

INTO
IRELAND
*The History and
Poetry of Revolution*

JUNE 5-17, 2025

Travel with Cornell's Adult University (CAU) & Kate McCullough,
Associate Professor of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and English

Dear Cornellians & Friends,

We invite you to explore Ireland with us, a land of song and story, lush green landscapes, tragic history, and incredible art and literature. Our itinerary includes the bustling cities of Dublin and Belfast, the sweeping northwest of Sligo and Mayo Counties, as well as Derry and the Aran Islands.

We begin in Dublin, where the River Liffey whispers stories of old as it winds past Georgian squares and ancient cathedrals that echo Jonathan Swift's words. Feel the literary spirit as you stroll through streets once roamed by James Joyce and stand in awe before the Book of Kells, its medieval artistry glowing from the pages.

As our journey unfolds, let Belfast's storied streets stir your soul. Experience the warmth of Irish hospitality in a traditional cottage, where the aroma of freshly baked soda bread mingles with the sea breeze of Strangford Lough. In Derry, walk atop ancient walls and delve into the poignant history of Free Derry, where murals and museums weave tales of resilience and hope.

Breathe in the poetic air of Sligo, where Yeats' words come alive against the backdrop of Benbulbin's towering presence. Trace the steps of Seamus Heaney in his beloved HomePlace and stand amidst the basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway, feeling the pulse of legends beneath your feet. Wander through the tranquil beauty of Drumcliffe Cemetery, where Yeats rests beneath the wild Atlantic sky.

Let the serene lakes of Sligo and the rugged landscape of the Burren captivate your senses, and find yourself lost in the timeless charm of the Aran Islands, where the whispers of ancient Gaelic still linger in the air. Finally, raise a glass at a storied distillery, toasting to the journey that has woven its way into your heart, leaving indelible memories.

Join us, and let Ireland's landscapes, literature, and legends enfold you in a tale of wonder and discovery—a journey that sings with the lyrical beauty of the Emerald Isle.

Warmly,

CAU (Cornell's Adult University), Alumni Affairs



Study Tour Leader

KATE McCULLOUGH

Kate McCullough holds a joint appointment in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and English at Cornell. She holds an M.A. in Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama from University College Dublin (1984). Her book, *Regions of Identity: The Construction of America in Women's Fiction, 1885-1914* (Stanford University Press, 1999), examines the contribution of women's fiction to cultural discourses of national identity and offers a comparative analysis of the impact of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and region in this fiction. She is currently completing a book manuscript tentatively titled *Never On Time, But Always in Time: Queer Temporalities and Narrative Form*, which works at the intersections of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and diaspora in twentieth- and twenty-first-century queer fiction. A part of this project was recently published as "The complexity of loss itself": Comics Form and Fun Home's Queer Reparative Temporality," in *American Literature* in June 2018. The article appeared in a special issue on queer comics, edited by Darieck Scott and Ramzi Fawaz. Kate's newest book will be released in November 2024, and is called *Never On Time, Always in Time: Narrative Form and the Queer Sensorium*.



BOOK OF KELLS

Itinerary

DAY 1 Thursday, June 5

U.S. / Dublin

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Dublin.

(MEALS ALOFT)

DAY 2 Friday, June 6

Dublin & St. Patrick's Cathedral

We will begin with a panoramic tour of Dublin City, admiring the iconic sites along the River Liffey, including the GPO (General Post Office), Custom House along the Quays, and Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. Next, we'll explore the main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, as well as the vibrant Grafton Street with its high-quality shops. We'll stroll through expansive Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, where you can still find Oscar Wilde's House adorned with its famous colorful doors. We'll also visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, established in 1191, and the final resting place of many notable figures, including Johnathan Swift, former Dean of the Cathedral and author of Gulliver's Travels. Later in the afternoon, we'll check into our hotel and gather for a welcome dinner reception, enjoying food and drinks.

THE DAVENPORT HOTEL (D)

DAY 3 Saturday, June 7

Literary Dublin

This morning we'll explore literary Dublin starting at The Museum of Literature Ireland (MoLI) near St Stephen's Green. Enjoy an exclusive guided tour and a book club interview with a local Irish author. After the museum visit, we'll have lunch at a local pub or restaurant and then visit the GPO Museum. THE DAVENPORT HOTEL (B, L)

DAY 4 Sunday, June 8

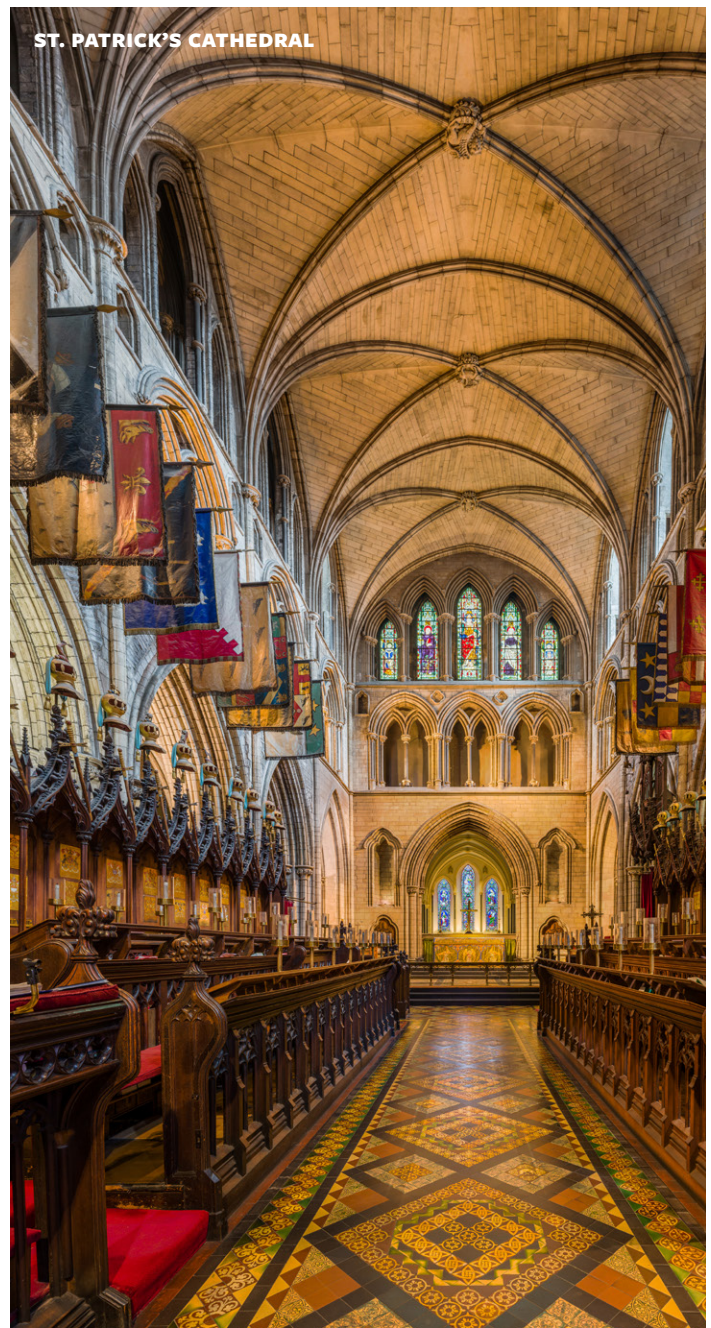
Trinity College & Temple Bar

Today, we'll take a captivating tour of Trinity College, Ireland's venerable university founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. Marvel at the exquisite Book of Kells, a dazzling example of medieval artistry. After the visit, we'll have leisure time to explore Dublin, including the lively Temple Bar neighborhood. An evening lecture by Professor Kate McCullough, will be followed by dinner and entertainment at The Merry Ploughboy Pub. THE DAVENPORT HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 5 Monday, June 9

Dublin to Belfast

During our journey to Belfast, we'll stop and participate in a hands-on baking demonstration at a family home in





GIANT'S CAUSEWAY



THE CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN



ALBERT MEMORIAL
CLOCK TOWER



THE MUSEUM OF LITERATURE IRELAND (MOLI)

County Down followed by lunch at Tracey's Farmhouse. Upon arrival in Belfast, we'll embark on a city tour, which includes a visit to CS Lewis Square, which features seven bronze sculptures from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. View landmarks such as the leaning Albert Memorial Clock Tower and the historic Opera House. Lastly, we'll explore the history of Belfast's Troubles along the Shankill and Falls roads. THE EUROPA HOTEL (B, L)

DAY 6 Tuesday, June 10

Giants & Poetry

Start the day with a visit to Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney's HomePlace, immersing in the life and literary legacy of one of Ireland's most revered writers. Later in the day, we'll attend Professor Kate McCullough's lecture at The Helicon in Seamus Heaney's HomePlace. Journey onward to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Giant's Causeway on the North Antrim coast, where we'll explore the fascinating basalt columns formed over 60 million years ago. We'll continue the journey towards Derry.

THE EBRINGTON HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 7 Wednesday, June 11

Derry to Sligo

We'll begin our day with a walking tour of Derry City, exploring atop the city's historic walls and visiting

landmarks like The Bogside and The People's Gallery: The Murals. We conclude with a visit to the Museum of Free Derry. We'll enjoy lunch at a local pub then journey to County Sligo, where we'll spend the next two nights surrounded by the breathtaking scenery that inspired Yeats. THE GLASSHOUSE HOTEL (B, L)

DAY 8 Thursday, June 12

Yeats Country

Today, we have the pleasure of being accompanied by a Yeats enthusiast who holds a lifelong passion for the Yeats family, particularly the poet William Butler Yeats. Our expert guide will lead us on a comprehensive tour of Yeats Country. We'll take a brief pause at Glencar Waterfall renowned through W.B. Yeats's poem, 'The Stolen Child'. Next, we visit Drumcliffe Cemetery where W.B. Yeats is buried. In Sligo Town, explore various buildings associated with Yeats and admire the Yeats Sculpture, deepening the connection to this captivating region. THE GLASSHOUSE HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 9 Friday, June 13

Sligo to Galway

This morning, we depart Sligo and travel towards Galway. Before leaving Sligo, we'll visit Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery which boasts over 60 stone circles and passage tombs, making it one of the largest Stone Age cemeteries in Europe. As we continue towards Galway, we make a



SHOPPING IN GALWAY

stop en route at the National Museum of Country Life. Located in Castlebar, County Mayo, this museum is a branch of the National Museum of Ireland and houses the national folk life collection offering a fascinating insight into Irish country life between 1850 and 1950. Our journey continues to Galway City. THE SALTHILL HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 10 Saturday, June 14

Galway, Coole Park, & Burren Region

We'll depart from Galway City to the Burren Region & Cliffs of Moher, with a stop at Coole Park. Discover wildlife, Gregory family history, and literary heritage. As we continue onwards, we'll proceed to the Cliffs of Moher, which range for more than five miles and reach a height of 700 feet. Looking out from this dizzying height on a clear day, you can see the Aran Island out to sea, the Galway Mountains in the north, the Dingle Peninsula, and Brandon Mountain to the south. After lunch at a local pub or restaurant, we'll return to Galway, where we'll enjoy some leisure time. Today, Professor Kate McCullough will enrich our day with a lecture at The Mick Lally Theatre.

THE SALTHILL HOTEL (B, L)

DAY 11 Sunday, June 15

Aran Islands

Following breakfast, we'll depart for Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Aran Islands, via ferry from Rossaveal. We'll participate in a workshop where an islander tells you about her life on Inis Oirr, the history and traditions of women, and their part in island life. Afterwards, we'll have some time on our own to discover this unique place before returning to Galway. THE SALTHILL HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 12 Monday, June 16

Galway to Dublin

This morning, we depart for Dublin. En route, we'll stop at Ahascragh Distillery to meet with the founders! Housed in a revived 19th-century mill, Ahascragh Distillery offers an authentic experience for whiskey and gin enthusiasts, as well as those interested in history, tradition, and craftsmanship. We'll continue to Meath for our last night in Ireland for a festive farewell dinner. DUNBOYNE CASTLE HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 13 Tuesday, June 17

Dublin / U.S.

This morning we'll transfer to the Dublin airport for flights back to the U.S. (B)

What to Expect

This exclusive tour is designed for Cornell University alumni and friends who are interested in exploring captivating landscapes, literary inspiration points, and the culture and food that regular travelers to Ireland often miss. This is an active tour, sometimes over uneven terrain. Ireland's weather is mild and pleasant in early June, with sunny and cloudy days, cooler

mornings and evenings, and late sunsets. Umbrellas and light rain jackets are encouraged. Moderate winds are common near the coast. To enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure, anticipation, and a desire to explore spectacular natural areas and small towns are essential. Travel is by private, comfortable coach and ferry boat.



BLACKROCK BAR, SALTHILL HOTEL



EBRINGTON HOTEL



GUEST ROOM, GLASSHOUSE HOTEL



LOBBY, DAVENPORT HOTEL



GUEST ROOM, EUROPA HOTEL



SPA, DUNBOYNE CASTLE HOTEL

Accommodations

DAVENPORT HOTEL, DUBLIN The Davenport Hotel is a fully refurbished, iconic luxury hotel in the heart of Georgian Dublin. It offers guests an old-world experience with modern conveniences. Located at Merrion Square, the hotel is within minutes of Grafton Street, Trinity College, museums, and Dublin's galleries. The lobby features a striking neoclassical atrium with a magnificent floral-inspired Swarovski centerpiece that captivates guests upon arrival.

EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST Situated in the heart of Belfast, the Europa Hotel is ideally positioned amongst Belfast's bustling entertainment and shopping areas. Its elegant décor, contemporary bistro, and popular piano bar lounge captivate guests, along with magnificent views over Great Victoria Street. Situated on Belfast's "Golden Mile" beside the Grand Opera House and facing the Crown Bar, the hotel is also close to the Waterfront.

EBRINGTON HOTEL, DERRY A modern and luxurious accommodation option situated in a prime location overlooking the River Foyle. Housed in a beautifully restored historic building, the hotel seamlessly blends contemporary comfort with a rich heritage. Guests can enjoy spacious, elegantly designed rooms with high-end amenities, dine at the on-site restaurant offering a range of delicious local and international cuisine, and relax in the stylish bar. The Ebrington Hotel is ideally positioned to explore Derry's historic walls, vibrant cultural scene, and nearby attractions.

GLASSHOUSE HOTEL, SLIGO Towering dramatically over the banks of the Garavogue River, the Glasshouse Hotel is a marvel of cutting-edge design and architecture in the heart of Sligo town. Shaped like a ship in dock with a glass exterior and a colorful modern interior, this hotel features luxurious guestrooms, a restaurant overlooking the River Garavogue, and two lively bars. The Glasshouse is perfectly positioned just steps away from Sligo's rich heritage, local crafts, and landscapes.

SALTHILL HOTEL, GALWAY On the oceanfront promenade, this modern, upscale hotel offers panoramic views overlooking Galway Bay. The bright, contemporary rooms are complemented by two upscale restaurants and a stylish bar with lounge seating. Guests can indulge in luxurious amenities, including an indoor pool, a heated hydrotherapy pool, a hot tub, a sauna, a steam room, and a gym.

DUNBOYNE CASTLE HOTEL, DUBLIN An exclusive retreat and luxury estate nestled in 21 acres of lush, green Meath countryside. Renowned for contemporary guest rooms, a traditional estate garden, and indulgent spa experiences, it was originally home to The Butlers of Dunboyne. The original castle was destroyed during the Cromwellian invasion of Ireland due to the family's refusal to convert to Protestantism. Visit the award-winning restaurant, where flavors of locally sourced, fresh ingredients are creatively showcased in their modern cuisine.

Land Program Costs *(per person)*

Double Occupancy\$8,695

Single Occupancy.....\$10,520

The per-person rate is the estimated cost based on a minimum of eighteen (18) travelers. If the minimum is not met, a price supplement may apply, or the trip may be canceled or postponed.

Sample Roundtrip Airfare

JFK to Dublin\$1,200

International airfare from JFK to Dublin is not included. Estimated airfare is based on coach fares in July 2024 and is subject to change. A recommended flight itinerary will be made available to registered passengers departing and returning from JFK.

Program Cost Includes

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Wine with welcome and farewell dinners • English-speaking Tour Director throughout • All activities and entrance fees per the itinerary • Airport transfers for those using or meeting group flights • All transportation during the program • Entrance fees • Service charges and taxes • Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and waiters at included meals • Pre-departure information • Coordination and Administration • Baggage handling

Program Cost does not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare (quoted separately) • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, email, fax, or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport fees • Private transfers • Medical expenses • COVID testing or quarantine expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • airport taxes and/or security fees • Fuel surcharges • Tip to the Tour Director is not included and is at the passengers' discretion.

The price of the trip is based on the exchange rate with the Euro as of June 2024. If there is a significant change in the Euro in relation to the U.S. dollar, the price may need to be adjusted.

Questions

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Highlights

BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE

at MoLi with an Irish Author

TOUR and meet and greet with the founders of **AHASCRAUGH DISTILLERY**

HANDS ON BREAD MAKING

demonstration at Tracey's Farmhouse

Guided tour and in-depth lecture at **SEAMUS HEANEY'S HOMEPLACE**

Breathtaking views at the **CLIFFS OF MOHER** and **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**

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