**Performance Tour Group (High School/University Age)**

**2 Day Itinerary – Dublin**

**We’re delighted you have chosen Ireland for your Performance Group. Here is a selection of** [**performance venues**](http://staging.failteireland.ie/Supports/Business-development-support-tools-for-buyers.aspx) **in the Dublin area.**

Arrive Dublin Airport and check into your campus accommodation or 4 star hotel. Click [campus](http://www.dcuaccommodation.ie/) for suggested university accommodation and [hotel](http://www.discoverireland.ie/CMSPages/PortalTemplate.aspx?aliaspath=%2fSearch%2fResults&lcid=5&catid=10021&countyid=969&locationid=1004&classid=4,3&reftype=0) for 3 & 4 star hotel options.

**DAY 1**

**Morning** Start your day with a visit to Trinity College located in the heart of Dublin city centre at the meeting point of the retail and cultural districts. Visit the 9th century manuscripts at the [Book of Kells](https://www.tcd.ie/visitors/tours/) ‘Turning Darkness into Light’ Exhibition and the Long Room, nearly 65 metres long and housing around 200,000 of the Library’s oldest books. Take a view of the wider campus and demystify the world of science in the [Science Gallery](https://dublin.sciencegallery.com/).

Book of Kells & Long Room Exhibition, Trinity College, College Green, Dublin 2,

[www.tcd.ie](http://www.tcd.ie), E: annemariediffley@tcd.ie, T: 353 (0) 896 1661, Contact: Ann Marie Diffley. Visits to Book of Kells & Long Room must be pre-booked. Free admission to Science Gallery.

Allow 1hr30mins for combined experiences.

Continue to Dawson Street, past the Mansion House (home to the Lord Mayor of Dublin) to St Stephen’s Green and [The Little Museum of Dublin](http://www.littlemuseum.ie/). This award winning museum tells the story of the Irish capital and was created by public donation. Check out U2’s Made in Dublin – this fan curated exhibition features musical rarities, a Trabant car and a life size sculpture of MacPhisto. Enjoy The Little History of Dublin which brings the story of contemporary Dublin to life in 15 fun and informative bite sized videos.

The Little Museum of Dublin, 15 St Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2, [www.littlemuseum.ie](http://www.littlemuseum.ie), E: [bureau@littlemuseum.ie](mailto:bureau@littlemuseum.ie); T: 353 (0) 1 661 1000

Allow 45mins–1hr for this experience.

**Lunch** [Hatch & Sons](http://www.hatchandsons.co/), [www.hatchandsons.co](http://www.hatchandsons.co), E: [hatchandsons@gmail.com](mailto:hatchandsons@gmail.com),

T: 353 (0) 1 661 0075, (downstairs in the Little Museum) or sample some local fare from a multiplicity of coffee shops and picnic in St Stephen’s Green.

**Afternoon** Free time to visit the [Museum Quarter](http://www.museum.ie/Visit-Us?gclid=CPPs1fn-684CFWix7QodOIUD-A) includes the National Museum of Ireland; the Natural History Museum affectionately known as the Dead Zoo and the National Gallery with 15,000 works of art. Admissions FREE. ***Or………***

**The Vaults**

THE VAULTS® is a spectacular new 60-minute actor-led journey through 800 years of Ireland’s juiciest history. The audience is led through a series of scenes in Irish history, where doorways lead to other times and other worlds. The journey blends live performance with thrilling special effects, dark humour, moments of pure pantomime fun, guaranteeing an unforgettable and thrilling experience. <https://www.vaults.live/>

Allow 60mins for each experience

**Dinner** [The Brazen Head](http://www.brazenhead.com/). Dates back to 1198. Enjoy traditional Irish fare and an evening of Irish storytelling, trad music and ballads in Dublin’s oldest pub. Best of Irish ‘trad’ music every night and Sunday afternoon sessions.

The Brazen Head, Bridge St Lower, Dublin 8, [www.brazenhead.com](http://www.brazenhead.com),

E: [info@brazenhead.com](mailto:info@brazenhead.com), T: 353 (0) 1 677 9549.

Overnight Dublin

**DAY 2**

**Morning** Depart city centre for Dalkey (20mins)

After a hearty Irish breakfast, explore [Dublin’s Living Bay](http://www.ireland.com/en-us/what-is-available/sightseeing/destinations/republic-of-ireland/dublin/articles/dublin-coastal-towns-and-villages/). Hope on the DART

(southwards) to the coastal town of Dalkey. Head to [Dalkey Castle](http://www.dalkeycastle.com/) and take

part in a living history tour – watch an archer shoot a longbow; a cook prepare

a hedgehog pie and a barber surgeon offering hair cuts!

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, Castle St, Dalkey, Co Dublin, [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com), E: [info@dalkeycastle.com](mailto:info@dalkeycastle.com), T: 353 (0) 1 2858 366

Allow 1hr for this experience

Take a [boat trip](http://kentheferryman.com/) to [Dalkey Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dalkey_Island) or climb Dalkey Hill and watch out for famous

locals – U2’s Bono and The Edge as well as Enya and Van Morrison, who all live

nearby.

Ken the Ferryman, <http://kentheferryman.com/>, E: [kentheferryman@gmail.com](mailto:kentheferryman@gmail.com),

M: 353 (0) 85 242 6516, Contact: Ken Cunningham

Allow 90mins–2hrs for this experience.

**Lunch** Take a seat in famous writer, Maeve Binchy’s corner in [Finnegan’s Pub,](http://finnegans.ie/) Dalkey.

**Afternoon** Return to city. Feel like an adrenaline rush then head to

[Glasnevin and Experience Gaelic Games.](http://www.experiencegaelicgames.com/)  Discover the history and learn to play Gaelic football, a mix of soccer, ruby and basketball all rolled into one. Try your hand at Hurling, the fastest field sport in the world!

Glasnevin & Experience Gaelic Games, Na Fianna GAA Club, Saint Mobhi Road,

Glasnevin, Dublin 9, [www.experiencegaelicgames.com](http://www.experiencegaelicgames.com), T: 353 (0) 1 2544 292, Contact: Georgina Caragher.

Allow 90mins for this experience

After expending all that energy and feeling like a unique lesson in Irish history, then head to [Glasnevin Museum](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie/) for guided tour of the world’s first cemetery museum. More than1.5mn people have been interred here – rich and famous, paupers andpoliticians, artists, warriors and heroes. Discover the fascinating history of thishallowed place and learn about grave robbers, cholera epidemics and world wars.

Glasnevin Museum, Finglas Road, Dublin 11, [www.glasnevinmuseum.ie](http://www.glasnevinmuseum.ie), T: 353 (0) 1 882 6500, E: info@glasnevintrust.ie

Allow 60 mins for this experience

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**Dinner** The [Church Bar and Restaurant.](http://www.thechurch.ie/)  Tasteful conversion of this former church built at the beginning of the 18th century and one of the earliest examples of a galleried church in Dublin. Look out for the spectacular stained-glass window and the Renatus Harris built organ. George Frederic Handel’s Messiah was first publicly performed in Dublin in 1742 and he regularly used the organ here to practise.

The Church Bar and Restaurant, Mary St, Dublin 1, [www.thechurch.ie](http://www.thechurch.ie), E: [reservations@thechurch.ie](mailto:reservations@thechurch.ie), T: 353 (0) 1 828 0102

Overnight Dublin

**DAY 3**

**Morning** Start your day with a visit to the coastal village of Malahide (journey time 30mins).

Visit 12th century [Malahide Castle & Gardens](https://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie/), set on 250 acres of parkland. It was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years. The Talbot family lived here from 1185 to 1973 when the last Talbot died. The house is furnished with beautiful period furniture with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings, mainly from the National Gallery.

From the beautiful gardens of Malahide Castle head off for a cycle around the parklands with the [Irish Centre for Cycling](https://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie/the-visitor-centre/irish-centre-for-cycling/) (located in the castle grounds) or for the more adventurous, take the scenic route towards the coastal villages of Portmarnock, Sutton and onto Howth.

Lunch in [Avoca Café](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie/the-visitor-centre/avoca/) or try its Foodhall for a delicious range of take out options.

**Afternoon** Depart for Dublin airport.