

Gamma
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A Week in Ireland

With Gamma Phi Beta

May 27 – June 3, 2025

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Our Mission

Opening the World through Education

EF provides life-changing education for global citizens.

LANGUAGE LEARNING – CULTURAL EXCHANGE – ACADEMIC STUDY – EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Our worldwide presence

50+

years

114

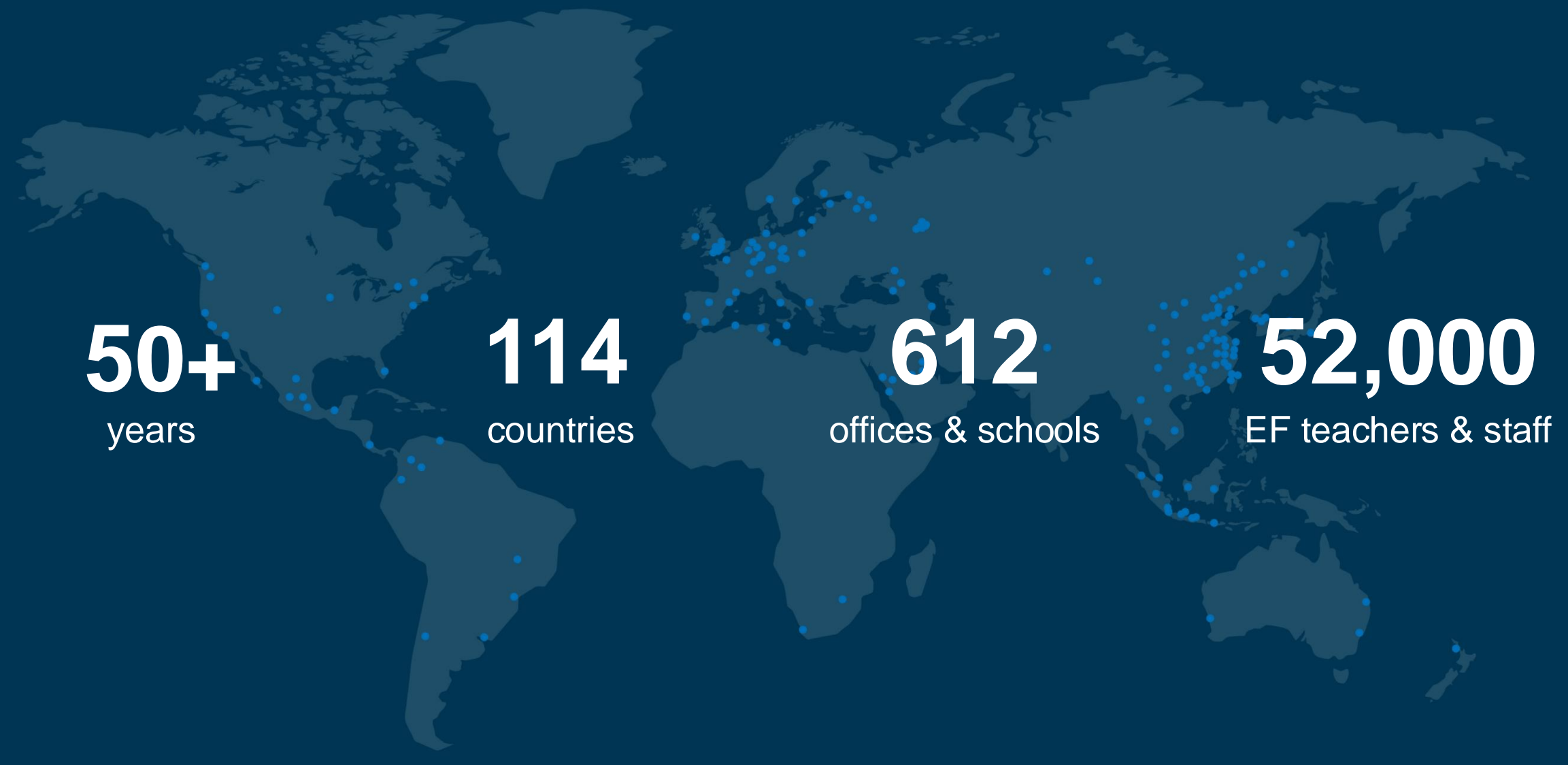
countries

612

offices & schools

52,000

EF teachers & staff



Go Ahead handles the details



Authentic local cuisine



Personalized flight options



Expert
Tour
Directors



Guided sightseeing tours



Handpicked hotels

May 27 – June 3, 2025



Included

6 nights in
handpicked hotels

Daily breakfasts

3 dinners with beer
or wine

5 sightseeing tours

Expert Tour Director
& local guides

Private deluxe motor
coach



Highlights

- **St. Patrick's Cathedral**
- **Temple Bar district**
- **Cobh Heritage Centre**
- **Blarney Castle**
- **The Burren**
- **Cliffs of Moher**
- **Galway**

Dublin → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Dublin Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Ireland! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Dublin Included meals: breakfast

Take a comprehensive tour of Ireland's capital city with a local expert.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the Guinness Brewery
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- See Trinity College and walk past Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue, ending in the Temple Bar district

Fill your afternoon with an excursion into County Wicklow and pay a visit to gorgeous Glendalough, the well-preserved ruins of a once influential abbey. Or, if you'd prefer some free time, head to the shores of the River Liffey and breathe in the ambiance of the lively Temple Bar district.

+ Glendalough



County Cork → 2 nights

Day 4: County Cork via Cobh Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make your way to Ireland's largest region: County Cork. From Dublin, head southwest to Cobh, a seaport town of roughly 14,000 on the other side of massive Cork Harbor. Here, you'll enter the Cobh Heritage Centre to learn about Irish life, emigration, and maritime tradition over the centuries.

Later, visit Cork—Ireland's second largest city—and settle into your hotel. Enjoy some free time, then sit down for an included dinner, served with beer or wine.

Day 5: Blarney Castle Included meals: breakfast

Today, you'll set out into the Irish countryside and visit this famed fortress, completing a popular quest in the process: planting a peck on the Blarney Stone. Stretch out over the parapet and give it a smooch—then let us know how you feel!

Cap your day with an evening excursion to the historic town of Kinsale and enjoy walking winding streets and tucking into a traditional Irish meal. Feeling some alone time? Spend the night in or take some free moments to explore the neighborhood around your hotel.

+ An Evening in Kinsale



County Galway → 2 nights

Day 6: County Galway, Cliffs of Moher, & the Burren Included meals: breakfast

Board your bus to County Galway, a beautiful lake-dotted region.

- Detour into County Clare and a walk along the mesmerizing Cliffs of Moher
- Drive on through the Burren – greys dominate this limestone plateau, punctuated by bursts of wildflowers

Arrive in Galway, then enjoy a walking tour of the city's highlights.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle (castle-turned-bank), Druid Theatre Company (Ireland's most prestigious troupe); and JFK Memorial Park (also known as Eyre Square)
- View Galway's medieval walls and its famous Spanish Arch
- Peruse authentic Claddagh (said "CLA-da") rings in a local shop

Day 7: Free day in County Galway Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Spend the morning on an excursion to Kylemore Abbey and Connemara National Park or spend a free day taking The Long Walk through the seaside town of Claddagh. Later, celebrate your trip with your group during a farewell dinner, served with beer or wine.

+ Kylemore Abbey & Connemara National Park

Day 8: Departure (Flight Home) or Continue to London Extension



London → 3 Nights (Optional Extension)

Day 8: Flight to London

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to England this morning and get comfortable at your London hotel. If you fancy some exploration, ask your Tour Director for recommendations.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

Today, you'll explore the landmarks of England's capital on a sightseeing tour.

- Pass grand Trafalgar Square and baroque St. Paul's Cathedral
- See Westminster Abbey, the Gothic church that has hosted 40 coronations and 16 royal weddings since 1066
- Spot the Elizabeth Tower (better known as Big Ben), the 440-foot-tall London Eye observation wheel, Tower Bridge, and the notorious Tower of London
- Stop by Buckingham Palace, the official residence and administrative headquarters of King Charles III, to catch the Changing of the Guard

Bask in a getaway of royal proportions on this afternoon's excursion to Windsor Castle. Alternatively, hang back and spend some free time in London. If you need a recommendation, the British Museum's millions of priceless antiquities are all just a half-hour's walk from Buckingham Palace.

+ Windsor Castle



London → 3 Nights (Optional Extension)

Day 10: Free day in London Included meals: breakfast

Add the excursion to Stonehenge and Salisbury to your itinerary. It's a truly monumental way to spend a day. Or, have a day to yourself in London, and maybe visit a stadium or two: Wembley, Twickenham, and dozens more call the city home. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink with your group and celebrate a trip well-spent.

+ Stonehenge & Salisbury

Day 11: Departure Included meals: breakfast (*excluding early morning departures*)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home!



Excursions

Day 3: Glendalough \$55 (5 hours, departure time varies)

County Wicklow has some of the wildest and most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland, as well as many of the country's most important historic sites. Journey through Wicklow's captivating landscapes to Glendalough, which became famous throughout Europe as a center of Christian learning. Saint Laurence O'Toole became the Abbot of Glendalough in 1154 and worked to bring the Irish Church closer to the Roman Church. Your Tour Director will lead you on a tour of the site, and then you'll enjoy free time.

Day 5: An Evening in Kinsale \$109 (5 hours, evening, dinner included)

Your evening begins with a visit to the star-shaped Charles Fort, specifically designed to withstand the devastating impact of cannon fire. Take time to explore this historic town's narrow winding streets, artsy shops, and lively bars on your own before dinner in a traditional Irish restaurant.

Day 7: Kylemore Abbey & Connemara NP \$89 (9 hours, morning)

Make your way to the island village of Cong, situated on the border of counties Galway and Mayo. Stroll through the town's charming streets, catching glimpses of nearby Ashford Castle. Then, continue to Kylemore Abbey, a Benedictine convent founded in 1920 on the grounds of Kylemore Castle. Here, you'll have time to explore the abbey's interior and its walled Victorian gardens. After free time for lunch on your own, take a scenic drive through the countryside, passing Connemara National Park. Make photo stops in the Inagh Valley and at the Maam Cross before returning to Galway.

Day 9: Windsor Castle \$125 (5 hours, afternoon, on extension)

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, you'll travel to Windsor for a guided tour of the world's largest and longest-inhabited castle. Founded by William the Conqueror in 1070, Windsor has been the British Royal Family's preferred retreat for the past 900 years. Step inside the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel, where knighting ceremonies of the Most Noble Order of the Garter take place. View the exhibit of royal treasures then stroll through the town of Windsor and have a look at Eton College, a prestigious prep school attended by Princes William and Harry.

Please note: When the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Wednesday, entrance will be replaced by an excursion to Hampton Court. For any departures where the Windsor Castle excursion falls on a Tuesday, the excursion will be moved to another day on tour or cancelled.

This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 10: Stonehenge & Salisbury \$149 (7 hours, morning, on extension)

After a scenic drive through the countryside, arrive at Stonehenge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of England's most recognizable icons. Get an informative overview of the its history at the visitor's center before exploring the monument. Then, head to the nearby town of Salisbury to peruse its famed Charter Market and visit Salisbury Cathedral, home to one of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta.

This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Your travel coverage options

Two coverage options:

1. Basic Trip Protection - \$349
2. Trip Protection* - \$449

*When you add our Trip Protection plan within three days of enrolling on tour, you'll receive:

- Pre-Existing Condition Waiver
- AnyReason Protection

Each plan provides you with coverage for:

- Tour cancelation and interruption
- Baggage and personal effects
- Travel and baggage delay
- Accident and sickness



Travel documents

Passport

When traveling internationally, US and Canadian citizens need a valid passport with an expiration date extending at least six months beyond the date of reentry. Meaning, if your passport expires before December 3, 2025, it's time to reapply for a new passport!

Country entry requirements

We are responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documents for each country we are visiting on tour. This could include:

- Visa, if not a US or Canadian citizen
- Medical documents, if the traveler needs to carry with them

What you're responsible for:

- **Some meals**
This is your time to explore! Plus, our Tour Director will always be there to suggest restaurants, cafes, and bars.
- **Daily spending money**
Think: Free time activities and souvenirs.
- **Fees for additional or overweight baggage**
We all love a souvenir (or two) so be prepared to pay for any extra weight.
- **Tips**
Tipping your Tour Director, bus driver(s), and local guide(s) is important to thank them for all their knowledge, skills, and support!



Pricing

Double Occupancy

\$3,474 per person w/o flights

Single Occupancy

\$3,944 per person w/o flights

****only 6 single rooms available****

Highly Recommended

- Flights (included transfers, one checked bag, discounted fare, & ability to make requests)
- Insurance (for protection and peace of mind)
- Excursions (customize your trip)

3 Night London Extension (double): \$1,159 additionally

3 Night London Extension (single): \$1,549 additionally

**37/38
Spots Left!**

**\$150 OFF
if enrolled by
Aug 9, 2024**

**Spots are
first come
first serve**

Flexible payment options



Pay in full at enrollment

AutoPay

Pay manually

- Pay your balance in full upon enrollment
- Accepted payment methods: Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card, or checking account information

- **\$99** Deposit
- Select a monthly date for payments to be automatically deducted from your bank account, within 30 days of enrollment
- Accepted payment method: checking account or Visa or MC debit card

- **\$300** Deposit
- Accepted payment methods: Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card, or checking account information
- Manual Payment schedule is controlled by the member



**Reserve your
spot today**

Enrollment Info:

- Spots are first come first serve
- Secure your spot for \$99!

Take advantage of our tour launch promotion:
\$150 off when you reserve by August 9

**Call 800-438-7672 (Mon-Fri 9:00am - 7:30pm EST)
Reference *Gamma Phi Beta Ireland with Carrie Loveless***

Trip website to be provided in email Friday due to technology changes within Go Ahead Tours happening tonight