY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 to SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

Balintore Castle

DAYS 4 - 7

VARIOUS TIMES | BALINTORE CASTLE
BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER

Meals will be served at the castle.

Hands-on opportunities to participate in historical renovation projects, data gathering, and cultural experiences at Balintore Castle during our stay there.

TIME TBD | BALINTORE CASTLE

GROUP REFLECTIONS

Plan on meeting for group reflections each night.

NOTES:

TRAVEL ITINERARY | SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

from the Castle to St. Andrews

DAY 7

TIME TBD | BALINTORE CASTLE

BREAKFAST and PACKING UP TO LEAVE

TIME TBD | BALINTORE CASTLE

WRAP-UP PROJECTS AT THE CASTLE

Last chance to finish any projects at the castle or enjoy the surrounding glen; at least for this trip; you'll always be welcome back at Balintore.

NOON | BALINTORE CASTLE

LUNCH and CELEBRATION OF FINISHING PROJECTS

TIME TBD | BALINTORE CASTLE AND SHOOTING CLUB

BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

Travel from Balintore to St. Andrews.

5:00 PM | UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

McINTOSH HALL

Check-in to rooms. You will be sharing dorm rooms with one other person (two twin beds per room) and sharing bathroom facilities.

TIME TBD | McINTOSH HALL

DINNER and REFLECTION

Group discussion/reflection topic:

NOTES:

St. Andrews

DAY 8

7:00 AM | McINTOSH HALL

BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast at any time of your choosing during the hour.

free day in St. Andrews

LUNCH | ON YOUR OWN

TIME TBD | McINTOSH HALL

DINNER

Group Discussion/Reflection Topic:

IDEAS FOR OPTIONAL THINGS YOU COULD DO IN THE AREA ON YOUR FREE DAY:

- Take the train south to Edinburgh or somewhere north (from nearby Leuchars Train Station) for a day trip to see more of Scotland.
- Golf
- Visit the Golf Museum
- Walking tour of the Old Course
- Visit the beach where the running scene from Chariots of Fire was filmed
- Walk the Fife Coastal Path
- Botanic Garden
- Museums
- Aquarium
- Tours of St. Andrews University
- Visit Kohler Waters Spa
- Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea service
- Rest and relaxation

Note: Optional activities such as these are not included in the overall cost of the trip and participants who choose one or more of them will need to make arrangements and payment on their own. These are just ideas.

St. Andrews

DAY 8

7:00 AM | McINTOSH HALL

BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast at any time of your choosing during the hour.

9:30 AM | WALKING TOUR

ST. ANDREWS CASTLE AND THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREWS

We'll walk from McIntosh Hall to the cathedral. After touring the cathedral, we'll walk along the coastal path to the castle. Wear your walking shoes: The castle is located about a half mile from McIntosh Hall and the cathedral is about a quarter mile from the castle.

The castle was built circa 1200. Construction began on the cathedral in 1158 but wasn't completed until 1318. Sadly, both are now in ruins. We'll explore the ruins and learn about the history of both locations during our tours.

At some point in the walking tour there will be time for lunch, which is on-your-own.

TIME TBD | McINTOSH HALL

DINNER and REFLECTION

Group Discussion/Reflection Topic:

NOTES:

Dundee

DAY 10

7:00 AM | McINTOSH HALL

BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast at any time of your choosing during the hour.

9:00 AM | McINTOSH HALL

BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

Travel from St. Andrews to Dundee.

10:00 AM | DESIGN MUSEUM

V&A DUNDEE

Housed in a modern building designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma to mimic the cliffs of eastern Scotland.

NOON | DUNDEE

LUNCH ON-YOU-OWN

1:00 PM | JUTE MUSEUM

VERDANT WORKS

Self-paced tour.

3:00 PM | RSS DISCOVERY

DISCOVERY

Self-paced tour.

5:00 PM | DUNDEE

BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

Travel from Dundee to St. Andrews.

TIME TBD | McINTOSH HALL

DINNER and REFLECTION

Group discussion/reflection topic: Compare and contrast historical ruins and newer more modern architecture (discussion led by Cameron).

NOTES:

from Scotland to Ireland

DAY 11

7:00 AM | McINTOSH HALL

BREAKFAST

TIME TBD | BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

DRIVE TO CAIRNRYAN FERRY TERMINAL

The ferry terminal is approximately 156 miles away (approximately four hours). We will stop somewhere along the way for lunch.

TIME TBD | TAMFOURHILL, FALKIRK

EXPERIENCE THE FALKIRK WHEEL

The Falkirk Wheel is a rotating boat lift connecting the Forth & Clyde Canal with the Union Canal.

NOON | LUNCH

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

CHECK-IN TIME: 6:00 PM | STENA LINES

FERRY TO NORTHERN IRELAND

The ferry leaves at 7:30 pm and the trip across the Irish Sea is approximately 2.5 hours in duration. Dinner is available for purchase while on board. The ferry ticket is included in the price of the trip; however, the food is not.

TIME TBD | SOMEWHERE ON THE FERRY

GROUP REFLECTION

Group discussion/reflection topic:

10:00 PM | DISEMBARK THE FERRY AND BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

TRAVEL TO THE TITANIC HOTEL

The hotel is a short bus ride from the ferry dock.

10:30 PM | TITANIC HOTEL

CHECK-IN

Each hotel room has two beds and an en suite bathroom, so you will be sharing a room with one other person.

NOTES:

Belfast

DAY 12

7:00 AM | RESTAURANT at the TITANIC HOTEL

BREAKFAST

TIME TBD | TITANIC MUSEUM

Self-guided tours.

TIME TBD | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

LUNCH

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

DINNER

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | HOTEL

GROUP REFLECTION

NOTES:

Northern Ireland

DAY 13

7:00 AM | RESTAURANT at the TITANIC HOTEL

BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT OF HOTEL ROOMS

8:30 AM | BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

The Giant's Causeway was either created by erupting lava over 60 million years ago or by a mighty lovelorn Irish Giant known by the name of Finn MacCool – decide for yourself after our visit to this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

12:30 PM | BOARD THE CHARTERED BUS

DRIVE TO DUBLIN

Approximately 150 miles (or three hours).

TIME TBD | LUNCH

LUNCH

We'll stop somewhere along the way for lunch.
This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | CHECK-IN TO HOTEL

TRINITY COLLEGE HOUSING

Graduate Memorial Building or Pearse Street Housing

TIME TBD | DINNER AT THE PLACE OF YOUR CHOICE

DINNER and EXPLORE DUBLIN ON-YOUR-OWN

Dublin is a very walkable city and there is good public transportation.
You'll have a few hours to explore on your own and get dinner. This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | TRINITY COLLEGE

GROUP REFLECTION

If the weather is nice, we'll meet out on the lawn next to the campanile for the group reflection.

NOTES:

NORTHERN IRELAND (NIR) IS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THEREFORE USES THE POUND STERLING (GBP). SOME PLACES IN NORTHERN IRELAND EVEN USE CURRENCY THAT LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE WILL HAVE SEEN IN SCOTLAND, EVEN THOUGH THEY BOTH USE THE GBP SYSTEM.

IRELAND (IR) IS PART OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND USES THE EURO.

BE MINDFUL OF WHICH CURRENCY YOU ARE USING WHERE AND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TOO MANY POUNDS STERLING LEFTOVER AS WE HEAD INTO IRELAND TODAY.

WE'LL TECHNICALLY BE CROSSING THE BORDER FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO IRELAND BUT BORDER CROSSINGS HERE AREN'T LIKE TYPICAL BORDER CROSSINGS WHERE YOU HAVE TO STOP AND SHOW YOUR PASSPORT. IN FACT, YOU MAY NOT EVEN BE AWARE OF THE EXACT POINT ON THE ROAD WHERE YOU ARE CROSSING A BORDER BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

Dublin

DAY 14

7:00 AM | THE BUTTERY

BREAKFAST

The Buttery is the campus dining facility and breakfast is included on each morning of our stay at Trinity College.

*free day in
Dublin*

TIME TBD | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

LUNCH

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | TRINITY COLLEGE

GROUP REFLECTION

If the weather is nice, we'll meet out on the lawn next to the campanile for the group reflection.

IDEAS FOR OPTIONAL THINGS YOU COULD DO IN THE AREA ON YOUR FREE DAY:

- Visit a church
- Rent bicycles
- Kayak tour of the River Liffey
- Cliffs of Mohr
- Blarney Stone
- Golf
- Grafton Street
- Shopping
- Museums
- Guinness Storehouse
- Jameson
- Rest and relaxation
- Day trip on the trains to see another part of Ireland.

Note: Optional activities such as these are not included in the overall cost of the trip and participants who choose one or more of them will need to make arrangements and payment on their own. These are just ideas.

Dublin

DAY 15

7:00 AM | THE BUTTERY

BREAKFAST

9:00 AM | WALK FROM HOUSING BUILDING TO THE LIBRARY

BOOK OF KELLS TOUR

The Book of Kells is one of the most famous artifacts in the world. It is an illuminated manuscript made by Scottish or Irish monks around the year 800. It illustrates the Four Gospels of the Christian New Testament with arrestingly beautiful attention to detail.

We have ten tickets for the 9:30 am entry and 30 tickets for the 10:00 am entry, so we will have to split up into two groups.

NOON | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

LUNCH and WALK TO EPIC MUSEUM

After visiting The Book of Kells, we'll walk 1.1 km to the EPIC Immigration Museum (there are also trains and rideshares if you don't want to walk).

Along the way, you can find a place for lunch.

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

2:00 PM | JEANNIE JOHNSTON

TOUR HISTORICAL SITE

Self-guided tour.

3:00 PM | EPIC IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

TOUR MUSEUM

Self-guided tour.

TIME TBD | RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE

DINNER and WALK BACK TO TRINITY COLLEGE

Be sure to view the Dublin Convention Center and admire its modern architecture before making your way back to Trinity College.

This meal is not included in the price of the trip.

TIME TBD | TRINITY COLLEGE

GROUP REFLECTION | LEADER: LEAH

If the weather is nice, we'll meet out on the lawn next to the campanile for the group reflection.

NOTES:

Dublin

DAY 16

7:00 AM | THE BUTTERY

BREAKFAST

8:00 AM | TRINITY COLLEGE

BOARD BUS

Travel to the Dublin Airport for flights to the U.S.

11:30 AM | DUBLIN AIRPORT

FLIGHT HOME

Delta #45

Dublin 11:30 am > JFK 1:55 pm

Layover in JFK: 2 HRS 35 MIN

We will have to claim our luggage, go through customs, and recheck our luggage. It will likely take the entire 2 1/2 hours to complete this process because the lines are usually long. Pack your patience and be prepared to stand in line.

Delta #557

JFK 4:30 pm > SLC 8:14 pm

NOTES:

F.A.Q.s

- What will the trip cost?
 - \$3,200 per person.
- What is included in the cost?
 - Academic credit for completing one of the following courses (you will need to choose which course when you register):
 - CMT 1310 Materials and Methods
 - BDC 4830 Building, Design, and Construction Directed Readings
 - GEOG 4930
 - HIST 4920
 - Airfare between SLC & Edinburgh and Dublin & SLC.
 - Ferry transfer from Scotland to Northern Ireland.
 - All lodging (in shared rooms)
 - Many meals (any meals that are not included in the trip cost are noted).
 - Entrance fees for planned tours and activities (as noted).
 - Chartered bus transportation for planned tours and activities (as noted).
 - Insurance.
- What is not included in the cost?
 - Passport fees.
 - Some meals (any meals that are not included in the trip cost are noted).
 - Snacks.
 - Optional tours or activities
 - Souvenirs.
- How do I register?
 - You will register through the Study Abroad Office.
- Can I make payments?
 - Absolutely! Upon acceptance, a deposit will be required immediately and then you can make payments as long as the full amount is paid off before departure.
- Whom can I contact if I have a question that wasn't listed here?
 - Send an email to srowley@weber.edu

Notes