# PerftourNorth Suburban Concert Band

**Performing tour to Ireland**

**July 13 – 22, 2016**

**Revision #1 - Tentative Itinerary**

**(Date and time for all activities outlined below are subject to change)**

**Airport and airline check-in required of each traveller**

 **- Packing for the tour:**

* \* Everyone must bring a Passport that does not expire for up to 6 months after the departure date.
* \* Do not tape and/or lock your luggage or instrument before arriving at the airport.  Airport security
* personal must be able to access the interior of your possessions. If bringing duct tape, pack
* it. (You can’t carry tape onto the plane)
* \* The airline WILL NOT accept any instrument, package, box and/or luggage that exceeds 100 pounds.
* \* Each person is allowed to check one (1) piece of luggage and/or instruments and take one (1) carry-on
* onto the plane, in addition to a purse.
* \* Film in a camera and checked may be damaged by airport security scanner.
* \* Digital cameras and lap tops will not be damaged by the airport security scanner.
* \* If you are using hard-sided luggage, it is a good idea to put a strap of some kind around it. Some
* marking (e.g. colored tape) is also a good idea.
* \* Flight numbers and times may change many times between now and the departure day.
* \* Baggage Fees & Restrictions:
	+ - The luggage and/or instrument can weight no more than 50 pounds or be more than 62 linear inches (width + depth + height). United Airlines reserves the right to deny placing a piece of luggage and/or instrument that exceeds these restrictions.
		- The 1st checked piece of luggage is FREE
		- The 2nd checked piece of luggage/instrument will be charged $200.00 round trip.
		- **Overweight luggage/instrument**:
			* If it weighs between 51 to 70 pounds there will be a charge of $200.00 round trip
			* If it’s heavier than 70 pounds it will not be accepted onto the plane.
		- **Oversize luggage/instrument**:
			* If it’s between 63 –80 inches there will be a charge of $600.00 round trip
			* If it’s larger than 80 inches it will not be accepted onto the plane.
		- **Oversize instruments/Specialty Items**:
			* Musical instruments or equipment can be checked if the total linear dimension does not exceed 115” and provided the weight, including the case, does not exceed 100 pounds.
			* Oversize/Overweight fees will apply.
		- **ALL terms and conditions outlined above can be changed by the airlines at any time!**

\* Currency exchange as of January14, 2016 which changes daily:

* + - $1.00 US = .92 Euro.
		- $1.00 US = .69 Sterling Pound or 1 Sterling Pound

\* All hotels have Complimentary WI-FI

**DAY ONE: Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**8:30 a.m.** Entire group meets at Terminal #1 – the main Terminal at the Minneapolis – St. Paul

 International Airport just inside Door #4 for group check-in.

* If you are not going to get to the airport on time call Michael Pileggi @

 763-442-6317.

**11:20 a.m.** Depart onUnited Airlines flight **#397** for Chicago, IL

**12:39 p.m.** Flight arrives in the Chicago Airport

* Lunch on own in the airport (student expense)

**3:50 p.m.** Depart on Air Lingus flight **#122** for Dublin, Ireland

**DAY TWO: Thursday, July 14, 2016**

**5:15 a.m.** Flight arrives in the Dublin Airport

 Go through airport Immigration, collect your luggage; then go through Customs

 Once everyone clears Customs we will look for the 2 bus drivers and the Land Only

 members in Baggage Claim

**6:30 a.m.** Depart the Dublin airport, tour to 2 coastal villages on north side of Dublin: Malahide &

 Portmarnock, where they can have a stroll along Portmarnack beach & breakfast

 Opportunity (member expense). That gives the group enough time to meet the guides @

 **9:30 a.m.** in Dublin.

**9:30 a.m.** Morning panoramic guided tour of Dublin with Driver-Guides including a visit

to [Trinity College](http://www.tcd.ie/Library/), home to the [Book of Kells](http://www.bookofkells.ie/)

 Lunch and dinner on own (member expense)

Killashee Country house is set on its own extensive grounds in County Kildare, south of Dublin City. It is not in walking distance or nearest town and shop, which would be Naas. If some people like to go into Naas a taxi from Killashee Country House into Naas would be about 10 Euro one way

Overnight in [Killashee Country House](http://www.killasheehouse.com/)

**DAY THREE: Friday, July 15, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** Depart for Blarney

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Visit Rock of Cashel (self-guided, Audio Visual @ 10:40 a.m.)

**1:20 p.m.** Visit Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre, in 2 groups:

**1:30 p.m.** start guided tour for **24 pax**

**1:40 p.m.** start guided tour for **26 pax**

**DAY THREE: Friday, July 15, 2016 (continued)**

Free time in Waterford including time for lunch (member expense)

Continue on to Cork

Overnight in [Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel](http://www.blarneywoollenmillshotel.com/)

**DAY FOUR: Saturday, July 16, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:30 a.m.** Visit to Blarney Castle and opportunity for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills

**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.** Travel to Midleton

**12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.** Lunch opportunity in Midleton

**1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** **50 pax only**Visit Old Midleton Jameson Distillery

**3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**  Rehearsal in Midleton GAA Hall

**5:30 p.m.** Early Dinner in Midleton Park Hotel

**8:00 p.m.** Evening Joint Concert in Midleton (1 of 2)

Return to Blarney

Overnight in [Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel](http://www.blarneywoollenmillshotel.com/)

**DAY FIVE: Sunday, July 17, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** ` Depart for the beautiful village of Sneem on the spectacular Ring of Kerry. Travel via the

 valley of the river Lee to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom

 Castle, once home of Sir William Penn, whose son was later to found the state of

 Pennsylvania.

Travel over the Cork/Kerry Mountains via the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery & Ballyvourney to Kenmare Free time in Kenmare. Continue on to Sneem

Lunch and dinner on own (member expense)

Overnight in [Sneem Hotel](http://www.sneemhotel.com/)

**DAY SIX: Monday, July 18, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** Tour the Ring of Kerry via Moll’s Gap, Ladies View, Killarney National Park and along the Lakes of Killarney to Muckross

**10:00 a.m.** Visit a [Mountain Sheep Farm](http://www.kissanesheepfarm.com/) for a sheep dog demonstration.

**12 Noon – 12:30 p.m.** Visit to [Muckross House & Gardens](http://homepage.tinet.ie/~knp/muckross/index.htm), a Victorian mansion built in 1843 in Elizabethan style. Inside, the elegant rooms are decorated with period furnishings. There is also a museum of Kerry Life.

*Guided tour in 2 groups: start guided tours: 1200 + 1230*

Continue on via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with it magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O’ Connell, known as “The Liberator” to Caherdaniel and on via the tiny hamlet of Castlecove to Sneem.

Lunch and dinner on own (member expense)

Overnight in [Sneem Hotel](http://www.sneemhotel.com/)

**There are many great pubs in the village of Sneem but you might like to go for a pint in D. O’ Shea’s**

**DAY SEVEN: Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** Depart for Limerick via the Atlantic west coast of Clare. Visit the beautiful thatched village of Adare

Lunch (member expense)

Continue up the Atlantic seaboard

**1:00 p.m.** Visit the dramatic 650ft [Cliffs of Moher](http://www.danheller.com/moher-cliffs.html)

and see [The Burren](http://www.burrenbeo.com/heritage.html) (Gaelic for rocky land)

**TBD** Group dinner (2 of 3)

**Evening** Joint Concert in Limerick Area (2 of 2)

 With Ennis Brass Band in aid of local charity

Overnight in [Clarion Hotel Limerick](http://www.clarionhotellimerick.com/)

**DAY EIGHT: Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** Depart

**9:30 a.m.** Visit to [Bunratty Castle & Folk Park](http://www.shannonheritage.com/Attractions/BunrattyCastleFolkPark/), a formidable castle built in the 15th century. Its

 most important residents were the O’ Brien’s, Earls of Thomond, who lived there from

 around 1500 to the 1640’s.

Depart for Dublin via Athlone, the centre of Ireland, Ballinasloe & Galway City.

**2:50 p.m.** Visit [Clonmacnoise](http://www.sacred-destinations.com/ireland/clonmacnoise) the monastery founded by St. Ciaran in 6th Century

1500 start guided tour & audio visual

Lunch and dinner on own (member expense)

Overnight in [Killashee Country House](http://www.killasheehouse.com/)

**DAY NINE: Thursday, July 21, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**9:00 a.m.** Depart for Dublin City

**10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon** Visit the Guinness Storehouse at St. James Gate and enjoy a pint of Guinness in the Sky Bar (The Sky Bar is located in at the top of a glass tower that commands spectacular views of Dublin City & County in every direction.

**12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.**  Free time in Dublin including time for lunch (member expense)

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m**.Suggestions to fill this time: Visit Christ Church Cathedral [www.christchurchcathedral.ie](http://www.christchurchcathedral.ie)

Visitors can settle admission themselves on the day. And they can go for a stroll in

Grafton Street, which is "The shopping street " in Dublin, it is a pedestrianized shopping

street.

**5:30 p.m.** Travel to Merry Ploughboy Pub

**6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** Dinner & Show at Merry Ploughboy Pub (3 of 3)

**10:15 p.m.** Return to Kilashee Country House

Overnight in Killashee Country House

**DAY TEN: Friday, July 22, 2016**

 Irish breakfast served in the hotel lobby

**7:00 a.m.** Transfer to Dublin Airport

**8:30 a.m.** Group check in at the Air Lingus ticket counter \*

 \* Craig Hanley will travel back to downtown Dublin and dropped off at the

 Wynn’s Hotel by one of the drivers.

**11:30 a.m.** Depart on Air Lingus flight **#123** for Chicago, IL

**1:55 p.m.** Flight arrives in the Chicago Airport

* Lunch on own in the airport (member expense)

**3:50 p.m.** Depart on United Airlines flight **#4888** for Minneapolis, MN\*

**5:16 p.m.** Flight arrives in the Minneapolis Airport

* Collect your luggage and instrument in Baggage Claim

 \*For flight arrival times call Air Lingus Airlines @ 800-474-7242 and press option #1.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Contact the group’s Tour Directors while in the US only:

 Michael Pileggi **763-442-6317 (cell phone)**

The following is needed if you lose your Passport:

1. Clear color copy of your Passport.
2. 2nd form of ID with your picture on it.
3. Completion of 2 forms which are available on the US Embassy web site.
4. $135.00 payment in cash or credit card.