

Information Sheet on POB IRELAND Trip

DATES: November 9 – 16, 2017

INCLUDED: Flights, All Transportation in Ireland on tour guided buses, accommodations in 3-4 star hotels, tours as indicated in brochure including admissions, 6 breakfasts while in Ireland, one welcome dinner while in Ireland.

Trip insurance is not included. You may purchase on your own or contact OPUS tours directly for their options. Please send inquiries to POBIRELAND2017@gmail.com and your requests or questions will be forwarded to OPUS Performance Tours.

Flights leave from Dulles (non-stop). There are two options at slightly different total trip cost:

\$2,007 on Aer Lingus

Aer Lingus
Nonstop flights
110 seats

November 9 Depart Washington Dulles airport @ 5:15 pm/Arrive to Dublin airport, **November 10**, @ 5:20 am; **November 16** Depart Dublin @ 12:40 pm/Arrive to Washington, Dulles airport, @ 3:45 pm

OR

\$2,068 on United Airlines

United Airlines
Nonstop outbound/One stop via Newark on return
40 seats

November 9 Depart Washington Dulles airport @ 10:20 pm/Arrive to Dublin airport, **November 10**, @ 10:05 am; **November 10** Depart Dublin airport @ 9 am/Arrive to Washington, Dulles airport @ 4:14 pm

Family members are welcome and encouraged to join the chorus on this trip.

You Will Need A Valid Passport That Does Not Expire Within Six Months Of The Trip. You May Sign Up For The Trip Without The Passport (Please Indicate “Applying For” On The Registration Form). Passport application forms are downloadable from the Pride of Baltimore Chorus website at www.prideofbaltimorechorus.com.

There is a 5% discount for cash/check payments that will be applied to the last payment due on September 1st. Those paying by credit card please use paypal to send a payment to POBIRELAND2017@gmail.com. This email is now associated with the POB paypal account. Following registration we will send out invoices to each registrant with their total cost and balance due. We will send updated invoices before each payment is due to reflect prior payments. If you make some payments by cash and some by credit card the 5% discount will only be computed for those payments made by cash/check. We should be set up to take credit card payments at selected rehearsals for the last three payments, but are not sure we will be set up for at-rehearsal credit card payments for the initial registration. We need valid email

addresses for all registrants since invoices will be sent by email. **WHEN PAYING VIA PAYPAL PLEASE EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO POBIRELAND2017@GMAIL.COM.** You may also give hard copies to Adele Jones at rehearsal. Those paying by check should give check and registration form to Adele Jones at rehearsal or mail to Adele Jones at 14102 Flint Rock Road, Rockville, Maryland SO THAT FORM AND PAYMENT IS **RECEIVED** BY February 1st.

Anyone/everyone is welcome to join this trip as a tourist. Female singers wishing to join the trip and sing with the chorus may do so if they learn the songs prior to the trip, attend at least 6 rehearsals prior to the trip, including 2 of the last 4 rehearsals, and receive confirmation from one of the directors that they have learned the material with sufficient accuracy to perform on the trip. The directors reserve the right to make a final determination on whether travelers have, in fact, adequately learned the music or to determine that singers have only learned certain songs adequately to perform with the chorus. Details on music selection and availability will be provided at a later date.

We have been receiving some answers to questions received after the Presentation about the trip and following are some responses:

1. What is the cost for an infant? – Under 2 years old generally pay 10% of the full adult airfare if they are carried on laps for the flight (they will not have an assigned seat). For the group prices we get there are no discounts on the flight for over 2 years old. There is no hotel or tour costs for children under 2 years old sharing a hotel room with 2 adults.
2. For Children between the ages of 2 and 12 there is a discount on the land portion of the trip of \$287. For over 2 years old the group fares do not offer a flight discount. United does offer discounts for under 12 years old if you book separately on some flights, so if you are traveling with several younger children you might want to check to see if booking separately would save costs. Remember, however, that if you are on different flights you will need to get a transfer to the hotel from the airport and make sure you are on time to join the group for our departure from Dublin on the bus.
3. Can I make my own flight arrangements? Yes. The cost for the land portion of the trip only is \$1220 (5% discount for cash). Recognize you will not have transport from the airport to the hotel if you are on different flights and you will be responsible for being on time to join the tour.
4. Can I modify the group flights to stay longer? Yes. United allows 10% of the group to deviate on either the outbound or the inbound, but not both, subject to price adjustment based on published rates. •Aer Lingus only allows for deviation after ticketing and charges \$200 per segment. Travel must be on Aer Lingus only and from the same country of origin and destination. It is recommended that if you need a deviation on Aer Lingus, you may be better off buying a separate ticket before ticketing. If you need to make special arrangements for a different itinerary before or after the group tour, please contact Sheila at Opus Performance Tours at sheilad@opusperformancetours.com .
5. Cost of upgrading seats: The price to upgrade to business class is the difference between published club fare and group fares, plus applicable taxes/surcharges. The price would be determined at the time of booking...between \$5,000-\$6,000 as of today depending on which flight is chosen.