Ireland Itinerary
Tuesday, May 23
DUBLIN

- Dublin Castle
- St. Patrick’s Park
- St. Patrick’s Cathedral:
  - Jonathan Swift memorial (*Gulliver’s Travels*)
  - Turlough O’Carolan memorial (18th century harpist)
  - Irish regimental flags
Dublin: North & South

- Divided by River Liffey
Dublin Castle
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• Site of British government military
St. Patrick’s Cathedral
Wednesday, May 24

- Trinity College Old Library
  - Book of Kells
  - Brian Boru’s harp
- Kilmainham Gaol
Trinity College

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Trinity College

- “Brian Boru’s” harp
- Boru: 10th century High King; drove Vikings from Ireland ‘ 1014 Battle of Clontarf
- Harp is actually 15th century
Kilmainham Gaol
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Free Afternoon

- Glasnevin Cemetery & Botanical Gardens
  - Kevin Barry
  - Eamon de Valera
  - Harry Boland
  - Brendan Behan
  - Countess Markiewicz
  - Maud Gonne
  - Gerard Manly Hopkins
  - Charles Stewart Parnell (“Ivy Day in the Committee Room”: The Uncrowned King of Ireland)
Free Afternoon

- Phoenix Park & Dublin Zoo
- Dublinia (Viking exhibit / “experience”)
- Natural History Museum (the Irish Elk)
- National Gallery of Ireland (Jack Yeats paintings)
- National Museum of Ireland (Viking gold; flag from 1916 Easter Rising)
- Walking tours
Wednesday, May 25

- Walking Tour
  - Children of Lir statue, Garden of Remembrance
  - Writer’s Museum
  - Statue of James Joyce
  - GPO (Easter Rising)
  - St. Stephen’s Green
  - Canal (Patrick Kavanagh’s “Canal Bank Walk,” *Dubliners*)
  - Merrion Square (Oscar Wilde)
  - National Library (W. B. Yeats exhibition)
Evening Options

• 'One Fine Day' (May 25) (Shaw Room), National Gallery of Ireland
  This song cycle interpretation, which is based on the shorter poems of Samuel Beckett, will include The Snotgreen Sea and Waves, composed by Michael Holohan and musical settings of the shorter poems of Samuel Beckett with readings of poetry by Barry McGovern. In association with Poetry Ireland.
• Plays at the Gaity, Peacock, Gate (Waiting for Godot)
TARA, BELFAST
Thursday, May 26
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• Tara, legendary home of Irish kings
  – Thomas Moore’s song “The harp that once through Tara’s Halls”

• Mount Stewart House
  – Home of the (Protestant) Londonderry family since 18th century
  – Viscount Castlereagh instrumental in “Act of Union” (1800) that merged Ireland and GB
  – Beginning of anti-Catholic Penal Laws
  – Big House
Mount Stewart House
Belfast Options

- Linen Hall Library
- “The Entries,” series of lanes with little cafes
- Botanic Gardens
- Belfast Castle
- Ulster Folk and Transport Museum
- Belfast Zoo
- St. Anne’s Cathedral
- Queen’s University (Heaney Library, Heaney Poetry Centre)
- “Black Taxi” tour of Falls Road, other sites of Troubles
Saturday, May 27
BELLAGHY BAWN

- Seamus Heaney birthplace
  - Bawn: “Cattle Fort” from Ba (cow) and Dhun (fort)
  - 17th century (reconstructed)
Belfast Options

• 1:00 Lord Mayor’s Carnival (parade)
• Lagan Boat Company “Titanic” tours
Sunday, May 28
ENNISKILLEN, SLIGO

- Enniskillen (“Island of Kathleen”)
- Yeats associations
  - Glencar Lough (“The Stolen Child”)
  - Drumcliff (Yeats grave)
  - Innisfree (“The Lake Isle”)
Enniskillen
Drumcliff
“Under Ben Bulben”
Monday, May 29
Carrowmore
Monday, May 29
GALWAY
Tuesday, May 30
Aran Islands

- Synge, McDonagh (The Cripple of Inishman), Molly Ivors (“The Dead”)
Wednesday, May 30
LIMERICK & CORK

• Coole Park (Lady Gregory)
  – Autograph Tree (carved names of Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, John Millington Synge)
  – “The Wild Swans at Coole”

• Thoor Ballylee (Yeats)

• Walking tour: Angela’s Ashes
LIMERICK & CORK
Autograph Tree
Thursday, June 1

- Blarney Castle (kiss the stone for eloquence)
- Cobh Island (Titanic, Lusitania)
- Rock of Cashel (4th century site; Brian Boru crowned king there in 10th century; St. Patrick made it bishopric)