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Dear Colleagues:

It's a pleasure to invite you and your friends and family to enjoy a veterinary medicine study tour to historic and starkly beautiful Ireland where we will visit the fair city of Dublin, the Irish countryside and the seaside city of Galway. Located on the Gulf Stream and famous for its daily rain (nobody ever came to Ireland looking for a tan), Ireland is also known for its soft and year-round mild climate.

This tour has been designed to let you see this wild and beautiful land by day and enjoy the conviviality of her charming people in the evenings when we dine at Irish pubs and enjoy local entertainment. There is a full sightseeing program in Dublin, the Irish countryside and Galway. Also included are special pub tours and special visits to Guinness House, Jameson Distillery and Kilmainham Gaol (Jail) where many patriots languished during Irelands long struggle for independence.

In addition to our sightseeing, we will visit the Irish National Stud Farm and learn about the history and current trends of horse-breeding there. We'll see some magnificent horses and learn about horse-breeding and meet with a Veterinarian to learn about practices and procedures used in the care of these prized animals. In Galway we will visit a local veterinary practice and meet again with our colleagues and learn about the practice of veterinary medicine in a different setting.

The educational purpose of this program is to provide a comparative survey of veterinary medicine in Ireland, as well as to bring us up to date with recent developments in veterinary medicine. I will present several lectures and stimulate discussion on many aspects of veterinary medicine and management as well as recent changes and trends in veterinary medical education. To enable us to have a more complete understanding of veterinary medicine in Ireland, meetings are planned for us to exchange ideas and experiences with our colleagues there.

A professional CPC tour manager will be with us for our entire trip and local Irish guides will also help us get the most out of our program.

The tour is described in detail in the enclosed brochure, which I urge you to read. Among the inclusions are:

- \* Round Trip Air Tickets
- \* First Class Hotels
- \* Meetings With Irish Veterinarians
- \* Special Dublin Literary Pub Tour
- \* Medieval Banquet at An Irish Castle
- \* Dinner and Entertainment at Galway's Padraicain's Restaurant

- \* All Sightseeing
- \* Daily Breakfast and Lunch or Dinner
- \* Local Guides And Visits to Jameson Distillery and Guinness House
- \* Visits To Kilmainham Gaol And Trinity College,
- \* Full Day Tour of the Famous and Beautiful Connemara
- \* Optional CE Program and Attendance Report

I look forward to our "Literary Pub Tour" visiting many of Dublin's landmark pubs made famous by writers like Samuel Becket, W.B. Yeats, Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, Bram Stoker and George Bernard Shaw. Later in the week we visit Bunnratty Castle and have a lot of fun at a medieval Irish banquet featuring Irish entertainment.

Our tour of the wild and beautiful Connemara region with its remote cottages and stunning patchwork of lonely valleys, lakes and mountains will be another memorable experience. Incidentally, the movies "The Quiet Man" and "The Field" were filmed near Leenane where we stop for lunch at a picturesque pub.

Our tour has been organized by the Corporation For Professional Conferences, Inc. (CPC, Inc.). Among the places they have organized study tours are China, Russia, South Africa, France, Ireland, Indonesia, Chile, Peru, Morocco, Portugal and South America. If you have any questions about the tour, please contact the people at CPC. They will be happy to speak to you about tour arrangements and general information.

CPC, as a member, conforms to the regulations and practices of the Long Island Better Business Bureau. (516-420-0500) Your inquiries about CPC's reliability are welcomed.

I urge you to register soon, as our Irish colleagues will make the best efforts to match our interests if they have adequate notice. At the completion of the tour, you will receive a certificate of attendance. If you have any questions about this rare and exciting cultural and professional opportunity, please call us. The toll free number for CPC is 800-621-4414.

Yours very truly,

*Jim Sikarskie*

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Your invitation to join a veterinary medicine study tour and visit

# Ireland's People and Places

visiting

- **Dublin • Kilbeggan • Galway**
- **The Connemara • Shannon**

Including a full sightseeing program and visits to the Irish National Stud Farm and other veterinary practices; and visits to castles and pubs with a special tour of the famous and darkly beautiful Connemara.



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- Visit To Irish National Stud Farm
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### **Your Education Leader**

Dr James Sikarskie has been the Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarian at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine for over 30 years. He was the Veterinarian for the Lansing, Michigan Zoo and has worked with Wildlife, both captive and free-ranging the whole time. He has developed the American Bald Eagle as an environmental biomonitor in the Great Lakes Basin and has a lot of field experience. He has a graduate degree in Wildlife Management (Population Dynamics and Wildlife Ecology) and is a Board Certified Diplomate in the American College of Zoological Medicine. He has been education leader before and his lecture topics were rated extremely enjoyable as well as educational.

### **Lecture/Discussion/Topics**

- \*Exotic Pets: Medicine and Management
- \*Wildlife Rehabilitation
- \*Zoological Medicine and Management



## **Ireland** **The Ancient Birthplace** **of Good Times**



- \*Exotic Animal Restraint and Handling
- \*Wildlife Research
- \*Wildlife Management
- \*Game Farming and Ranching

Legal, ethical, philosophical as well as clinical issues will be discussed in all topics with slide shows when facilities allow. Other topics like Animal Welfare and Animal Rights, Hunting and Ecotourism will be open for discussion in an informal style.

### **About Tax Deductability**

If you are interested in the tax deductibility of this (or any) program, we suggest that you first review the program and your tax liability with your accountant.

## Your Itinerary

### Day 1. (D) We Depart New York For Ireland

This evening we depart New York for Ireland via an early evening Aer Lingus flight. Please be at the airport at least two hours before your flight's scheduled departure. You will be served a full dinner aboard, and beverages are available aboard your full-service Aer Lingus flight.

### About Ireland

The best thing about touring Ireland is that you see this wild and beautiful place by day and enjoy the conviviality of her charming people in the evening. Most of all, Ireland is a land blessed with a warm and hospitable people who have given music and poetry to the English language. It is a country steeped in history and tradition and abundant in art, literature, architecture and archaeology. There are thousands of archeological sites, megalithic tombs, castles and ancient coastal settlements throughout the areas you will be visiting. Famous for its daily rain (nobody ever came to Ireland looking for a tan), Ireland is also known for its soft and mild climate. It is a country gifted in the finest craftsmanship for crystal, china, lace and elegant tweeds at reasonable prices. This is a land where visitors return again and again because they just plain enjoy the lovely green island and her gregarious people.

### About Irish Pubs

To enjoy Ireland at its best you should meet her people. In Ireland, pubs are not just for drinking but more for meeting people and conversation, music, and authentic entertainment. Pubs will make a grand contribution to the atmosphere of your visit and the food, enter-



tainment and conviviality they offer are enjoyable and typical of the Emerald Isle. Probably, the best thing about visiting pubs is that you'll walk off the veneer of your tour and actually meet local people as they are. The difference between Irish people and American people is: most Americans say they are part Irish; most Irish people say they have relatives in America...Could be true?

### Day 2. (B, D) Today we get acquainted with Dublin. Tonight we enjoy a dinner show at the historic Abbey Tavern for dinner and entertainment. Bewley's Hotel

Upon arrival we will be met and taken to Bewley's Hotel located in Dublin's center. Today we will have an introductory tour of Dublin. Among the sights we will see are St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Jonathan Swift was once Dean, Dublin Castle, O'Connell Street, The Moore Street Market that inspired the song "Molly Malone," and Nassau street and Grafton street, Dublin's most fashionable walkway with its gaudy shops and signs. After our orientation, we will rest and shake off our jet lag. Tonight we travel to the fishing village of Howth for dinner and entertainment at the historic Abbey Tavern.

### About Dublin

Dublin, established in the 9th century by Danish Vikings, and one of Europe's most visited places, is a city with an ethic believing that people are more fun than statues, and conversation in a pub is the salt of life. It's a compact city that's easy to get around. Dublin will entertain you as you walk along Grafton Street, its main drag lined with restaurants and shops, then stroll in the Georgian elegance of the southside. Famous for Trinity College, The Book of Kells, the Chester Beatty Library (one of Europe's major repositories of religious books), and John Mulligan's Pub of Poolbeg Street (a unique experience), the literature of James Joyce and drama of Brendan Behan, Dublin offers much for you to enjoy. Bloom's Walk traces the steps of Leopold Bloom in James Joyce's novel, Ulysses.

Trinity College, located in the center of Dublin and Ireland's premiere university, was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth. Trinity's gem is the magnificent "Book of Kells," dating back to around 800, making this illuminated manuscript one of the world's oldest books. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Saint Patrick himself is said to have baptised converts at a well on cathedral grounds.



### Day 3. (B, D) We tour the Kilmainham Gaol, Trinity College, then take a tasting at the Guinness Hopstore. This afternoon we attend to our professional agenda for a meeting at a local veterinary practice. Tonight we take a Literary Pub Tour. Bewley's Hotel

This morning we visit the Kilmainham Gaol (Jail), and learn about the complex and stormy emergence of Ireland as a free nation. A thought provoking tour through the jail's corridors, cells and yards will give you a good idea of the political and penal history of Ireland. Next we visit Trinity College where the Book of Kells, an early Christian manuscript of the four gospels, is housed. From there we go on to visit the Guinness Hopstore where we'll be introduced to the world's most famous dark stout beer. There will be a retelling of the Guinness story through museum displays and presentations followed, of course, by a tasting of refreshing Guineas Stout. Later, we attend to our professional agenda.

Tonight, after dinner, we take a "Literary Pub Tour." Dublin has a vibrant literary heritage that we'll experience when visiting pubs made famous by writers such as Becket, Wilde, Joyce and the famous Irish dramatist Brendan Behan who were often inspired by a few pints..The two actors who lead the tour put on a colorful theatrical performance appropriate to the pubs and places we visit.



**Day 4. (B,D) Today we attend to our professional agenda and visit the Irish National Stud Farm. Later, we explore Dublin on our own. Bewley's Hotel**

This morning drive to Kildare which is in the heart of Ireland's horse country. A visit to the Irish National Stud Farm will show you the history and current trends of horse-breeding in Ireland. We'll see some magnificent horses and learn about horse-breeding. We will meet with a Veterinarian to learn about practices and procedures used in the care of these prized animals. Later, we walk around the Japanese Gardens which were established in 1908 and represent the "Life of Man" from cradle to grave in the traditional Japanese style of gardening. Also see the charming St. Fiachra's Garden with water features and beehive huts. Then we return to Dublin where you're free to follow your own stars. We will dine at our hotel.

**Day 5. (B, D) We travel across Ireland to Galway via Kilbeggan where we'll tour and taste at Lockes Distillery. Tonight we enjoy dinner and entertainment at Padraicin's Restaurant. Salthill Court Hotel, Galway**

Today we traverse Ireland's center and see many farms and market towns along way and learn how Irish people make their living from farming. We'll stop at Lockes Distillery and tour where they make Irish Whiskey. Our tour will end with a sampling session. From there we travel to the ancient Irish province of Connacht, the most westerly seaboard in Europe, and Galway county and city. Always a flourishing port, Galway was established before the Normans arrived in the 13th century. Among the sights that we will see are Lynch's Castle, the Spanish Arch, and the ancient Druid Theater. Tonight we enjoy dinner and entertainment at Padraicin's Restaurant.

#### **About Galway**

Galway county, a highlight of any visit to Ireland, stretching through the midlands and the wilds of Connemara to the

craggy Atlantic coast, has just about everything packed into it. Galway city became an important walled town under the Anglo-Normans in 1270. Its delightful with narrow streets, old wooden and stone storefronts, pleasant restaurants and busy pubs exuding Irish coastal charm. It's Ireland's fourth largest city and, although dynamic and cosmopolitan, Galway has a great crowd of artists poets and musicians because of its University. Travellers love the nightlife, restaurants and pubs where talk, music and drink flow like a river.

**Day 6. (B, L) We tour the stark and beautiful Connemara where the movies "The Quiet Man" and "The Field" were filmed. Along our way we'll visit a rural veterinary practice. Salthill Court Hotel, Galway**

Today we tour Connemara where we will enjoy that stark scenery and visit a rural veterinary practice. Connemara is so beautiful that it's often filmed in movies. It's a land of romantic landscapes, constantly changing skies and colors offset by wild and craggy coastlines where the old Irish language is still spoken. Connemara's ever changing combinations of sky, sea cliffs and mountains is famous for its dramatic changes of color and mood. It's a stunning patchwork of bogs, lonely valleys, pale mountains and shimmering lakes. We'll visit Leenane and Cong where the movies "The Quiet Man" and "The Field" were filmed and have lunch at a picturesque pub.

**Day 7. (B, D) This morning we attend to our professional agenda; then travel via the Cliffs of Moher to Ennis for a medieval banquet (and some fun) at Bunnratty Castle.**

#### **Bunnratty Castle Hotel**

After a full breakfast we attend to our professional agenda. Then we travel through the Irish countryside to the Cliffs of Moher, a wall of rock that plunges 700 feet into the churning Atlantic Ocean. From there we're off to Ennis and the Bunnratty Castle hotel where we'll stay. Tonight we have fun and enjoy a medieval banquet at

Bunnratty Castle. We will be welcomed by Colleens in 15th century gowns and given Irish friendship bread before we are seated at a long full table before the Lord of the Castle. High pageantry prevails here as the serving girls interrupt their duties to sing Irish ballads, play the harp, and tell us long stories for our pleasure. We will be served authentic medieval food (very tasty) and wash it down with mead and wine as our festive evening rolls on. After the festivities end, we will visit 'Durt Nelly's,' a lively singing pub that is as famous as Bunnratty Castle itself.

**Day 8. (B, ) We return to the USA arriving back in New York in the early afternoon.**

After breakfast, we travel to Shannon Airport where we board our flight home. Shannon has a great shopping airport store for last minute purchases. A full meal service will be served aloft; we will arrive back in New York in the early afternoon.

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Final Payment is due 60 days prior to programs departure.

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