



**CIAAA**  
Est. 2015

### **Day 1 Sunday.**

Arrival from The United States, Canada and Europe.  
Meet Program Leaders and Travel to Galway.  
Meet Host Families and Relax.

#### **Evening:**

Local walk, Meeting and Chat.  
Unpack, unwind and prepare for the morning.

### **Day 2 Monday.**

Travel with Host Family to Saint Endas Secondary School.

Opening ceremony with Dr. Johanna Clancy.

Group Activity Ice Breakers with Gabrielle Murphy and Lauren Schmidt.

Group and Individual Reflection with Brian Fahy.

Guided Walking Tour through Medieval City of Galway.

Visit Salthill Beach, The Promenade and Blackrock Tower.

Begin Celtic Challenge of Volunteering Activities.

# July 12th – 25th

***Now Booking for 2026***

### **Day 3 Tuesday.**

Class at St. Endas College.

- History of Ireland since The Famine of 1845
- Examination of the Cultural, Business and Sporting Links between Ireland, Canada, The United States and Europe.
- Lesson on the Gaelic Language.
- Introduction to Irish Music

Explore Circle of Life National Organ Donor Garden and World Heritage Park on Salthill seafront. Celtic Challenge No.2.

Basketball / Football in Salthill Knocknacarra Gaelic Athletic Association Centre at Salthill.

### **Day 4 Wednesday.**

Class at Saint Endas.

Irish Literature – exploration of The Short Story: the writing of Frank O'Connor.

Mary Rodgers, CEO of Galway Portershed will lead an interactive Tour of Galway City Innovation Hub for Start Up and Multinational Companies, where companies grow and scale before succeeding.

Attend SIX at Eyre Square: an amazing acrobatic comedy where mundane turns to magical. There are just SIX degrees of separation between us all and there are only 5 persons on stage. Are You the missing link?

### **Day 5 Thursday.**

Visit University of Galway. University Campus Tour followed by interactive sessions with the colleges of Law, Business, Medicine, Engineering and the Humanities.

Guidance on how to prepare for transition from High School to University.

Celtic Challenge No.3 at Blackrock on the Salthill Promenade.



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### **Day 6 Friday.**

Presentations at Saint Endas.

Students from Paris France, Ontario Canada, Galway Ireland and the U.S. States of California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and North Carolina will share their perspectives on where they are live and their direction in life.

Gaelic Football coaching, followed by a match between the students.

Galway International Arts Festival (GIAF) Silent Disco. A charismatic Australian Dancer will guide you on a silent disco power dance.

Exhilarating walk /dance from The GIAF Festival Garden through the Streets of Galway.

### **Day 7 Saturday.**

Excursion along The Wild Atlantic Way to South Galway and The Burren, County Clare.

Visit Kinvarra and Dungaire Castle. Travel up Corkscrew Hill to The Cliffs of Moher which tower over the rugged West Clare Coast on Europe's Western Frontier. The Cliffs are part of the European Geopark Network, recognized by UNESCO and filming location for a scene in Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince.

### **Day 8 Sunday.**

Walking Literary Tour of Salthill and Galway.

Discover the plaques dotted along this walk which reflect the words of wisdom written by Local and International Artists. Students read and reflect on the words, beginning with a poem composed by Nobel Prize winning Poet Seamus Heaney, inspired by his visit to Galway Bay.

Mass at Galway Cathedral or Parish Church (optional).

Fun Fair Carnival at Salthill (TBD).

### **Day 9 Monday.**

Guest Speaker, Professor Andrea Broderick of Maastricht University Holland and UNESCO. Professor Broderick will make a presentation on UNESCO, The Sustainable Goals and Inclusive Education. Students will also learn about her experience of Volunteer, Legal and Academic work along her career path.

Music Generation Galway led by Galway and Roscommon ETB will conduct a Drumming workshop at St.Endas. This Drum Programme is a legacy of Galway's time as European Capital City of Culture.

Volunteering / Service Learning. Progress report on The Celtic Challenges and Presentation by our volunteer partners, The Galway Simon Community. Celtic Challenge at the Promenade.

### **Day 10 Tuesday.**

Excursion to Connemara. Explore The Wild Atlantic Way – Visit An Gaeltacht, stronghold of Irish Culture, where Gaelic is the dominant spoken language, Connemara National Park and Kylemore Abbey. "Connemara is a state of light. Of fluent sky, flayed rock and flowering bog. Of storied lake and inlet and deep song. Of wind and wild".

Celtic Challenge: Trek on Diamond Hill.

Examine Renewable Energy Forms.

### **Day 11 Wednesday.**

Tour of Medtronic Medical Device Company led by Aneta Slawek. Medtronic has developed several world-first technologies including wearable and implantable pacemakers, the implantable cardioverter defibrillator, and remote monitoring systems. Students meet the engineers and discuss the strategies.

Visit Galway Museum at the Spanish Arch.

Visit GIAF "Atomic" by Hazel O Sullivan: "her detailed drawings transform into large scale sculptural forms inspired by insular art and ancient sights."

### **Day 12 Thursday.**

Class at St.Endas College,

Group work on Team Presentation.

Planning and Preparation for College.

Audience in City Hall and Q.and A. with The Mayor of Galway City.

Treasure Hunt in the City: Teams test their knowledge of The City of The Tribes.

### **Day 13 Friday.**

Class at St.Endas College.

Dr.Johanna Clancy: Equipping Future Leaders of the Business World with Real – World Skills.

Team Presentations by each student group.

Travel to Terryland Park to watch League of Ireland Premier football match between Galway United and Waterford City.

### **Day 14 Saturday.**

Exchange contacts and say Goodbyes to fellow students, new friends and Host Families.

Join CIAA Alumni Group.

Travel to Airport.

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