

Pre-Departure Info Sheet University of Wisconsin – Madison August 15 – August 27

Congratulations!

Your Dublin and Belfast study-adventure is about to begin! Please be sure to bring a printed copy of this sheet with you when you fly to Ireland.

Arrival Information

Arrival Information: The pick-up time at Dublin Airport is 12:00PM on Thursday, August 15th. If your flight is scheduled to arrive after the final designated pick-up time, or if you are arriving at a different location, you are responsible for getting to the Highlight Student Living accommodation on your own. The pick-up time will be adjusted as needed in the event of group flight delays.



The meeting place for the Pick-up is the Yellow Statue outside the arrivals gate in Terminal 2, Dublin Airport. Jessie Morgan, CIEE FAC Program Coordinator, will be waiting with a CIEE sign to greet you. If for any reason you do not see anyone, please be patient as she may be welcoming other students. If you have trouble finding the group, you can contact Jessie by calling +353 83 422 9150.

Before arrivals it is important to note that you will need to go through passport check as a US Citizen. This is standard, and you may be asked brief questions about your stay duration and reason.

IN CASE OF LOST LUGGAGE: Report lost luggage to the airline BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE AIRPORT. Make sure you get a receipt with a claim or reference number, and a phone number to call the airline to verify whether the bag has been located. CIEE is not responsible for tracking down lost luggage-that is your responsibility. Resident staff will do everything possible to help students, but airlines are responsible for lost luggage. Please pack a couple days' worth of toiletries, medication and clothes in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost. Be sure to check with your airline for carry-on restrictions.

Accommodation Information

While staying in the provided accommodation, please note that the expectation is that you will respect the space and other guests living in the community.

In Dublin, you will be staying at:

Highlight Student Living 32 Thomas Street Dublin 8, Ireland Tel: +353 1 566 1977

This accommodation includes:

Single bedroom and bathroom, shared kitchen and living room, wardrobe and storage space, pay-to-use laundry facility, and outdoor community spaces. Bedding will be provided. Please pack own towel.

In Belfast, you will be staying at:

Premier Inn, Belfast City Centre (Alfred Street) Alfred Street Belfast, BT2 8ED, UK Tel: +44 871 527 8068

This accommodation includes:

Shared hotel room with one full bed and one single bed, free WIFI and 24/7 security and reception.

CIEE Dublin Staff Contact Information

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The CIEE Dublin Study Centre is located at:

151 Thomas Street The Liberties, Dublin, D08 PY5E

Academic Information & Itinerary

Please refer to your faculty member for the academic requirements for your course. Orientation and Class Sessions will be held at the CIEE Dublin Study Centre.

Below is the current first week itinerary. You will receive a complete and final* itinerary when you arrive on site.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15	16	17	18
8AM – 12PM	11AM - 12:30PM	10AM – 1PM	10AM – 1PM
Arrive in Dublin & Housing Check-in	Ballad Walking Tour	Class Time	Class Time
Ŭ	2PM – 5PM	Viking & Norman	3PM - 4:30PM
3PM – 4:30PM	Class Time	Walking Tour	Georgian Dublin
Orientation		2PM – 4PM	14 Henrietta Street
5PM – 7PM		4PM – 5PM	
Welcome Dinner at The Church		Christ Church Cathedral	

*Itineraries are subject to change.

Dress Code Information

Please remember that Irish weather is variable. We suggest bringing layers, and some rainproof clothing. Many tours and site-visits will include walking and public transport – please pack comfortable shoes. Most importantly – pack lightly! If you forget anything, Belfast and Dublin are capital cities with all the amenities and shopping areas that you would expect to find in the US, as well as many more. CIEE Staff can assist you to locate anything you might need upon arrival.

Do Not Forget to Bring

- Your Passport
- This *Pre-Departure Info Sheet* (it has all the important emergency information that you will need)
- Proof of primary health insurance
- Prescription medications -- be sure to bring enough to last you throughout your stay here
- ATM card for drawing money from your US account

Please leave the following information with your emergency contact (parent or guardian) before your departure:

- □ A photocopy of your passport
- □ Copy of your flight itinerary
- Banking information-including account, debit and credit card numbers
- □ A copy of this sheet

Program Specific Health, Safety and Security

Please remember that while Dublin and Belfast are safe cities to visit, they are still capital cities with many residents, tourists, and visitors throughout the year. Please use your best judgement when touring and stay aware of your surroundings. Do not bring large sums of money with you when going out or leave personal belongings alone. If at any time if you have any questions or concerns, CIEE Staff are available to you 24/7 in case of emergency.

Cultural & Behavioral Expectations, Resources, and Thoughts on your Adventure

When traveling to another country, you should expect to notice many differences – especially cultural – in comparison to your life at home. As a guest to this country, it is important to be aware of your own cultural perspective you bring and how this may influence your expectations for interactions and communication. Differences can be apparent and subtle, ranging from how you approach conversation to standards associated with your housing/accommodations. Remember to keep an open mind, ask questions, and reflect; the more you can learn in advance, the better prepared you will be to adapt onsite.

CIEE Resident Staff **highly** recommend doing individual research before you arrive through books, articles, and movies to familiarize yourself and prepare for your international and intercultural experience.

Further Recommendations:

- Buy a journal to write down your goals and capture how you are feeling before leaving home what are you excited for? What challenges do you anticipate facing? How will you push yourself to adapt and grow?
- □ Speak to someone who has been to this city/country before
- □ Remember to take a moment to reflect this experience will be life changing!