Suggested Itinerary *(tentative and subject to change)*

**Day 1 >> Sat. July 18:**
Your adventure begins as you board your flight to Dublin, Ireland.

Fáilte! Welcome!

**Day 2 >> Sun. July 19: (Dublin)**
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for your group’s transfer from the airport in Dublin to the student residences in Dublin.
6 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a student accommodation in Dublin
**Morning/Afternoon:** Arrival at Dublin Airport. After clearing customs and immigration, meet your CEPA on-site coordinator who will be available to introduce you to Europe today. A private coach bus will take you from the airport to your accommodation in Dublin. Check into your room and then start off your program with a welcome and orientation session provided by your coordinator.
**Evening:** A special welcome dinner awaits your group at a typical Irish restaurant in Dublin.

**Day 3 >> Mon. July 20: (Dublin)**
**Morning:** Your morning begins as you meet your local guide for a private guided walking tour of Dublin to get a deeper insight into the history of the Republic of Ireland. During the tour you will be introduced to the capital’s most important sights. Dublin City has an ancient history. Two thousand years ago Celtic warlords of Ireland built five great military highways across the length and breadth of the island. A small hamlet rose where the roads converged on a ford across the River Liffey. This site was to directly lead to what became Dublin.
**Afternoon:** After a short break for lunch, enjoy a private guided tour of Dublin Castle. During its lifetime Dublin Castle has been used as a military fortress, a prison, treasury, courts of law and the seat of English Administration in Ireland.

**Day 4 >> Tues. July 21: (Dublin)**
**Morning:** Classroom available for 6 hours in the morning at or near your accommodation for lectures by TCNJ faculty.
**Afternoon:** Continue your day with a private guided tour of Dublin’s famous Kilmainham Gaol. It is one of the largest unoccupied jails in Europe, covering some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland’s emergence.
Day 5 >> Wed. July 22: (Dublin)
Morning: Start off your day with a private guided tour of the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship. Originally built to bring emigrants from Ireland to North America, and then to bring timber back to Europe, the ship nowadays is a museum teaching about the experiences of Irish emigrants during their escape from the Famine years in Ireland.
Afternoon: The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the city further on your own. Consider for instance visiting the Famine Memorial Sculptures near Custom House which are dedicated to those Irish people forced to emigrate during the 19th century Irish Famine. Or opt to visit the sculpture “Famine” on St. Stephen’s Green in the center of Dublin.

Day 6 >> Thurs. July 23: (Dublin)
Morning: Have a free morning in Dublin to do some more sightseeing and to have lunch on your own to get prepared for your afternoon activity. If the sun is shining, why not soak up some rays in St. Stephen’s Green or take a stroll down to Aston Quay one of the many Dublin Quay’s. The Dublin Quay refers to the two roadways and quays that run along the north and south banks of the River Liffey in Dublin. They have played an important role in Dublin’s history.
Afternoon: After lunch, enjoy a private guided tour of the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin. The Storehouse is laid out over seven floors surrounding a glass atrium shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness. The ground floor introduces the beer’s four ingredients (water, barley, hops and yeast), and the brewery’s founder, Arthur Guinness. Other floors feature the history of Guinness advertising and include an interactive exhibit on responsible drinking. The seventh floor houses the Gravity Bar with magnificent views over Dublin.

Day 7 >> Fri. July 24: (Dublin)
All day: Free day for coursework and to explore Dublin further on your own. Opt to take a walk through the Garden of Remembrance, a memorial garden dedicated to the memory of “all those who gave their lives in the cause of Irish Freedom”, or along Grafton Street, one of the two principal shopping streets in Dublin’s city center. It runs from Saint Stephen's Green in the south to College Green in the north. Adjacent to Grafton Street you will find St. Stephen’s Green, a public park in the city center of Dublin. With its 89,000m², it is the largest of the parks in Dublin’s main Georgian squares. On the south bank of the River Liffey you will find Temple Bar. Unlike the areas surrounding it, Temple Bar has preserved its medieval street pattern, with many narrow cobbled streets. It is promoted as "Dublin's cultural quarter“ and has an estimated population of 3,000.
Day 8 >> Sat. July 25: (Dublin - Newgrange - Drogheda - Belfast)
6 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 2 or 3-star hotel in Belfast.
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for today.
**Morning:** Check-out of your accommodation and head with a private bus to Newgrange for a private guided tour. The [Megalithic Passage Tomb](#) was built some 5,000 years ago and is today recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
**Afternoon:** Continue your excursion to Drogheda to visit the famous **Battle of the Boyne** site (entrance fees included) and to learn about the moving history of Ireland and the fight between King William and James back in 1690.
**Evening:** Continue traveling by private bus to Belfast. There check into your hotel and get to know your new surrounding.

Day 9 >> Sun. July 26: (Belfast)
**Morning:** Explore Belfast during a private **Black taxi tour** of the city. Tours are given by regular taxi drivers who have worked through the troubled years and have a great knowledge and very personal experiences, which they are glad to share during the tour.
**Evening:** Continue your day with a visit to the **Titanic Belfast Museum** (entrance fees included). The museum is a visitor attraction and a monument to Belfast’s maritime heritage. It tells the stories of the ill-fated RMS Titanic, which sank on her maiden voyage in 1912, and her sister ships RMS Olympic and HMHS Britannic. The building contains more than 12,000 m² of floor space, most of which is occupied by a series of interactive galleries, plus private function rooms and community facilities.

Day 10 >> Mon. July 27: (Belfast)
**Morning:** Classroom available for 6 hours in the morning at or near your accommodation for lectures by TCNJ faculty.
**Afternoon:** The remainder of the day is free for you to discover Belfast on your own. Belfast is full of lush, green parks for you to take a picnic or indulge in a little ultimate Frisbee. For blooming lovely parks head to the Carrickfergus Borough, which has won ‘Ulster in Bloom’ seven times or try Shaftesbury Park or Bashfordsland Wood for the best spots.

Day 11 >> Tues. July 28: (Omagh - Armagh)
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for today.
**Morning:** Start off your day with a visit to the **Ulster American Folk Park** (entrance fees included) near Omagh. The open-air museum explores the historical link between Ulster and America, focusing particularly on the lifestyle and experiences of those immigrants who sailed from Ulster to America in the 18th and 19th centuries.
**Afternoon:** The afternoon awaits you with entrance to the **Navan Centre and Fort** in Armagh. As one of Ireland’s most famous and important archaeological sites, the legendary Emain Macha is a place where you will learn about the history of the area and see a place where myth and reality meet.
Day 12 >> Wed. July 29: (Belfast)
All day: Enjoy a free day in Belfast to reflect your days in Belfast or to do some more sightseeing. You also could pay a visit to the Belfast Zoo. Observe warty pigs, monkeys, zebras, flamingos, blue-bellied rollers and over 130 more species. Located on Cave Hill the 55-acre site has stunning views over the city. They run breeding programs for endangered species who just would not thrive in their natural habitat. Giraffes are their specialty, with 28 born in the last 15 years. If the weather is good, why not aim for the North Down Coastal Path for a hike. It is the most varied shoreline in Ireland. Over 16 miles from Holywood to Portavoe you will enjoy natural feature and beautiful habitat.

Day 13 >> Thurs. July 30: (Antrim County)
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for today.
Morning: After breakfast visit the famous Giants Causeway (entrance fee included). The Giant’s Causeway is a geological phenomenon on the North Antrim Coast. With renowned amphitheaters made from layered basalt stone columns left from volcanoes and immense natural beauty, the site has World Heritage status. Walk the 12-mile path and you will end at the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge.
Afternoon: On your way back to Belfast, participate in a private guided tour of the Bushmills Distillery. Located in Bushmills in the County Antrim, it nowadays also became a tourist attraction with approx. 120,000 visitors per year. According to the company, a distillery by this name was first recorded in 1743, although at the time it was "in the hands of smugglers".

Day 14 >> Fri. July 31: (Belfast - Strokestown - Galway)
5 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 2 or 3-star hotel in Galway
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for today.
Morning: Check-out of your hotel to continue your way to Galway. On your way you will stop at Strokestown for a self-guided tour of the National Irish Famine Museum (entrance fees included) at Strokestown Park. It is regarded as the best private archive on the Great Irish Famine to explain the history of that tragic era in Ireland’s past and to draw parallels with the occurrence of famine throughout the world today.
Afternoon: Meet up in the afternoon to continue your travel to Galway. After checking into your hotel, get to know a little about the city and grab a bite for dinner.

Day 15 >> Sat. August 1: (Galway)
Morning: Classroom available for 6 hours in the morning at or near your accommodation for lectures by TCNJ faculty.
Afternoon: Experience the beauty and heritage of Galway city during a private guided walking tour of Galway, leading you through the winding streets to discover a bustling modern city filled with “Olde Worlde” Medieval charm. Among others you will see Lynch’s Castle, Nora Barnacle’s House and the Spanish Arch.
Day 16 >> Sun. August 2: (Aran Islands)
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for your group’s transportation to Ros an Mhíl and return. Ferry tickets from Ros an Mhíl to Inis Mór and return will be arranged.
All day: Enjoy a private guided bus tour of Inis Mór Island (Árainn - the official Irish name), the largest of the Aran Islands in Galway Bay. The island is famous for its strong Irish culture, loyalty to the Irish language, and a wealth of Pre-Christian and Christian ancient sites including Dún Aengus, described as "the most magnificent barbaric monument in Europe" by George Petrie, an Irish painter, antiquary and archaeologist of the Victorian era. See some of the highlights of the island such as Dun Aonghasa Fort, St Benins Church, Themphaill Chieran, the Old Light House at the island is highest point as well as the warm hole (all entrance fees included).

Day 17 >> Mon. August 3: (Galway) - August Bank Holiday in Ireland
All day: Enjoy a free day in Galway to explore the city even further on your own. Consider going to John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, an inner-city public park in Galway, formerly officially named Eyre Square and still widely known by that name. The park is within the city center, adjoining the nearby shopping area of Williams Street and Shop Street. Alternatively visit Galway Cathedral. It is the youngest stone cathedral in Europe. Construction began in 1958 on the site of the old city jail, and in 1965 was finally dedicated by Cardinal Richard Cushing to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas.

Day 18 >> Tues. August 4: (Galway)
All day: **Arranged by TCNJ:** Lectures with Irish scholars during the day

Day 19 >> Wed. August 5: (Galway - Carrofin - Limerick)
3 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 2 or 3-star hotel in Limerick
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for today.
**Morning:** Check-out of your hotel and start off your day with a visit to the **Clare Heritage Centre Museum** (entrance fees included) in Carrofin. The museum tells the story of the 19th century Ireland ad covers themes including famine and emigration, landlords and tenants as well as music and culture traditional ways of life.
**Afternoon:** Continue your journey to Limerick. After check-in, enjoy a free afternoon to discover your new surroundings on your own.

Day 20 >> Thurs. August 6: (Limerick)
All day: **Arranged by TCNJ:** Lectures with Irish scholars during the day

Day 21 >> Fri. August 7: (Limerick - Bunratty)
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for your group’s transportation to Bunratty and return.
**Morning:** Have some free time in Limerick to do some more sightseeing and to explore the city further on your own.
**Afternoon:** Enjoy a private guided tour of **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park** in the afternoon. The site on which the castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. The 15th century castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland.
**Evening:** A special **farewell dinner** will be arranged for your group at Bunratty Castle