Examining James Joyce & Literary Dublin

September 13 to 21, 2016

“We loved the study aspect of the trip. The setting, subject and Professor Chace’s guidance combined for a terrific experience.”

Dublin was home to some of the most influential writers in the English language, from James Joyce to Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, W.B. Yeats, Seamus Heaney and Samuel Beckett. Four (Shaw, Yeats, Heaney and Beckett) were recipients of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Their books, poems and plays have been translated into dozens of languages and have produced a rich artistic tradition that thrives in modern productions, films and readings. How, one might ask, could such a tiny nation produce so many enduring literary giants? And what influence did Ireland’s capital city have on their stories? Join renowned English professor William Chace for an in-depth exploration of literary Dublin, with a special concentration on one of Ireland’s most iconic writers: James Joyce. Our program also provides time for us to discover some of the Emerald Isle’s most treasured cultural and historical icons on display in Dublin.
Faculty Leader

When William M. Chace won a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship to teach at Stillman College in Alabama, his experiences there confirmed his decision to become a teacher. Since then, he has taught at UC-Berkeley and Stanford University, where he spent 20 years on the faculty of the English department before leaving to become president of Wesleyan and Emory universities. Professor Chace’s lifelong passion for Irish and English authors and poets includes James Joyce, W.B. Yeats and T.S. Eliot. He is the author of many articles and books, including *The Political Identities of Ezra Pound and T.S. Eliot* and *One Hundred Semesters: My Adventures as a Student, Professor, and University President*.

Professor Chace served as the faculty leader on our inaugural literary seminar, Examining T.S. Eliot, held in the Cotswolds in 2014. During this new program, he will guide our discovery and examination of Ireland’s great literary masters and their works, with a special emphasis on James Joyce.

- President, Emory University, 1994–2003; president, Wesleyan University, 1988–1994
- BA, Haverford College, 1961; MA, 1963, and PhD, 1968, literature, UC-Berkeley

“Better than excellent!!! Professor Chace is an inspiring and brilliant teacher.”


Itinerary

Tuesday, September 13
DEPART U.S. → DUBLIN, IRELAND
Depart from home on overnight flights to Dublin, arriving on Wednesday.

Wednesday, September 14
DUBLIN
Upon arrival in Ireland’s capital, transfer to our elegant hotel, centrally located just a short walk away from Merrion Square, St Stephen’s Green and the National Museum of Ireland. The rest of the day is at leisure to recover from our long flights. Perhaps opt to go for a stroll around St Stephen’s Green or along the River Liffey. This evening gathering with fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner in a private room of our hotel. THE MERRION HOTEL (D)

Thursday, September 15
DUBLIN
After breakfast at our hotel, walk a short distance to the Keough Naughton Notre Dame Centre on Merrion Square, our classroom for the week. The center’s focus is an interdisciplinary project founded in
1993 as a collaboration between the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies and the University of Notre Dame under the intellectual leadership of Irish poet and novelist Seamus Deane. Following a morning lecture and discussion with Professor Chace, enjoy a light lunch on Merrion Square. Then embark on a guided walking tour of the historic neighborhoods surrounding Merrion Square and St Stephen’s Green, including a stop at Trinity College Dublin to see the Book of Kells. Dinner and the evening are on our own. Recommendations for restaurants and evening entertainment will be provided to all participants. THE MERRION HOTEL (B,L)

**Friday, September 16**  
**DUBLIN**  
After breakfast at our hotel, walk to the Keough Naughton Centre for a second morning of readings and discussions. After lunch, transfer by coach to Sandy Cove to visit the James Joyce Tower and Museum, situated on a cliff. The tower, best known for its appearance in the opening scenes of James Joyce’s *Ulysses,* today houses a museum with letters, photographs and some of Joyce’s personal possessions as well as rare editions of his work. Return to Dublin and enjoy dinner and the evening independently.  
THE MERRION HOTEL (B,L)

**Saturday, September 17**  
**DUBLIN**  
After breakfast at our hotel, travel to the Dublin Writers Museum on the north side of the River Liffey. Opened in 1991, the museum houses a library and galleries dedicated to the history of Ireland’s great writers, including Joyce, Jonathan Swift, George Bernard Shaw and W.B. Yeats. Continue to St Patrick’s Cathedral, which contains early editions of works by Swift, who was dean of St Patrick’s from 1713 until his death in 1745. Enjoy a guided tour of the cathedral followed by a special tour of Marsh’s Library next door. Established in the early 18th century, Marsh’s was the first public library in Ireland and boasts beautiful, original oak bookcases and carved gables. We’ll have an opportunity to view a selection of rare books and manuscripts from the library’s collection. Lunch and the afternoon are independent. This evening enjoy a traditional Irish dinner at a local pub followed by an exclusive presentation of *The Dubliner’s Dilemma,* an acclaimed solo performance that brings the characters and scenes of Joyce’s first book of short stories to life. THE MERRION HOTEL (B,D)

**Sunday, September 18**  
**DUBLIN**  
After breakfast at our hotel, gather for another full morning of readings and discussions, this time at the James Joyce Centre, located in a restored 18th-century townhouse. Following lunch, join an excursion to Kilmainham Gaol on the western edge of the city. This former prison, built at the end of the 18th century, played a key role in Ireland’s uprisings and battles for independence against the English, including the Easter Rising of 1916. Continue to the historic General Post Office, the headquarters for the Easter Rising and still an active post office and bank. Return to our hotel for an independent evening and dinner on our own. THE MERRION HOTEL (B,L)

**Monday, September 19**  
**DUBLIN**  
After breakfast at our hotel, gather for our morning session at the Keough Naughton Centre. Following lunch, walk to the nearby National Library of Ireland for a guided tour of the country’s most outstanding collection of documentary material. Close by are two branches of the National Museum of Ireland, which houses galleries dedicated to Ireland’s archaeology and natural history. Enjoy a guided tour of the galleries’ highlights, before an independent evening and dinner on our own. THE MERRION HOTEL (B,L)
Tuesday, September 20
DUBLIN
After breakfast at our hotel and a final morning of discussions at the center, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure with time to explore the last of Dublin’s delights independently, perhaps opting to savor a pint at the Guinness Brewery or a wee dram at the Old Jameson Distillery. This evening, travel back to the James Joyce Centre for a reception and a unique farewell dinner, in which the meal described in Joyce’s short story “The Dead” (published in Dubliners) is recreated for the modern palette.
THE MERRION HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 21
DEPART DUBLIN → U.S.
After breakfast at our hotel, transfer to the airport and check in for flights home. (B)

What to Expect
This program is designed for those looking for a provocative and memorable intellectual travel experience. Throughout our week in Dublin, we will enjoy full mornings (3 to 4 hours each day) of lectures, group discussions and ample time for reflection on Irish writers at the Keough Naughton Notre Dame Centre on Merrion Square and the James Joyce Centre on Great George’s Street. On most afternoons, we will also head out into this dynamic capital city and explore its rich history, beautiful architecture and impressive cultural treasures. Prior to the trip, we will send a full syllabus and selection of complimentary books along with some discussion topics, which will be explored as a group once we are gathered in Dublin.

While Dublin is a relatively flat city, we consider this program to be moderately active. On average, daily excursions involve one to two miles of walking, often on uneven cobblestone streets or sidewalks. Dublin is composed of many historic neighborhoods and buildings, including the Georgian structures that house our hotel, the James Joyce Centre and the Keough Naughton Centre, where most of our classroom sessions take place. While the hotel has an elevator that services all guest rooms, the Keough Naughton Centre and the James Joyce Centre do not have elevators, and participants must be able to walk up and down several flights of stairs to reach the classrooms and restroom facilities. Significant walking and climbing of stairs may also be required at many of the museums and on guided tours. All participants must be physically fit and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.
Information

Dates
September 13 to 21, 2016 (9 days)

Size
This program can accommodate up to 28 participants, with limited space for travelers in single accommodations.

Cost*
$7,195 per person, double occupancy
$8,995 per person, single occupancy (limited availability)
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

Included
• 7 nights of luxury hotel accommodations at The Merrion Hotel
• 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners
• Welcome and farewell receptions
• All tours and transportation as described in the itinerary
• Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, waiters and housekeeping staff for all group activities and meals
• Group transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
• Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
• Educational program with literary seminar series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, syllabus, selected books, map and travel information
• Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
• International and domestic airfare
• Passport and visa fees
• Immunization costs
• Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
• Independent and private transfers
• Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
• Excess-baggage charges
• Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Aer Lingus between San Francisco and Dublin is approximately $1,315 as of October 2015 and is subject to change without notice.
Terms and Conditions

Deposit and Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?joyce2016 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations and Refunds
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Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the member’s price. Families and trip companions may travel on one membership. Call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership for more information or to purchase a membership.

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