



You've been offered a unique opportunity to travel abroad and bowl competitively. You'll travel as an ambassador for the United States, compete internationally, and broaden your educational perspective of the world. In addition, you'll make friends of a lifetime.

USA Athletes International (USA AI) in conjunction with "Tenpin Ireland" has developed one such opportunity. This multi-stop event will take place June 11 – 22, 2026. Tenpin Ireland has invited our US team to participate in Dublin and Wexford for bowling. With stops in historic Athlone, Galway, and Cork, Ireland. The goal is to encourage international cooperation and the further development of bowling while sharing in the Irish culture in every aspect possible.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

**- Saint Augustine.**

Travel broadens one's understanding and perspective.

Such opportunities for athletes to engage in international competition and cultural exchange are limited, so we are grateful for the invitation and look forward to the experiences on and off the lanes. Remember it's bowling that opened the door for this opportunity, but it's much more than just bowling.

Christopher Adams from Bethel University will lead the USA team. With over 32 years of professional and instructional experience, as well as international exposure in Scotland, Coach Adams is well-suited for the role. He emphasizes that valuable experiences are essential to making lasting memories.

On behalf of Coach Adams, here is an official invitation to be part of the USA team. Please review all enclosed materials carefully and discuss your participation with your family before responding.

For additional information about USA Athletes International, visit [www.usaai.org](http://www.usaai.org), where the FAQ page provides answers to frequently asked questions. For further inquiries, please contact coordinator William Edington at 913-401-6052 or via email at [william@usaai.org](mailto:william@usaai.org).

Respectfully,

William A. Edington  
Executive Director  
USA Athletes International



## **Ireland Bowling Tour Itinerary**

### **June 11–22, 2026**

*USAAI Bowling | Cultural Exploration | Team Connections*

#### **Thursday, June 11 – Departure**

Depart from the United States (JFK) on an overnight flight bound for Dublin. During the flight, both dinner and breakfast will be served, ensuring a comfortable start to the journey.

#### **Friday, June 12 – Arrival in Wexford (2 nights)**

Upon arriving in Dublin, meet your USAAI tour manager and transfer to your hotel in Wexford. Lunch is on your own, followed by free time to explore Wexford. In the evening, join a meet-and-greet practice with “Ár gcairde nua,” our Irish friends, and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant.

#### **Saturday, June 13 – Wexford – Competition Day**

Begin with hotel breakfast, then go to the bowling alley for day one of competition (format TBD). Lunch on your own. Resume competition in the afternoon. Return to the hotel for dinner.

#### **Sunday, June 14 – Wexford – Competition Day – Cork (3 nights)**

Have breakfast at the hotel. Day two of competition (format TBD). Lunch at the bowling facility. Match play concludes the day. Dinner follows, then depart for Cork and check in.

#### **Monday, June 15 – Cork & Cobh - Irish Culture**

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a guided cultural walking tour. Highlights include University College Cork, Saint Fin Barre’s Cathedral, the English Market, Grand Parade, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork Opera House, Shandon Bells & Tower, and Saint Anne’s Church. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, travel by train or private coach to the city of Cobh for a comprehensive, guided Titanic Experience. On April 11th, 1912, 123 passengers gathered in what was then Queenstown (now Cobh) to board the Titanic bound for New York; four days later, they faced one of history’s most tragic maritime disasters. The tour concludes with dinner at the Titanic Bar and Grill and an opportunity to explore the harbor area before returning to the hotel.

#### **Tuesday, June 16 – Cork - Irish Culture**

Begin with breakfast, visit **Blarney Castle & Gardens** and **Kiss the Blarney Stone**. Lunch on your own. Tour Cork City Gaol, contrasting castle-like exterior with stark cells. Rest at hotel, then attend the **“Hysterical Histories Cork Dinner Theatre Show.”** Pack for Galway upon return.

**Wednesday, June 17 – Cork to Galway (1 night)**

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before proceeding to Galway. En route, you will visit notable sites including Dunguaire Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, Celtic Crosses, and various other attractions. Lunch on your own. After lunch, continue onward to Galway. Upon arrival and hotel check-in, participate in a guided Tribes Tour of Galway featuring prominent locations such as Eyre Square, the Medieval Walls, and The Spanish Arch. Dinner will be served in the Latin Quarter.

**Thursday, June 18 – Galway – Irish Culture Day (4 nights)**

Start with breakfast at the hotel, then travel to Athlone. Activities include touring Athlone Castle, taking a Viking ship cruise to Clonmacnoise, and visiting Sean's Bar, Ireland's oldest pub. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before checking into your Dublin hotel.

**Friday, June 19 – Travel to Athlone – Irish Culture Day**

Wake up to breakfast before embarking on a guided walking tour of Dublin, visiting notable sites such as Trinity College, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Wall of Fame, Viking & Medieval Dublin, 1916 Rising locations, James Joyce landmarks, River Liffey, and Temple Bar. Lunch on your own. Spend the afternoon at the Guinness Storehouse for a guided tour and tasting session and enjoy time exploring Dublin's Old City and shopping. Evening practice at the bowling alley. Have dinner and then return to the hotel to rest.

**Saturday, June 20 – Dublin – Irish Culture Day**

Start with breakfast at the hotel, then head to the bowling alley for the first day of competition (format TBD). Lunch is on your own. Resume competition in the afternoon. Afterward, have dinner and take some time to explore Dublin before returning to the hotel.

**Sunday, June 21 – Dublin – Competition Day**

Breakfast at the hotel kicks off the second day of competition (format TBD). Lunch on your own. Resume competition in the afternoon. Afterward, have dinner and take some time to explore Dublin before returning to the hotel and packing for our flight home.

**Monday, June 22 – Dublin – Competition Day and Farewell**

Airport transfer for your return flight. Wishing everyone a safe journey home and great memories!



## **Why Travel?**

- It gets you out of your comfort zone and teaches you about yourself. You'll be surprised.
- It puts life in perspective.
- You'll make friends from across the globe. (networking 101)
- It looks great on a resume. Employers aren't looking for mediocre; they're looking for leaders.
- You'll discover the world's incredible cultural diversity.
- You'll experience places you never imagined existed.
- You might learn a new language.
- You'll have incredible adventures and stories to tell.
- Experience completely new cuisine.
- Travel happiness is infectious, and you'll get to tell YOUR story.

## **What's Included in the Cost of the Trip**

- Round trip airfare from Kansas City. (MCI)
- International airport and hotel taxes.
- Service fees.
- International hotel accommodations.
- Uniforms.
- Meals and Tours as outlined in the itinerary.
- International & USA sanctioning and approvals.
- An experienced and knowledgeable tour manager and coaching staff.

## **What's NOT Included in the Cost of the Trip**

- Connecting airline ticket to gateway city.
- Fuel Surcharges instituted by the airlines.
- Passport fees. A passport is required, begin the application process as soon as possible.
- Visa fees (if applicable).
- Individual medical insurance. Check with your insurance carrier for coverage.
- Customary tipping (Bus drivers) Collected 2 weeks prior to the departure.
- Laundry – laundry for the athletic gear is available for a fee.
- Travel insurance (Recommended).
- Personal items such as gifts, telephone calls, snacks, drinks, etc.

Team members are responsible for raising or paying \$5,425 to cover their share of the team's expenses as set forth by the NCAA, NAIA, & NJCAA with respect to the Foreign Tours guidelines.



## **General Conditions for USA Athletes International Programs**

### **Responsibilities:**

USA Athletes International acts only in the capacity as agent for the owners and contractors providing transportation, hotel, or other services. All tour services, tickets, and vouchers are subject to, any and all terms and conditions provided by the issuer. The acceptance of any service provided as part of the USA Athletes International program or of any ticket or voucher shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent by the program member to these conditions. All services are subject to the law of the country in which the services are provided.

### **Changes in Itinerary:**

There may be circumstances beyond the control of USA Athletes International and our suppliers that necessitate revisions (including tour dates) of the itinerary. Every effort will be made to have changes maintain the intent of the original itinerary. USA Athletes International shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, and injury during program events however caused or arising. USA Athletes International reserves the right to alter any part of the tour it deems necessary or advisable. The additional cost resulting from such change shall be paid by the program participant.

### **Television and Video Rights:**

USA Athletes International has full television and video rights in and to, any and all of the programs or events affiliated with the USA Athletes International program.

### **Member's Acceptance:**

USA Athletes International reserves the right, on its own discretion, to decline or accept approval of any individual as a member of USA Athletes International.

### **An Important Note About Fundraising:**

- There are additional fundraising ideas on our website: [www.usaai.org](http://www.usaai.org)
- Each team member is responsible for checking the guidelines for raising funds as they pertain to eligibility within their respective athletic associations.
- All non-personal funds above and beyond the said trip cost become the property of USA Athletes International.