





IRELAND, SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

JUNE 12 - 26, 2017











300 YEARS OF FREEMASONRY MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

	DATE	ITINERARY IN BRIEF	ACCOMMODATION
1	MONDAY 12JUN17	Depart the United States flying overnight to Ireland.	En Route
2	TUESDAY 13JUN17	Arrival at Dublin Airport . Meet, assist, and transfer with guide to Dublin (on group flights).	Dublin
		Hotel check-in and day at leisure, some time to self-navigate Dublin.	
3	WEDNESDAY 14JUN17	This morning, embark on a panoramic city tour, discovering the north and south sides of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the GPO (General Post Office) on the city's main thoroughfare, O'Connell Street, the Custom House along the quays, and Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. The sophisticated south side offers vast Georgian squares, such as Merrion Square, location of the Oscar Wilde House and the quality shops along Grafton Street. View the former home of Bram Stoker, author of Dracula. Continue with a visit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the second most senior lodge in the world and the oldest in continuous existence. Built in the 1860s by Edward Holmes, every room in this award-winning building houses a different decorative style, including Greek and Gothic Revival. Explore its museum, providing insight into the history of the freemasons in Ireland. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner together.	Dublin MEALS: B, D
4	THURSDAY 15JUN17	Morning departure to Galway, Ireland, straddling the River Corrib. En route, visit Charleville Castle, a neo-Gothic castle that was the family seat of the Burys, said to be Freemasons. In 1798, Charles William Bury commissioned architect Francis Johnston, who designed the interior entrance of the castle to simulate a grand lodge. The building displays many signs of Freemasonry with symbols used throughout its design. Continue to Galway, enjoying a Freemason walking tour, including a visit to the Church of St. Nicholas, uncovering its hidden Templar origins, apprentice pillar and symbolic tombs. Onto the former Freemason Hall in Galway City. This evening, enjoy a medieval Banquet at Cloonacauneen Castle. One of Galway's best known Tower Houses rising up to over fifty feet in ivy splendor above the lonely peaty plains of the Curraghline, it is a stunning 15 th century Norman castle situated on outskirts of Galway city in idyllic country side surroundings.	Galway / Athlone MEALS: B,D

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5	FRIDAY 16JUN17	Following breakfast, depart Galway to Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland via Causey Farm for an authentic hands-on experience of living Irish culture. Explore this 300 acre beef cattle and sheep farm, followed by lunch onsite. This afternoon, continue to Belfast with dinner at the hotel.	Belfast MEALS: B,L,D
6	SATURDAY 17JUN17	Set sail to Edinburgh, Scotland on the Belfast to Cairnryan ferry crossing.	Edinburgh MEALS: B,D
		Hotel check-in and dinner upon arrival.	
7	SUNDAY 18JUN17	The day begins with a Freemason walking tour , exploring the buildings of Edinburgh associated with the fraternity.	Edinburgh MEALS: B
		Visit the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Museum , founded in 1736. Following a guided tour of the Freemason's Hall, visit the museum which houses the oldest masonic records in the world.	
		End the day at the panoramic Edinburgh Castle , a stronghold for over 3,000 years. A dominating rock structure overlooking the capital city atop an extinct volcano, the castle has witnessed many of the defining events of Scottish history and has dominated its surroundings with majesty for centuries.	
8	MONDAY 19JUN17	Today journey to Stirling, Scotland for visits to the Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre , situated at one of Scotland's most important historic sites, and National Wallace Monument , commemorating the 13 th century Scottish hero Sir William Wallace.	Edinburgh MEALS: B
		Inside Bannockburn , cutting edge technology experience propels visitors to the heart of the action, with its park grounds and restored commemorative monuments creating a place for quiet contemplation.	
		At the Wallace Monument , one of the most distinctive landmarks on the Stirling skyline, commemorate Sir William Wallace , the Scottish patriot and martyr who triumphed over King Edward's army at The Battle of Stirling Bridge .	
		The afternoon is spent at a whisky distillery nestled at the foothills of the Highlands. After seeing the age old process of milling, mashing, fermenting and distilling single malt whisky at Scotland's oldest distillery , participate in The Taste Experience. In the brand new interactive zone learn about Scotland's favorite whisky, The Famous Grouse , and how it is blended to perfection. Explore scent pods, sensory, touch & challenge games and DVDs. Finish with a flight with The Grouse, a bird's eye view of some of Scotland's best known landmarks.	

Return to **Edinburgh**.

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9	TUESDAY 20JUN17	Travel inland this morning, to Glasgow, Scotland . Spend time in the Roslin (formerly spelled Rosslyn or Roslyn), a village outside of Edinburgh. Visit Rosslyn Chapel , an architecturally unique church packed with ornate Gothic stone carvings. Some are believed to show New World plants such as cacti and corn, even though the carvings were created a century before Columbus landed in North America.	Glasgow MEALS: B,D
		Upon arrival to Glasgow , pay a visit to the magnificent Necropolis , overlooking Glasgow Cathedral , a rare example of Scottish Gothic architecture that predates the Reformation. Built as a final resting place for Glasgow's industrial elite, the Necropolis was Scotland's first nondenominational graveyard. It is claimed that the 37 acre cemetery acts as the world's largest freemasonry site and the overall layout represents one giant masonic symbol. Continue to hotel with dinner on site.	
10	WEDNESDAY 21JUN17	Begin the journey to Manchester, England this morning. On the way, visit Kilwinning Mother Lodge and Abbey in Ayrshire, an ancient lodge with a special history. Before the forming of the Grand Lodge in 1736, Mother Kilwinning was a Grand Lodge in her own right, issuing charters and warrants to Lodges wishing to enjoy the privileges of Freemasonry. Explore the museum with many artifacts on display, and the remains of Kilwinning Abbey . Continue to Manchester area with dinner at the hotel.	Manchester / Bolton MEALS: B,D
11	THURSDAY 22JUN17	This morning, board the motor coach for Stratford-upon-Avon, the hometown of William Shakespeare. Visit the sites associated with the poet, including his birthplace. Evening program option – Night at the Theatre: Attend a theatre performance at the Royal Shakespeare Company.	Warwick / Stratford-upon-Avon MEALS: B,D
12	FRIDAY 23JUN17	Journey southeast to the tour's last stop, London with day at leisure. Afternoon program option – Churchill War Rooms: Preserved to look just as they did during World War II, the Churchill War Rooms give insight into the lives of former Freemason Winston Churchill and his team during the Blitz. Experience Churchill's bedroom and the nucleus of the site, the Map Room. Evening program option – Jack the Ripper Tour: Participate in a tour following the trail of Jack the Ripper, London's most infamous and fascinating serial killer.	London MEALS: B

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13	SATURDAY 24JUN17	This morning, enjoy a brief panoramic city tour of London. Next, visit the United Grand Lodge of England and Freemasons' Hall. The oldest Grand Lodge in the world, the hall has been the center of English freemasonry for 230 years and is the meeting place for over 1,000 Masonic lodges. Explore the building, with its richly decorated interior. Onto the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, with an extensive collection of objects with Masonic decoration and items belonging to famous and Royal Freemasons including Winston Churchill and Edward VII. Evening program option – St. John's Day Masonic Program Open to Masons Only Gather for a special evening program at the exclusive Carlton Club to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry. The first Grand Lodge	London MEALS: B
		was formed on this day 300 years ago, and members celebrated with a grand feast in honor of John the Baptist, patron of stonemasons. Join together for a delightful evening of celebration and reflection. Evening program option – London by Night Panoramic Tour Special Ladies & Guest Event Hop on a quintessentially London double-decker bus for a city tour by night. Experience the city's illuminated landmarks, including the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament, The London Eye, Piccadilly, Harrods, and many more famous attractions.	
14	SUNDAY 25JUN17	Today, embark on a River Thames cruise , experiencing London from one of the best viewpoints. Onto the Old Bailey , one of England's most iconic courts. Learn of its fascinating history and the places of interest surrounding it, like the pub where wealthy people rented rooms to view public executions. Next, opportunity to witness a courtroom in session. Remainder of the day is spent on own at leisure in London , an opportunity for self-exploration. Farewell Dinner this evening.	London MEALS: B,D
15	MONDAY 26JUN17	Transfer to Heathrow Airport in London for your journey home (on group flights). Arrive the United States later today.	En Route / USA MEALS: B

FROSCH TRAVEL

<u>LAND TOUR PRICE PER PERSON</u>: \$3,350.00 (double occupancy)

Prices quoted are based on a specific number of participants traveling together for the land rates in effect at the time of printing. They are subject to change.

Single Supplement: \$825.00

A limited number of single rooms are available.

AIR RATES PER PERSON: \$1,455.00 Economy class roundtrip from Los Angeles/San Francisco

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT \$500.00 per person (\$100.00 of which is non-refundable; additional cancellation fees will apply, see details under "cancellation penalties") submit with registration form to reserve space. **FINAL PAYMENT due Friday, March 3, 2017**

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- → 13 nights' accommodation at 3/4 star hotels with private facilities.
- → Meal plan as outlined on itinerary; 13 breakfasts/1 lunch/8 dinners
- → All transfers to/from group flights
- → Full sightseeing program as outlined on the itinerary by private motor-coach with driver
- → Masonic scholar guides in Ireland, Scotland and England
- → Local guides in Galway and Edinburgh
- → Ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan
- → All entrance fees to sites visited
- Special venues and programming per itinerary
 - o Medieval banquet and entertainment at Cloonacauneen Castle
 - o Irish experience at Causey Farm
 - o River Thames cruise
- → Porterage at hotels upon check in
- → Gratuities to drivers, scholars, local guides, and restaurant staff
- ♦ HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS are provided on the basis of two persons sharing a room with private bath, in the hotels selected for the tour. A limited number of single rooms are available. FROSCH, Masons of California, and its subagents reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same category when necessary for the proper handling of the tour.
- ◆ MEALS included are 13 breakfasts, 1 lunches, and 8 dinners, as per itinerary.
- ◆ PERSONAL TIPS to your guides and drivers.
- ♦ TOURING IN IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND is provided by modern air-conditioned/heated motorcoaches, and includes the full sightseeing program outlined in the itinerary. All entrance fees to the places listed in the itinerary are included.

Tour Highlights

Grand Lodge of Ireland Grand Lodge of Scotland Bannockburn Visitor Centre Necropolis Glasgow The Old Bailey Leinster House Whiskey distillery tour National Wallace Monument Kilwinning Mother Lodge & Abbey United Grand Lodge of England Charleville Castle
Edinburgh Castle
Rosslyn Chapel
Shakespeare's Birthplace
Museum and Library of
Freemasonry

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ **PERSONAL ITEMS** such as laundry, telephone calls, and beverages other than coffee or tea served with the meals.
- ◆ PASSPORTS must be carried by each tour member and must be valid 6 months beyond tour date. Copies of the information pages of the passports must be submitted to FROSCH with final payment.
- ◆ AIR TRANSPORTATION from Los Angeles/San Francisco roundtrip (quoted separately).
- ◆ AIRPORT TRANSFERS when not on group flights.
- ◆ **OPTIONAL PROGRAMMING:** Theatre performance in Stratford-upon-Avon, Churchill War Rooms tour, Jake the Ripper tour, St. John's Day banquet, London by Night Panoramic tour.

CANCELLATION PENALITIES

♦ CANCELLATION OF LAND ARRANGEMENTS & AIR TICKETS

Land arrangements: Cancellation of land arrangements incur the following penalties:

06JAN – 03FEB: \$250.00 per person 04FEB – 03MAR: \$500.00 per person 04MAR – Departure: Non-refundable

Air tickets: Cancellations and refunds are governed by the tariff applying to the Super Apex airfare and/or other tariffs of the airlines concerned. Deposits on contractual air blocks are non-refundable. Airfares are non-refundable once ticketed.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED & IS AVAILABLE THROUGH FROSCH.

Contact Nancy Barr at (713) 590-8152 or groups@frosch.com for further assistance.

RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY

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