

**Campus & Student Centers Board – Dublin/London Holiday
December 27, 2019 – January 6, 2020**

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does the trip cost and what does it include?

The trip will cost \$1,750 per student. This includes:

- Airfare from New York's JFK to Dublin
- Airfare from Dublin to London
- Airfare from London's Heathrow to New York's JFK
- All transfers from/to Danbury to airports to hotels
- Nine nights double occupancy accommodations
- Transportation between Danbury and JFK
- Full day escorted trip to Windsor Castle, Stonehenge and the City of Bath
- Warner Bros. Studio Tour – *The Making of Harry Potter* (transportation and entry)
- Full day escorted trip to Belfast
- New Year's Eve in Dublin
- Accident and Medical Emergency Insurance

You may purchase trip insurance for an additional cost. This is optional.

Will other sightseeing opportunities be added?

Yes. Because of the nature of fluctuating airfares and foreign currency our final expense for the trip will not be known until everything is paid for. In the past we have added many extra sites.

What are the dates of the trip?

The trip is December 27, 2019 – January 6, 2020. We will leave the evening of the 27th and arrive in Dublin the morning of the 28th.

How do I pay for the trip?

You may pay by cash, check or credit card (Amex, MasterCard, VISA or Discover) at the either Information Desk in the Campus or Student Centers.

When is my payment due?

The Campus & Student Centers Board must receive a deposit of \$800 no later than Friday, September 27, 2019. Please note: The trip usually sells out prior to this date. The second payment of \$550 is due no later than Friday, October 18, 2019. The final payment of \$400 is due before you leave for Thanksgiving Break, Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

Where we staying and what are the accommodations?

We are staying at major tourist quality hotels, not hostels. All rooms are doubles (2 twin beds) with private baths.

How do we get to the airport?

Transportation will be provided between WCSU and JFK.

Will meals be included?

Full Irish and English breakfast is included in Dublin and London. In the past we have included a few group dinners in London and/or Dublin. No other meals are included.

What time will we leave Danbury and when will we return?

We will leave the Midtown Student Center early afternoon on December 27, 2018. That will give us time to get to JFK and check-in. Our return flight on January 6 is scheduled to land at JFK that afternoon. We need to plan about one hour to get everyone through Immigration and Customs. The bus will return to Danbury that evening. The return time is, of course, subject to change. Specific flight information will be available when the final payment is due.

Is the deposit or other payments refundable?

No. The deposit is your guarantee that you will participate in the trip. If you find that you cannot participate, and the Campus & Student Centers Board is able to fill the slot and the time frame to make changes has not elapsed, your deposit will be refunded less a 10% processing fee and less any fees the Campus & Student Centers Board is assessed. If the trip is cancelled for any reason by the University all payments will be refunded.

What are we doing once we are there?

This trip includes everything listed above. Other sites and trips are usual added. The rest of the trip is not escorted. That means you are provided free time in each city. Tourist information will be provided. Participants might want to purchase Dublin and London guides to acquaint themselves with all they have to offer.

Can we travel to other places?

As a general rule you must stay within the city we are visiting. Any exception must be approved by the trip coordinator.

Do I need a passport?

Yes. It might take up to two months to secure your passport after you apply. Do It NOW. If you are not traveling on a US passport, please contact Dr. Simon to review any VISA requirements.

What is the exchange rate?

Please note that the average current exchange rate for cash transactions at the time of this FAQ printing (8/15/19) is \$1.00 = £ 0.83 or £1.00 = \$1.21 and \$1.00 = £0.90 or €1.00 = \$1.12. Note that the rate fluctuates and will differ where and when you do your exchange. It is up to you if you want to exchange dollars for pounds/euros in the US or in London/ Dublin. Since Belfast is in Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom, pound sterling is used as currency.

Can I use my credit card?

You may use your credit card to pay for the trip. Most places in London will accept major credit cards such as American Express, VISA and MasterCard. The exchange rate is usually better using a credit card. Cash machines (ATMs) are available. Check with your bank to verify it is part of an international network and associated fees.

What if I get sick on the trip?

Accident and medical emergency insurance is covered. You may be responsible for out of pocket expenses. You **must** check with your individual health insurance provider to verify coverage.

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