Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

We are excited to announce our new program, Western Gems of the Emerald Isle, which is being offered in Ennis and Mallow, Ireland, from June 18 to 27, 2023. This program is designed to take you on a journey through the rich history and culture of Ireland, exploring its stunning landscapes and vibrant cities.

**Program Overview**
- **Full Price**: $4,845
- **Special Savings**: $250
- **Land Program dates**: June 18-27, 2023
- **VAT**: An additional $295 per person

**Accommodations**
- **Full Price**: $4,845
- **Special Savings**: $250

**Travel Information**
- **Departure** on June 18, 2023
- **Arrival** on June 27, 2023

**Language**
- English

**Included Experiences**
- **Historical Sites**: Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center
- **Cultural Activities**: Irish Music & Dance, Traditional Irish Pub Experience
- **Natural Wonders**: Cliffs of Moher, the fossil-laden Burren, the Loop Head Peninsula
- **Food & Drink**: Tasting local dishes and beverages

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**Travel Companion**
- I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability)
- Sharing with

**Program Inclusions**
- Full board: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- 5 days of guided tours
- 2 pre-departure booklets, available online
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**Travel with Confidence**
- AHI Travel Expertise: From your reservation to your return home, AHI provides dedicated Travel Consultants to assist you every step of the way.
- AHI Staff: Our teams in the field are always available to ensure a seamless, unforgettable experience.
- AHI's India expertise: With over six decades of experience, AHI is the leader in creating memorable travel experiences in India.

**Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Is there a limit to the number of guests in this trip?**
- No, the trip is limited to the number of guests who can fit on the tour.
- **Is there a minimum age requirement?**
- No, there is no minimum age requirement.
- **What if I need to change or cancel my trip?**
- Contact AHI to change or cancel your trip. Please note that cancellation fees may apply.

**Assistance**
- **Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation**
- **Duty of Care**
- **Briefing Booklets**
- **Final Pre-Departure Information**
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**Contact Information**
- **AHI Travel Title**: 877-962-3980
- **Email**: norca.ahitravel.com

**Program Details**
- **Trip Code**: UWI
- **Program Name**: Western Gems of the Emerald Isle
- **Destination**: Ennis & Mallow, Ireland
- **Duration**: 9 days
- **Price**: Full Price $4,845, Special Savings $250

**Additional Information**
- **Travel to Shannon, Ireland**: AHI FlexAir
- **Travel Accommodations**: Full board, all inclusive
- **Travel Logistics**: Deluxe coach, air-conditioned vehicle, professional tour manager

**Terms and Conditions**
- All prices listed are in USD.
- Special offers, promotions, and discounts cannot be combined.
- Trip changes and cancellations are subject to a fee.
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Inspiring Moments

Day 1 | Arrival - Ennis
- Arrive, transfer to the Old Ground Hotel, and settle into your gateway city.
- Enjoy an intimate, entertaining session of traditional songs and a glass of wine.

Day 2 | Discovery: Ennis
- Spend your day relaxing or exploring on your own.
- Visit Thoor Ballylee, a 14th-century tower house where William Butler Yeats lived. The home of Yeats, a poet, became a place of retreat and inspiration for many writers.

Day 3 | Discovery: Ennis
- Visit the Burren, a beautiful area known for its diverse flora. Join expert Tony Kirby for an exclusive tour of the region.
- Admire the atmospheric thatched-roof cottage of Adare, a vibrant market town founded in the 11th century.

Day 4 | Discovery: Ennis
- Visit the Cliffs of Moher over the Atlantic Ocean.
- See more of Ennis this afternoon.
- Visit the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center.

Day 5 | Discovery: Ennis
- Visit Poulnabrone Dolmen, the most famous of the Aran Islands' Bronze Age monuments.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch in Killaloe.
- Get a fascinating glimpse at technology from 1845 to 1914, when the third Earl of Rosse built a massive telescope.

Day 6 | Discovery: Ennis
- Get a taste of classic Irish culture on the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher.
- Enjoy an afternoon tea with scrumptious treats and coffee in Doolin.

Day 7 | Discovery: Ennis
- Explore the World Heritage Site of the Cliffs of Moher.
- Visit the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's sensational western coastline of cliffs, sea caves, and inlets.

Day 8 | Discovery: Ennis
- Visit the Rock of Cashel, a fortress and cathedral complex that dates back to the 11th century.
- Enjoy a farewell dinner and pack your bags for the return flight to Shannon.

Day 9 | Discovery: Ennis
- Visit Lough Derg before rejoining your group for a tasty lunch.
- Perhaps you’ll immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the area’s castle.

Day 10 | Discovery: Ennis
- Conclude your marvelous Irish adventure tonight at the estate's pastoral scenery on a leisurely walk

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty

Travel Conditions

A World of Discovery

Price

Per Person: $2,999

Inclusions

Disembarkation - Return Flights

- Round-trip airfare from the Shannon airport.
- All taxes and airport fees.

Accommodations

The Old Ground Hotel

- A Victorian conservatory and splendid grounds. Of utmost importance is the superior quality and ambience. In the heart of Ennis, the Old Ground Hotel offers the inviting comforts and an experience of their services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

Note About Activity Levels

- Fair: Walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths.
- Easy: Walking on flat surfaces.
- Moderate: Walking on uneven surfaces.
- Difficult: Walking on steep, rocky terrain.

Contact Us

For more information about our services, amenities and accommodations, and to book your trip, please call or visit our website.
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

This summer, we invite you to explore the Emerald Isle with AHI Travel, where you’ll enjoy an eight-night land program leaving from Shannon, Ireland. For six nights, you’ll stay at the 5-star, historic hotel in the center of the West of Ireland, the Ennis House Hotel. You’ll visit the Cliffs of Moher, the fossil-laden Burren, and the Loop Head Peninsula. Discover rich history, edenic landscapes, and verdant meadows filled with flowers and herbs.

Our multilingual Travel Information Consultant will assist you with all your travel needs and answer any questions you may have. Our multilingual Travel Managers are also ready to assist you with all your travel needs. Your Travel Director is trained to identify the best options for your group and provide you with personalized service.

Full program details, plus a printable brochure, are available online at our website. To reserve your place, please contact us by phone, email, or mail.

Thank you for considering AHI Travel. We look forward to seeing you on this unique journey.

Sincerely,
Simon E. 
Executive Director
The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association

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to Ennis.

This wonderfully enriching journey features six nights in the charming town of Ennis and your spirits lifted by heartwarming music! Inspired the great poet William Butler Yeats.

Island of Inishmore, plus behold iconic ancient monuments. Ireland’s illustrious literary heritage is cherished traditions and glorious beauty that western Ireland brimming with warm hospitality, poetry and prose.

Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast of the Wild Atlantic Way at the Burren. The Burren plateau features karstic limestone formations and diverse flora. Join expert Tony Kirby for an exclusive guided walk rich in geological, archaeological and historical insights.

At the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center, hear from stirring music and dance to renowned writers. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, third Earl of Rosse built a massive telescope. Became a place of astronomical activity since the late 19th century, this observatory is now a museum and significant discovery center. From 2004 to 2014, it was the world’s largest, third Earl of Rosse built a massive telescope.

Take a guided walk in this vibrant market town founded in the 11th century. Doolin is synonymous with traditional music in a private home.

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Visit the Old Ground Hotel, a family-owned hotel in a 300-year-old Georgian house, on a 400-acre estate.

The Burren

Day 1 | Arrival | Shannon, Ireland

Day 2 | Discovery: Clare | Arrive and transfer to Ennis.

Day 3 | Enrichment: Discovery: Ireland’s Treasured Literature | Take a guided walk in this vibrant market town founded in the 11th century. Doolin is synonymous with traditional music in a private home.

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Day 5 | Discovery: Inishmore | At the loop of Beara, you explore an ancient fortress, and witness an engaging commentary in the Irish language. For rare insights into the history of the Beara Peninsula, and to learn about local lore and the landscape.

Day 6 | Discovery: Loop Head Lighthouse | Take in these stunning natural wonders that sit on the coast of the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland’s sensational western coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the

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Day 10 | Departure | Shannon, Ireland

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Free Time: Perhaps you’ll immerse yourself in the local culture and cuisine, or simply relax and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. You may also have the opportunity to explore other nearby historical sites or attractions.

A World of Discovery

Insights & Experiences

- Discover the historic sites and landmarks of the Wild Atlantic Way
- Learn about traditional Irish music and dance
- Explore the Celtic tradition of storytelling
- Discover the rich history and culture of the west of Ireland
- Experience the unique flavors of Irish cuisine

Accommodations

Old Ground Hotel | Ennis

The Old Ground Hotel is a Victorian conservatory and splendid grounds. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the hotel’s service and ambiance. In the heart of Ennis, the Old Ground Hotel offers the inviting comforts and

Note About Activity Levels

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions on this program requiring:

- Getting on/off motor coaches and boats
- Walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths
- Climbing stairs and heights
- Bending and stretching
- Lifting and carrying small bags

Excursions on this program require:

- Rising and standing for long periods
- Walking on uneven surfaces
- Getting in and out of boats
- Picking up heavy objects

Note: Certain excursions may be uncomfortable for guests with physical limitations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please consult your guide or tour manager for details on how they revitalized the farm, gardens and orchard to realize their farm to table vision.

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Arrive in Ennis. Take a guided walk in the historic heart of this vibrant town, a small but beautiful city with a long and proud history. Stroll through the narrow lanes and visit the Franciscan Friary, which is home to Ireland’s oldest library. In the evening, enjoy an intimate, entertaining session of traditional music in a private home. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 2 | Mallow

Check in to the Old Ground Hotel. Enjoy an early afternoon tea before embarking on an exhilarating 16-mile (26-km) jaunt along the Loop Head Peninsula. Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast and the Loop Head Lighthouse. Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town. Afterward, tap your feet to the lively beat and hear about its history and folklore. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 3 | Poulnabrone Dolmen, The Burren

Travel to the Burren of the Wild Atlantic Way at Ennistymon. Stroll through Storm King Gardens, where magnificent trees and rare plants abound. Join expert Tony Kirby for an exclusive tour of Ballyvaughan, one of Ireland’s most picturesque villages. Then, delve more into Yeats’ life and poetry as you visit Thoor Ballylee, a 14th-century tower that became a haven for the poet and his muse, Maude Gonne. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, most significant seabird colony and a hub of scientific activity when the Birr Castle Demesne in County Tipperary. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, most significant seabird colony and a hub of scientific activity when the Birr Castle Demesne in County Tipperary. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, most significant seabird colony and a hub of scientific activity when the Birr Castle Demesne in County Tipperary. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, most significant seabird colony and a hub of scientific activity when the Birr Castle Demesne in County Tipperary.

Day 4 | Mallow

Take a guided walk in this vibrant, picturesque town. Afterward, visit Lough Derg, a pretty village, established in the 13th century. Join an expert-led boat cruise of the Shannon, Ireland’s longest river. Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town and get tips on researching your own family tree. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 5 | Ennistymon

Savor farm-fresh dishes at a memorable country inn. In the afternoon, tour the Burren, a wild and rugged landscape of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. The Burren boasts some of the most significant geological, botanic and biodiversity. Get a taste of classic Irish culture on a summer writing retreat. You’ll get a fascinating glimpse at technology and Ireland’s creative spirit, and admire magnificent trees and rare plants. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 6 | Ennistymon

Join a tour of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Island of Inishmore. Take in these stunning natural wonders that sit on the west coast of Ireland brimming with warm hospitality, cherished traditions and glorious beauty that have inspired poets and writers for thousands of years. Next, see the portal tomb, Poulnabrone Dolmen, credited with significant discoveries and considered one of the most beautiful ancient tombs in the world. Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast of Loop Head Peninsula. Hear the powerful crash of the waves, feel the breeze and take in expansive panoramic views. Tour the Loop Head Lighthouse with your guide. Embark on a pleasant cruise on Lough Derg and admire magnificent trees and rare plants. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 7 | Doolin

Join a guided tour of the Rock of Cashel. See its grandeur on a guided visit. Trace a storied history shaped by the Celts, Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Normans and the British. Interact with your guide to see the old copper beech where Yeats and other literary notables carved their initials. Get a taste of classic Irish culture on a summer writing retreat. Get a fascinating glimpse at technology and Ireland’s creative spirit, and admire magnificent trees and rare plants. Enjoy an overnight stay.

Day 8 | Adare

Get a taste of classic Irish culture on a summer writing retreat. Take in picturesque Lough Derg and the Shannon, Ireland’s longest river. Discover the area’s most famous attraction, the Rock of Cashel. See its grandeur on a guided visit. Trace a storied history shaped by the Celts, Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Normans and the British. Interact with your guide to see the old copper beech where Yeats and other literary notables carved their initials. Get a fascinating glimpse at technology and Ireland’s creative spirit, and admire magnificent trees and rare plants. Enjoy an overnight stay.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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In the Footsteps of Yeats.

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At the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center, hear about the history of Ireland and County Clare. Get a fascinating glimpse at technology that was once state-of-the-art at this 400-year-old Georgian country house on a 400-acre estate. Find out about scientific innovations made here, credited with significant discoveries and contributions, and learn about the history of the area. Discover how the history of the region is connected to science.

Day 7 | Aran Island of Inishmore.

Head to the Aran Island of Inishmore. On your route, meet a family that hand-harvests edible seaweed, the largest of the Aran Islands. As you explore on foot, learn more about the island's history and culture. Visit the most famous of the Aran Islands' Bronze Age forts, and enjoy lunch before your return ferry.

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Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town. Sit down for a delicious lunch in Killaloe before heading to Adare. This pretty village, established in the 13th century by the Knights of Malbrouck, boasts impressive medieval church ruins and painted shops and cozy pubs. Take a guided walking tour of this charming market town founded in the 11th century. Admire lovely views of Munster. See its grandeur on a guided visit.

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Note:
Free Time:
Excursions:
Longueville House  | Mallow

Old Ground Hotel  | Ennis

Lough Derg | Poulnabrone Dolmen, The Burren

Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Discovery Center.

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Day 1 | Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland.

Day 2 | Check in to the Old Ground Hotel.

Day 3 | Take a guided walk in this vibrant market town founded in the 11th century and hear about its history and folklore. Then, delve more into Yeats’ life and poetry as you visit Thoor Ballylee, a 14th-century tower in which Yeats and other literary notables carved their initials. But Yeats’ connection to Ireland goes back much further. Be winding paths through the grounds of his summer writing retreat, Coole Park, and walk, then meander on your own at leisure enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

Day 4 | Discover the story of Irish emigration to the United States from this excellent vantage point. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world’s largest, third Earl of Rosse built a massive telescope. Get a fascinating glimpse at technology and see the massive telescope he and other scientists made here. Learn about scientific innovations made here, from the invention of the telescope to the invention of the telephone, during your visit to Birr Castle Demesne. While you’re there, visit the megalithic structure at Newgrange, one of the world’s most impressive prehistoric monuments. Travel by minibus to the largest of the Aran Islands. As you explore on Doolin and ferry across Galway Bay to Inishmore, stories about life on this starkly beautiful island come alive. Late afternoon visit to Doolin boasts impressive medieval church ruins and Thatched-roof cottage, Adare.

Day 5 | Perhaps you’ll immerse yourself in the unspoiled world of Coole Park, the nature-inspired home and writing retreat of renowned poet William Butler Yeats. Enjoy a leisurely golf cart tour amidst the breathtaking scenery and gardens. Meet a family that hand-harvests edible seaweed, and try some samples. Take a guided tour through the owners of Longueville House who will share details on how they revitalized the farm, gardens and orchard to realize their farm-to-table vision. The renowned chef-owner with homegrown ingredients. Afterward, tap your feet to the lively beat of a céilí in a minibus, your local guide will share entertaining stories about life on this starkly beautiful island, before rejoining your group for a tasty lunch. Doolin.

Day 6 | Your day begins with a guided visit to Poulnabrone, and revel in the dramatic sweep of the Burren’s rocky coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the world’s most unique landscapes, the Burren’s rocky plateau features karstic limestone formations and what some see as the crags of the Cliffs of Moher. Take in picturesque Lough Derg and admire the atmospheric Rock of Cashel. Perched regally on a dramatic outcrop of limestone, Rock of Cashel, is a medieval complex of churches, cathedrals, towerhouses and a palace that was built on top of a 5th-century monastery. It was the residence of the kings of Munster and the seat of the Pope’s legate for centuries. It was the site of the famous Battle of Clontarf in 1014 that forced William the Conqueror to break his alliance with Brian Boru, and it also served as the site of the coronation of the medieval kings of Munster.

Day 7 | Conclude your marvelous Irish adventure tonight with a farewell dinner on a country estate in Mallow. Then, take in these stunning natural wonders that sit on Ireland’s sensational western coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the world’s most unique landscapes, the Burren’s rocky coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the world’s most unique landscapes, the Burren’s rocky plateau features karstic limestone formations and what some see as the crags of the Cliffs of Moher. Take in picturesque Lough Derg and admire the atmospheric Rock of Cashel. Perched regally on a dramatic outcrop of limestone, Rock of Cashel, is a medieval complex of churches, cathedrals, towerhouses and a palace that was built on top of a 5th-century monastery. It was the residence of the kings of Munster and the seat of the Pope’s legate for centuries. It was the site of the famous Battle of Clontarf in 1014 that forced William the Conqueror to break his alliance with Brian Boru, and it also served as the site of the coronation of the medieval kings of Munster.
Come along on a grand adventure through western Ireland brimming with warm hospitality, cherished traditions and glorious beauty that has inspired countless writers and artists. This wonderfully enriching journey features a world of discovery: Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty.

Day 1 | Arrival and Transfer to Ennis.

Day 2 | Experience a relaxing cruise along the Loop Head Peninsula. Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast and take in picturesque Lough Derg and the majestic seat of ancient kings.

Day 3 | Visit Rock of Cashel, the intrinsically Irish field game that’s been played for thousands of years. Next, see the portal tomb, poulnabrone, and revel in the dramatic sweep of the Cliffs of Moher, and the Aran Islands.

Day 4 | Afterward, tap your feet to the lively beat of traditional music in a private home. Enjoy an intimate, entertaining session along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Day 5 | At the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center, hear the talents of the country’s many celebrated writers. Be welcomed at a musician’s home for a private session of traditional music in a private home.

Day 6 | In Transit

Day 7 | Arrive and transfer to Ennis.

Day 8 | See more of Ennis this afternoon. Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town.

Day 9 | Conclude your marvelous Irish adventure tonight before enjoying your plane for a steady climb.

Day 10 | Transfer to the Shannon airport for the return flight.
WELCOME!

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Join fellow Tar Heels and friends in western Ireland where you’ll enjoy beautiful landscapes, picturesque village life, ample opportunities to immerse yourself in English traditions, enjoy the rich history of Ireland’s unique cultural and religious past, and participate in a range of inspirational educational and cultural programs that delight travelers.

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Day 5

– Enjoy an afternoon at Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center
– Say farewell to your fellow travelers. Enjoy an afternoon at Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center.
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  - Castle-like hotel
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  - Private home
  - Artisanal, farm-to-fork dinner

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- **Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center**
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- **Health and safety protocols**
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### Ennis & Mallow:
- **Country house hotel built in 1720**
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There is an incredible opportunity to explore Ireland’s Emerald Isle along with your fellow Carolina alumni during this special June trip. Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime journey to explore the beauty and culture of this land known for its rich history, magnificent landscapes, and warm hospitality.

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- A meal in the renowned Cathay Restaurant

Every detail is meticulously planned to ensure your comfort and enjoyment. The trip includes round-trip airfare, guided tours, hotel accommodations, meals, and more. You’ll have the chance to explore Ireland’s history and culture, from ancient castles to modern cities.

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Sincerely,

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