IRELAND
Land of Joyce & Yeats
June 8–17, 2017

With Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Muldoon,
Howard G.B. Clark ’21 University Professor in the Humanities
Dear Princetonian,

For centuries, Irish novelists, poets, and dramatists have made significant contributions to the English literary scene. Princeton Journeys is pleased to invite you to discover the lush green hills, sea-swept islands, unfailingly friendly people, and literary traditions of Ireland in the company of Paul Muldoon, Pulitzer Prize–winning poet, Princeton Professor in the Humanities, and founding chair of Princeton’s Lewis Center for the Arts, where he teaches creative writing.

A native of Ireland, Professor Muldoon will guide you through W.B. Yeats’s beloved Sligo and James Joyce’s immortalized Dublin, across the legendary landscapes of the Emerald Isle, and into the heart of Northern Ireland’s Belfast. Along the way you will delve into the country’s rich literary and theatrical traditions; view megalithic monuments and ancient manuscripts; celebrate the natural beauty of the Aran Islands and Connemara National Park; and enjoy traditional Irish breakfasts, picnic lunches, pub dinners, and a whiskey tasting at the Old Bushmills Distillery. Our adventure culminates with participation in Bloomsday, an annual Dublin celebration of James Joyce’s novel Ulysses.

Professor Muldoon’s depth of knowledge about his native country, approachability, and infectious style of teaching will make this exploration of Ireland a true “classroom in the field” and will leave lasting memories of a delightful adventure.

This exclusive Princeton program has limited space and is sure to inspire early reservations, so I encourage you to book now by contacting the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Miller

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Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs
Princeton University

COVER: KYLEMORE ABBEY
BACK COVER: PARKE’S CASTLE
PAUL MULDOON is a Howard G. B. Clark ’21 Professor at Princeton University and Founding Chair of the Peter B. Lewis Center for the Arts. In 2007 he was appointed Poetry Editor of The New Yorker. Between 1999 and 2004 he was Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford, where he is an honorary Fellow of Hertford College.


A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Professor Muldoon was given an American Academy of Arts and Letters award in literature for 1996. Other recent awards are the 1994 T. S. Eliot Prize, the 1997 Irish Times Poetry Prize, the 2004 American Ireland Fund Literary Award, the 2004 Shakespeare Prize, the 2005 Aspen Prize for Poetry, and the 2006 European Prize for Poetry. He has been described by The Times Literary Supplement as “the most significant English-language poet born since the Second World War.”
Itinerary

Thursday, June 8 & Friday, June 9

HOME • SHANNON, IRELAND

GALWAY

Depart home on an overnight flight to Shannon, Ireland. Upon arrival, enjoy a hearty Irish breakfast at the Lady Gregory Hotel, then transfer by motor coach to Galway. En route visit Thoor Ballylee Castle, a 15th- or 16th-century Hiberno-Norman tower house once owned and occupied by the poet William Butler Yeats. Take a walking tour of Galway followed by an afternoon at leisure for independent exploration. A traditional Irish harpist will provide musical accompaniment to the evening’s welcome reception and dinner. MEYRICK HOTEL (B,R,D)

Saturday, June 10

GALWAY

Travel to Ros a’ Mhíl and board a ferry to Inis Mor (Inishmore), the largest of the Aran Islands in Galway Bay. Wander among the maze of stone walls, patchwork fields, thatched-roof cottages, and monastic remains. Visit Dún Aonghasa, a prehistoric fort that rests on the edge of a 300-foot-high cliff. Enjoy a picnic lunch at the site with a traditional Irish storyteller, then visit the nearby beehive huts of Cill Chorna. This evening enjoy free time to experience the lively local entertainment of Galway city. MEYRICK HOTEL (B,L)

Sunday, June 11

GALWAY • SLIGO

On the outskirts of Galway view restored famine huts, or scappeens, that stand in silent tribute to the millions of Irish who perished in the Great Famine of the 1840s. Continue to Connemara National Park, noted for its diversity of birdlife. Enjoy a visit, lunch, and meeting with some of the resident nuns at Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Gardens, a Benedictine monastery founded in 1920 on the grounds of Kylemore Castle as a refuge for Benedictine nuns who fled Belgium during World War I. Arrive in time for a walking tour of Sligo, a magnet for musicians and an inspiration for the poet W.B. Yeats as well as for his brother, Irish artist and Ireland’s first Olympic medalist, Jack Butler Yeats. CLARION HOTEL (B,L,D)
Monday, June 12

**SLIGO**
Most of the day is devoted to sites important to W.B. Yeats, including Innisfree Lake; Dromahair village and the nearby “Sleeping Giant” mountain formation; Parke’s Castle, a plantation-era castle on the shores of Lough Gill; Glencar Waterfall, about which Yeats wrote in his poem “The Stolen Child”; Lissadell House, occasionally visited by W.B. Yeats as a holiday retreat; and Drumcliffe, where the poet is buried. Also visit the Carrowmore megalithic cemetery—one of four major passage tomb complexes in Ireland. Enjoy lunch at Yeats Tavern and dinner at Hargadon’s Pub, both in Sligo.

**CLARION HOTEL (B,L,D)**

Tuesday, June 13

**SLIGO**

**BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND**
En route to Belfast, marvel at the otherworldly landscape of the Giant’s Causeway, consisting of 40,000 hexagonal basaltic columns created by volcanic eruptions and cooling lava 60 million years ago. The ancients believed the causeway was the work of the giant Finn McCool, the Ulster warrior and commander of the king of Ireland’s armies. Enjoy a whiskey tasting at the Old Bushmills Distillery and dinner at your hotel in Belfast.

**DUNDARDY HOTEL (B,L,D)**

Wednesday, June 14

**BELFAST**
Professor Muldoon’s personal memories and knowledge of his native city enhance a day spent exploring Belfast. Hop in an iconic black taxi for a tour of the Falls and the Shankill roads, whose political murals depict the turbulent story of the “Troubles.” Visit the Crumlin Road Gaol, the only Victorian-era prison remaining in Northern Ireland, and the Titanic Belfast, with nine fascinating interactive galleries depicting the construction, voyage, sinking, and aftermath of the RMS Titanic. Enjoy dinner at Stix and Stones Restaurant, a premier steak and seafood establishment with a unique hot-stone method of cooking.

**DUNDARDY HOTEL (B.L,D)**

Thursday, June 15

**BELFAST • DUBLIN, IRELAND**
This morning travel to Dublin, one of Europe’s most picturesque capitals. In the afternoon visit Trinity College, founded by Elizabeth I in 1592. In the Old Library, view the *Book of Kells*, an illuminated Latin text of the Four Gospels that dates from about A.D. 800. Continue to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the largest church in Ireland, and fashionable Grafton Street, where buskers (including musicians, poets, and mimes) often perform to the crowds. Arrive at The Shelbourne Dublin, our accommodation for two nights. Chosen as the location for the drafting of the Irish Constitution in 1922, The Shelbourne remains an acknowledged focal point of social and political life in Dublin. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening.

**THE SHELBOURNE DUBLIN (B,L)**

Friday, June 16

**DUBLIN**
Today is Bloomsday, an annual celebration among James Joyce fans, observed around the world but nowhere with more exuberance, or authenticity, than in Dublin. Here the events of Leopold Bloom’s day, celebrated in the novel *Ulysses*, are reenacted by anyone who cares to participate, and his itinerary is followed all over Dublin. Enjoy a “literary Dublin” excursion this morning, visiting the Writers Museum, established in 1991 to promote interest in Irish literature and the lives and works of Irish writers; the James Joyce Center, a museum dedicated to the life and works of James Joyce; and the James Joyce Tower, the setting for the first chapter of his masterpiece, *Ulysses*. Lunch is at Fitzgeralds of Sandy Cove, a traditional pub established in 1861 and embellished with Joycean ephemera. A special farewell reception and dinner at the Shelbourne Hotel will be a memorable conclusion to this Irish adventure.

**THE SHELBOURNE DUBLIN (B,L,R,D)**

Saturday, June 17

**DUBLIN • HOME**
After breakfast, transfer to the Dublin Airport for flights home. (B)
Pricing, per person
Double occupancy: $5,995
Single occupancy: $7,595

Air Arrangements
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Program Rates Include
All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling at hotels and ship • Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners, and with most lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motor coaches • Professional tour manager

What to Expect
Weather in Ireland at this time of year is generally cool, with average temperatures in the low to mid-60s and frequent showers. The pace of this trip is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, sometimes on uneven terrain. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

A Note about Costs
Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, currency values, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.
GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

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GROUP SIZE: This program, a Princeton Journeys exclusive, is limited to 31 participants.

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RESERVATION FORM

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PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check for $ ($1,000 per person), to hold _______ place(s) on Ireland: Land of Joyce and Yeats. OR

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☐ I prefer to have single accommodations.

☐ I plan to share accommodations with ______________________

☐ I am willing to share with another participant (not guaranteed).

I am a ☐ Non-smoker ☐ Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 10, 2017, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bed preference at hotels (not guaranteed): ☐ Two beds ☐ One bed

☐ I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated herein.

SIGNATURE ______________________ DATE ______________________

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VIEW ancient megalithic passage tombs at Carrowmore, Trinity College’s Book of Kells, beautiful countryside estates, 19th-century famine huts, and the fascinating Titanic Belfast museum.

ENJOY specially arranged visits with the Benedictine nuns at Kylemore Abbey and with Irish leaders in drama, literature, or politics.

SAVOR traditional Irish breakfasts, a picnic lunch perched atop a cliff above the Atlantic Ocean, a whiskey tasting at the Old Bushmills Distillery, and a farewell dinner at the historic Shelbourne Dublin hotel.

CELEBRATE Ireland’s natural beauty on Inishmore Island, in Connemara National Park, and at the Giant’s Causeway.