Photographing the Burren
Johns Hopkins University
Summer in Ireland
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TRAVEL TO IRELAND
You should book your travel to depart the US on June 5th arriving in Ireland at the Shannon Airport in time for a 12:00pm pickup on June 6th. There is no set flight that you must take.

Transportation will be provided to the Shannon Airport for return flights on July 4th. You should book your return flight on July 4th after 9am.

The cheapest I found for roundtrip from this area to Shannon, Ireland are in the $1200-$1400 range but vary based on length of travel, airline, number of layovers. Once you have booked your ticket you must submit this information to Jessica Mervis at: jmervis1@jhu.edu

We are strongly recommending that for the trip to Ireland you wear something that has JHU on it so it is easier to spot the group members and find you once you arrive in Ireland.

Along with your flight information everyone should send Jessica Mervis a cell phone number where you can be contacted on the day of the flight. As you know, your American cell phone may be useless in Ireland. However, we recommend that you bring it along–fully charged–anyway. Should you miss a flight connection or get delayed, we will use it to find you.

PASSPORTS: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the date of entry. If you are traveling on a U.S. passport or an EU passport, you will not need a visa to enter Ireland. If you will be traveling on a non-US passport, please contact the Office of Study Abroad as soon as possible to determine whether or not a visa will be required for the program.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO BRING: First rule of packing for travel abroad: "Don't bring too much." It is a difficult balancing act, and only you can decide which possessions you cannot bear to leave behind. We recommend bringing a copy of your passport and visa as well as contact information for any ATM or credit cards you bring with you.

We recommend that you limit the number of electrical appliances you bring. Please note the standard voltage of American electronics is 110/120 volt (i.e. hair dryers, shavers, etc.) and they cannot be used on 220/240 volt European current. Most computers are dual voltage and will not require a converter, but you may need an adapter to use appliances in European outlets. Remember – converters convert voltage. Adapters adapt the plug on appliances.

PACKING: Before you begin packing, review the airline’s luggage restrictions. Luggage restrictions change frequently. Additional fees are likely to be charged for extra luggage and for luggage above the weight/size standards! Think of your carry-on as an emergency kit. If your checked luggage is delayed or misdirected, you will live out of the carry-on until your bags arrive. Include at least one full change of clothing and enough toiletries to last a few days. Pack all electronic gear and all non-liquid, non-gel, non-aerosol prescription medicines in carry-on, along with your passport and other documents and some dollars and your ATM card for use in transit.

Typical Baggage Allowance for international flights:

For checked bags:
Weigh 50 pounds (23 kg) or less
Not exceed 62 inches (157 cm) when you total length + width + height

For carry-on bags your bag must:

Not exceed 45 inches (length + width + height), or 115 cm
Fit easily in our SizeCheck® unit (approximately 22"x14"x9", or 56x36x23 cm)
Fit in an overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you.

**Please note:** there may be an additional charge of $50 or more for an overweight bag and a charge of $175 for oversized bags.

**TOILETRIES AND COSMETICS:** Transportation Security Administration rules allow you to carry on as many three-ounce containers of liquid, gel and aerosol products (toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, etc.) as you can fit into a single quart-sized zip-top clear plastic bag. All other liquids, gels and aerosols must be placed in checked bags.

**PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS/EYEGASSES AND CONTACT LENSES:** If you wear eyeglasses or contact lenses, bring an extra pair if possible. If you take prescription medications on a regular basis, bring enough to last through the entire program because some drugs commonly used in the States are not available in Ireland. Keep all in the original prescription containers with your name printed on the label and put all non-liquid, non-gel, non-aerosol meds in your carry-on bag.

**WEATHER:** The average temperatures near Ballyvaughan are highs in the mid to upper 60’s and lows in the mid-high 40’s. Clothing that can be layered is a good choice as well as bringing clothing that is versatile such a light weight coat that is also a raincoat.

**HOUSING:** Students will live in 3 bedroom apartments with shared kitchens and bathrooms. The apartments are within walking distance of the harbor and nightlife. The apartments are equipped with internet access. Students will have laundry facilities in the apartments. Kitchen utensils and bedding are provided, however students will need to bring towels.

**MONEY:** The simplest way to obtain euros is by using an ATM card to withdraw money directly from your U.S. bank account or exchanging cash at a bank or foreign currency exchange. Contact your bank and credit card companies before you leave the States to inform them that you will be using your ATM card abroad. In many cases, your bank will tell you whether or not they have partnerships with European banks that permit you to use their ATMs without transaction fees. You may want to convert $100 into euros prior to departure, just to make sure you have some cash when you arrive in Ireland. The closest ATM to the Burren is 10 kms away. The program will do periodic drives to the ATM so that students can withdraw cash.
MEDICAL INSURANCE AND HEALTH EMERGENCIES: Hopkins has issued you medical insurance through FrontierMEDEX CMI International Travel Insurance for international coverage. This insurance will cover you for medical care while abroad. The group policy number is GLMN01060582. It includes worldwide coverage for emergencies, outpatient care, hospitalization, medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains. The maximum annual benefit for this policy is $500,000.

Please make sure you keep your insurance card and read through the description of the coverage sent to you in your pre-departure packet. Unlike your experience in the States, should you require medical treatment while abroad, you will be expected to pay for services up front and file a claim for reimbursement with your carrier. Bring claim forms and a description of the documentation your company requires for processing a claim.

In addition, Hopkins has registered you with International SOS and we have provided you with a medical emergency card to show proof of coverage. It is in your pre-departure packet. The International SOS coverage includes assistance in emergencies such as political coups or natural disasters with emergency evacuation. They also can provide pre-trip information such as finding English speaking doctors, information about prescription medication abroad, and more. FrontierMEDEX should be used for visits to doctors, hospitals, and other non-life threatening emergencies. Contact information is included below and you can learn more about “International SOS” through the website, www.internationalsos.com
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CONDUCT ABROAD: While you are in Ireland you will be expected to be exemplary good citizens. Misconduct abroad will be defined as (1) any action that jeopardized your own welfare, that of your fellow students, or that of the Johns Hopkins in Ireland Program; (2) substance abuse; (3) failure to comply with the mores of your host community; (4) unauthorized absence from mandatory program events; (5) violation of the laws of the host country or regulations governing the host university; (6) violations of the program Conditions of Participation or Conduct Abroad Agreement; (7) disrespect or insubordinate behavior toward program directors, coordinators, and other agents of the Johns Hopkins. Inappropriate conduct abroad is a violation of program rules and can result in your dismissal from the program.

Please review your Student Handbook before arriving in Ireland!
Schedule: Photography in Ireland Summer 2015  
June 6 to July 4

Instructors  
Phyllis Berger  
Howard Ehrenfeld

June 5  
Leave for Ireland

June 6  
Arrive Shannon

June 7  
Burren Tour

June 8  
Course introduction to the digital camera, elements of composition and technique. (Phyllis)  
Camera operation (Howard)  
Afternoon - field practice.  
Go exploring and work on your first assignment

Assignment 1 The Portrait  
Working in pairs:  
You may find a farm, a forest, abandoned buildings, the sea coast, a mountain, and assorted animals to name just a few of the attractions in and around Ballyvaughan.  
Make a portrait of a fellow student that says something about their personality as well as the environment. See how you can incorporate elements from the landscape into your portrait to make your image evocative of this very special place.

June 9  
Morning lecture: Landscape (Phyllis)  
Afternoon excursion: Flaggy Shore, Corcomroe Abbey,  
Evening Storytelling: Eddie Lanahan

June 10  
Morning lecture: Inspiration (Phyllis)  
Morning Lab: Raw Essentials (Howard)

Assignment 2: Inspiration  
Make an image that is inspired by an Irish poem, fairytale, myth, film still, play, photograph or historical event. You can think of this interpretation as metaphor or take a more literal approach. This could be a tableau with your fellow students, or you could work solo. Our library at the BCA has a wealth of information to explore and the librarian will be happy to help you do your research.  
Visit to Painter: Richard Hearn’s studio.

June 11  
Morning lab Photoshop (Howard)  
HDR and Panorama Prep (Howard)  
Afternoon shoot: interpretation and portrait projects.  
Field trip to sheep farm in Ballyvaughan

June 12  
Inishmore, Aran, Islands  
Filled with natural and man-made wonders.  
Walk along the rugged coastline to “The Worm Hole”  
Majestic ancient fort of Dun Aengus towering over the Atlantic.  
Best sweater shop in the world!

Dinner Lecture the poetry and prose of the Aran Islanders (Phyllis)  
Shoot panorama and HDR  
Evening music at the pub

June 13  
Inisheer Aran Islands  
Go back in time to this Gaelic speaking island  
Travel by pony cart or amble through mile upon mile of ancient stone walls  
Wreck of the Plassey: the rusting hulk of a former cargo ship thrown up on the rocks.

June 14  
Return from Aran  
Afternoon free

June 15  
Morning Lab Interpretation Project and Portrait.  
Work on projects. Demo of Photomatix and Photoshop for Panorama and HDR images. (Howard)  
Lecture: Poetry of W.B. Yates and Seamus Heaney  
Afternoon: work on projects

June 16  
Morning lab.  
Afternoon hike on the Burren Way  
Evening Critique at Logues Pub “The Portrait”

June 17  
Morning Lab  
Afternoon Critique: Inspiration  
Field trip to abandoned village in the woods above the Burren College of Art.  
Begin personal project:  
Students begin work on their portfolios of ten images for the final exhibition.  
They may choose any subject that relates to their experience in Ireland.
June 18
Morning: Lecture and lab
Silver Efex (Phyllis)
Afternoon projects
Conferences with Phyllis

June 19
Galway (students are free to explore on their own)
Great shopping!

June 20
Free day

June 21
Spancil Hill Horse Fair
Bring your wellies and meet some true Irish characters
from the “travelers” with their spotted ponies to farmers
with faces as craggy as the burren rocks.
Best portrait photography options you can imagine.

June 22
Morning Lab
Afternoon fieldtrip Mullaghmore

June 23
Morning: Projects
Afternoon hike up the mountain behind BCA. You will feel
like you are on the moon!
Critique at the pub

June 24
Individual fieldtrips. Students work on their photographic
projects.

June 25
Lab, projects, individual fieldtrips
Start printing with Howard
Ceili
Dancing with the locals Kilfenora.

June 26
Dublin

A few Highlights:
**Book of Kells** - a 9th-century gospel manuscript at the
amazing Trinity College library.

**St. Stephen’s Green**
Beautiful urban park immortalized in James Joyce’s
“Ulysses.”

**Temple Bar**: medieval street pattern, with many narrow
cobbled streets, great music, pub scene and food
Irish Dancing at its best!

June 27
Dublin
Photo galleries with Howard and Phyllis

June 28
Morning in Dublin
Late afternoon: travel back to Ballyvaughan

June 29
Lab
Projects, individual fieldtrips
Print day

June 30
Lab, edit projects, print day with Howard

July 1
Print with Howard
Hang Exhibition with Phyllis

July 2
Print and Pack and clean!

July 3
Exhibition
Good by dinner

July 4
Home
## Money and Banking
- Packed
- Cash
- Credit/debit cards (REMEMBER TO CONTACT BANK AND CREDIT CARD COMPANY TO INFORM THEM OF YOUR TRIP)

## Documents
- Packed
- Passport
- Visa (U.S. Citizens don’t need visa)
- Medical insurance card
- Reservation documents
- Airline/train tickets
- Copy of travel documents (save in your email copies of passport, visa, credit cards, etc. in case of emergency)

## Clothing
- Packed
- Layered clothing
- Good walking shoes
- Versatile jacket
- Rain, hiking, or other boots that can get wet are recommended
- Hat
- Rain gear

## Health & Medicine
- Packed
- Band-aids
- Feminine hygiene products
- Birth control/condoms
- Personal medications (in original bottle, carry actual prescription or letter from doctor)
- OTC medications (ibuprofen, pepto bismol, etc.)
- Contact lenses/solution
- Sunscreen
- Sea sickness medication (if necessary)

## Photography and Classroom Supplies
- Packed
- SD cards (at least 2 of 8 gigs or more)
- Laptop and charger
- Card reader if your laptop doesn’t have one
- Flash drive
- External Hard Drive (strongly recommended)
- Tripod (recommended)
- Camera and case borrowed from JHU
- We will give you a trial version of Photoshop. This will only work if you haven’t previously downloaded a trial version on your computer

## Personal Belongings/Miscellaneous
- Packed
- Ireland Guidebook
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Towels
- International outlet plug/converter
- Cell phone and charger
- Watch
- Woolite for washing clothes

## Before you Leave
- Make copies of important documents
- Ensure vaccinations are up to date
- Check that passport is valid
- Carry-on luggage: liquids and gels in containers of maximum of 100 ml; must be carried in transparent plastic bags
- Call credit card providers and bank to notify them you’ll be abroad
- Scan copies of important documents (credit cards, passport, visa, etc.) to your email