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IRELAND

Literature and History

A tour with Professor Christine Cozzens

June 4-15, 2016

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\$2,500

per person

Land price based on double occupancy.

10 days in the Republic of Ireland & Northern Ireland with Agnes Scott alumnae and friends.

Trip is limited to 42 people.



Airfare options and a limited number of single spaces are available at an additional cost.



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Dear Alumnae,



After leading nine student trips to Ireland since 1998, I am happy to finally be able to share my love of Ireland, especially its literature and history, with a group of Agnes Scott alumnae in June 2016!

The 2016 Agnes Scott Alumnae Trip to Ireland has been in the works for a long time, and I'm grateful to those of you who have encouraged me over the years to make the dream a reality. Using the student trip as a model but rethinking it for alums, I've planned a ten day tour of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland that incorporates many wonderful literary, historical, and natural sites. For those who are interested, I'll provide a reading and film list and an online minicourse, where we can share our thoughts and questions about the readings before the travel experience. While our trip will be packed with visits and tours, there will also be plenty of time for fun: we'll have several group dinners and lunches and time to talk about what we're seeing on the bus or at our hotels; there will also be opportunities for free time, pub crawls, shopping, golf, and other leisure activities.

The trip will begin on June 4, 2016 with overnight flights from the U.S. and will include ten nights at hotels starting June 5, with travel in Dublin and around the country by bus. Celtic Travel will be the tour provider, and I'm happy to announce that our driver/guide for the last four Agnes Scott student trips, Dave Yeates, will co-lead the trip with me. Dave brings his warm personality, extensive knowledge, and love of Ireland to our tour; he knows every nook and cranny of Ireland and is famous for "detours" and "extras" that really make his trips unique.

The trip is built around four literary-historical modules concentrated in Dublin, the Dingle Peninsula, Yeats Country in Galway and Sligo, and Derry/Londonderry in Northern Ireland; these places are also some of the most beautiful and compelling landscapes on the island. I will provide reading lists in the fall for those who want them, but please keep in mind that we will do and see more than is listed here and that the trip is designed for anyone to enjoy to the fullest with or without advance reading.

I am excited about the plans we've made and eager to welcome a great group of alumnae and their guests on what I know will be a memorable, meaningful, and enjoyable trip.

Thank you for reading! See you in Ireland!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine S. Cozzens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christine S. Cozzens

Charles A. Dana Professor of English

Agnes Scott College



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

(\$2,500 per person, land price based on double-occupancy)

- Ten (10) nights First Class hotel accommodations, rooms with private facilities
- Full Irish breakfast daily, including day of arrival at the Man O' War Pub
- Four (4) hotel dinners, plus dinner & entertainment at Trad on the Prom, and farewell dinner with music at the Johnstown House Hotel.
- Visits/Admissions to: Kilmainham Gaol, Glasnevin Cemetery, Rock of Cashel, Muckross House, Blasket Centre, Gallarus Oratory, Cliffs of Moher, Coole Park Tour, Kylemore Abbey, Westport House, Foxford Woollen Mills, Lissadell House, Donegal Castle, Museum of Free Derry, Giant's Causeway with shuttle, Dunluce Castle and Strokestown House.
- Lunch with music and entertainment at Larches Pub
- Guided tour of Dublin and Derry
- Jaunting cart ride to Muckross House
- Abbey Theatre tickets
- Shannon Ferry crossing
- All transportation and sightseeing via deluxe touring motor coach with the services of a professional driver/guide (Dave Yeates) throughout
- Tips and taxes on items included
NOTE: Tip to the driver/guide is included
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- Portfolio of travel documents

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS: (for additional cost)

- Roundtrip airfare from Atlanta to Dublin (Other departure cities are available.)
- Travel insurance
- Single travel



YOUR HOTELS

DUBLIN	Davenport Hotel	2 Nights	June 5, 6
KILLARNEY	Randles Court Hotel	2 Nights	June 7, 8
GALWAY	Forster Court Hotel	2 Nights	June 9, 10
SLIGO	Sligo Southern Hotel	1 Night	June 11
SPEENOGE	An Grianan Hotel	2 Nights	June 12, 13
ENFIELD	Johnstown House Hotel	1 Night	June 14



I T I N E R A R Y

Saturday, June 4 **USA—DUBLIN**

Depart Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport on Delta (international check-in is 3 hours prior to departure) for your overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy dinner followed by in-flight entertainment shortly after take-off. (D)

Sunday, June 5 **DUBLIN**

Early morning arrival into Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigrations formalities. In the Arrivals Hall, you'll meet your driver/guide, Dave Yeates, and he'll escort you to your awaiting motor coach. Your first stop will be for your first full Irish breakfast at the Man O' War Restaurant and Pub located on the original Dublin to Belfast Road since 1595. Next, you'll enjoy a panoramic tour of this grand city, including statue-filled O'Connell Street, the Post Office, scene of the 1916 Easter Rising, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College, home of the world famous Book of Kells, dating from the 8th century. Check in to your hotel, where you are free to rest, relax or independently explore. Dinner and overnight at the Davenport Hotel, Dublin. (B/D)

Monday, June 6 **DUBLIN**

Today we will explore the Easter Rising of 1916 by visiting sites associated with the events of that fateful week and catch glimpses of other important historical and literary places. After breakfast you meet your driver and a local guide (Michael O'Brien) and



begin a more in-depth tour of Dublin. A visit to Kilmainham Gaol, which covers some of the most heroic and tragic events in Irish history from 1780 to 1920's. Next we head over towards the north side of the Liffey to visit the military cemetery of Arbour Hill, which is managed by the Irish Department of Defense. Arbour Hill Cemetery is where 14 of the leaders of the "Easter Rising of 1916 are buried. Check out the route the rebels used to escape along Moore Street and a stop at the Garden of Remembrance to remember the rebels who lost their lives during the conflict. Lastly, a visit to Glasnevin Cemetery, officially known as the Irish National Cemetery. It is the final resting-place for more than a million Irish people, including many prominent people who have featured in Ireland's history, especially during the past century. Plan an early dinner tonight on your own, as later you'll enjoy a performance at the Abbey Theatre. Overnight at your Dublin hotel. (B)



Tuesday, June 7

DUBLIN—CASHEL—KILLARNEY

Today after breakfast, we depart Dublin and travel southwards through County Kildare, Laois and Tipperary, stopping to visit the mighty Rock of Cashel. This was the seat of the high kings of Munster before its transfer to the church in the 12th century. Today you can visit the impressive grouping of ecclesiastical ruins, especially Cormac's Chapel which is an excellent example of 12th century Hiberno-Romanesque architecture. Continue through Ireland's Golden Vale through Mitchelstown and Macroom and on into Killarney town. Upon arrival enjoy a traditional jaunting cart ride to Muckross House and enjoy a tour. This 19th century Tudor mansion is set in beautiful landscaped grounds and surrounded by 11,500 acres of parkland. Inside Muckross House, the upper floors are furnished in the manner of the great houses of Ireland and include some fascinating exhibits. In the basement you'll find a marvelous folk museum and craft shop that brings to vivid life the country lifestyle of a long time past. The beautiful mountains and lakes surrounding Muckross House inspired many a writer. Dinner and overnight at the Randles Court Hotel, Killarney. (B/D)

Wednesday, June 8

DINGLE PENINSULA

Today after breakfast we depart on a tour of the rugged Dingle Peninsula where we encounter the landscapes made famous by the Blasket Island writers such as Tomas O’Crohan (*The Islandman, Island Cross-Talk*) and Peig Sayers (*Peig, and An Old Woman’s Reflections*). Their Irish language memoirs published in the first decades of the 20th century



helped revive interest in the language and were read in translation around the world. The spectacular scenery of the peninsula has also been the location for many films. Film goers will be reminded of scenes from the movie, “Ryan’s Daughter” which was shot in this area as we drive past little harbors, and wide stretches of sandy beach, leading southward to Sleah Head. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Stop in Dingle for lunch (on your own). On to Sleah Head, the most westerly point in Europe, “the next parish to America”, and off this coast many an Armada Galleon was lost. Vistas of the Blasket Island and Dingle Bay delight the eye and Gallarus Oratory, a little beehive stone structure, more than 1,000 years old conjures up visions of monks in early Christian times. Lastly a stop at the Blasket Centre. The centre tells the story of island life, subsistence fishing and farming, traditional life including modes of work and transport, home life, housing and entertainment. Return to Killarney where dinner will be on your own. Overnight at your Killarney hotel. (B)

Thursday, June 9

KILLARNEY-CLIFFS OF MOHER—BURREN—GALWAY



Today will be filled with stunning scenery and a visit to one of the two regions designated as Yeats Country because of its association with the poet’s life and works, as well as with the life and works of his friend and patron, Lady August Gregory, a fine writer and translator in her own right. Depart Killarney and travel north through the village of Listowel to Tarbert. Take a 20-minute ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary and drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, one of the country’s most magnificent rock formations that rise to heights of almost 700 feet

above the churning Atlantic swells. Pass through the Burren Country, an area of rocky limestone hills where a number of unique flowers thrive. This region also contains many dolmens, prehistoric monuments formed by large limestone slabs. Outside Gort view Thoor Ballylee. In 1917 W. B. Yeats bought and restored the 16th century tower house to use as a summer residence. The next stop is Coole Park. This was the site of Coole House, home of Lady Gregory, who was a founder of the Abbey Theatre. The house no longer stands but you can see the remarkable autograph tree, a copper beech where famous literary figures carved their initials. Here you'll enjoy an audio visual and have a guided walk of the grounds. Continue your drive around Galway Bay before arriving at your hotel in Galway. Tonight enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Trad on the Prom. Overnight at the Forster Court Hotel in Galway. (B/D)



Friday, June 10

CONNEMARA

The itinerary today takes you west of Galway through the Connemara region known for its constantly-changing skies and subtle colors. Drive past the gentle hills of the Maamturk Mountains and the Twelve Bens. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion overlooking Kylemore Lake. Originally a private residence, it is now a prestigious girls' school. Visit the chapel and the restored Victorian gardens which have recently won awards. Enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch at Larches Bar with some traditional Irish music and perhaps some dance lessons. Next a visit Connemara Marble Factory. The mining of Connemara Marble is one of Ireland's oldest indigenous industries. The Joyce family opened the Streamstown marble quarry in Clifden in 1822. Marble from here adorns the Galway Cathedral floor and the walls of the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. The Connemara Marble Centre offers the visitor an opportunity to purchase Connemara jewelry, gift items and to view the skilled master craftsmen at work cutting and polishing marble. Return to Galway where dinner will be on your own. Overnight at your Galway hotel. (B/L)

Saturday, June 11

GALWAY—SLIGO

Today and tomorrow we'll visit some of the locations around the town of Sligo – the other Yeats Country – that Yeats made famous in his poems, such as Dooney Rock (“The Fiddler of Dooney”), the island of Innisfree in Lough Gill (“The Lake Isle of Innisfree”), Glencar Waterfall (“The Stolen Child”), and Lissadell House (“In Memory of Eva Gore-Booth and Con Markievicz”). This morning we have an early departure which will take you to Westport to visit the stately mansion of Westport House, designed by Richard Cassels in 1731 overlooking Clew Bay. The house contains elegant neoclassical plasterwork and the main reception rooms house interesting portraits, furniture, silver and porcelain. Next visit the Foxford Woollen Mills Center, visitors are taken right through the working mill as it is run today, where they can see first-hand the mastery of tradition, design and craftsmanship that goes into every single Irish made Foxford product. Then drive through County Mayo and into Sligo, an area associated with the great poet W.B. Yeats. Upon arrival check into your hotel. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the Sligo Southern Hotel. (B)



Sunday, June 12

SLIGO—DONEGAL—SPEENOGE

Depart Sligo and travel to Drumcliffe. Here you'll stop at the churchyard in the shadow of the Benbulbin Mountains where Yeats is buried. Nearby is the Visitor's Center where you can learn about his life. Continue on a short distance to Lissadell House, the lavishly restored ancestral home of the Gore-Booth family, whose members Eva and Constance were close friends of W.B. Yeats. Continue on to Donegal town with a visit to Donegal Castle, built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century, beside the River Eske, the Castle has extensive 17th century additions by Sir Basil Brooke. Continue on to Speenoge in County Donegal for your dinner and overnight at the An Grianan Hotel. (B/D)



Monday, June 13

SPEENOGE—DERRY—GIANT'S CAUSEWAY—SPEENOGE

This morning after breakfast we'll take a short trip to Derry where you'll meet with a local guide (Ronan McNamara) and enjoy a walking tour to enjoy the principal sites and visit scenes from the turbulent history known as "the Troubles", which writers from this region have explored in depth. See the 17th century city walls, which are some of the best preserved in Europe and the Diamond, the main central square. Also pass the 17th century St. Columb's Cathedral, the Tower Museum with local history displays and the Guildhall where the history of Derry is depicted in stained glass windows. A visit to the

Museum of Free Derry (Bloody Sunday Museum), which focuses on one of the most important periods in the history of this city – the civil rights era of the 1960s and the Free Derry/early troubles era of the 1970s. This afternoon we will journey further along the Antrim coast to the Giant’s Causeway and explore the huge hexagonal columns that formed over 60 million years ago. The huge rocks have given rise to many legends, especially involving Finn McCool. One last stop at the Dunluce Castle, just outside of Portrush. This splendid structure sits on basalt rock jutting out over the sea, reached by a wooden walkway. Return to Speenoge for your overnight. Dinner on you own. (B)

Tuesday, June 14 **SPEENOGE—ENFIELD**

Leaving the northwest today we travel inland and south to Strokestown, County Roscommon to the Strokestown House and Famine Museum. A tour of the house gives an intimate insight into life in The Big House, upstairs and downstairs. The Irish National Famine Museum tells a different story and highlights the parallels between a tragic chapter of Irish history and contemporary global hunger. The walled gardens and woodlands take you back again to the glorious surroundings of a planned Georgian estate. Within a short time the visitor has been brought on a journey through Irish History, the good and the bad, from Ireland in the 1600’s, right up to the present day. Continue on into Enfield, County Meath. Check into your hotel, later enjoy farewell dinner and overnight at your hotel, the Johnstown House Hotel. (B/D)

Wednesday, June 15 **ENFIELD—DUBLIN—USA**

After breakfast you’ll be transferred to Dublin Airport for your return flight home. Arrive home the same day.



Registration Form

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$250 p.p. deposit plus insurance if taken due with reservation
SECOND PAYMENT of \$1,200 p.p. due January 29, 2016 - FINAL PAYMENT Due by: March 31, 2016
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