# **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 - Dublin - Irish Culture Day - Competition

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 - Competition - 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!