

## PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 13 March

- 08:15 Depart Dublin Airport on Delta Flight # DL 129 to Atlanta
- 15:35 Arrive Atlanta Airport
- 18:38 Depart Atlanta Airport Delta Flight # DL 1618
- 19:58 Arrive Houston George Bush International Airport  
Greeted on arrival by Ms Hilary O'Brien, Vice Consul, Consulate General of Ireland, Chicago and Mr John Kane, Honorary Consul of Ireland, Texas
- 21.15 (approx) Check in to St. Regis Hotel, 1919 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston

### Wednesday 14th March

- a.m. Private
- 11.40 Depart hotel
- 12.00 Private Luncheon (venue tba)
- 13.15 Depart restaurant for Port of Houston
- 14.15 Arrive Port of Houston
- 14.30 Boat Tour of the Port of Houston
- 18:45 Private

### Thursday 15th March

- 08.05 Depart hotel
- 08.15 Meeting with President and CEO of Marathon Oil, Mr Clarence P. Cazalot Jnr., Marathon Oil Offices, 5555 San Felipe, Houston
- 09.00 Depart Marathon Oil Offices for Rice University
- 09.15 Briefing by Dr Wade Adams, Smalley Institute for Nanoscience and Technology at Rice University on Nobel Prize Winner Rick Smalley's vision for Nanotechnology and Energy for the future
- 10.45 Depart Rice University for NASA, Johnson Space Center
- 11:45 Lunch at Frenchy's Restaurant with Mr George Abbey, former director of the Johnson Space Centre and Dr Denis Headon, President of BIOLINK USA-Ireland, Rice University
- 13:00 Visit to NASA  
Guided Tour
- 16:00 Return to Hotel
- 17.00 Arrive Hotel  
*Freshen up opportunity*

- 17.50 Depart Hotel
- 18.00 Reception hosted by Honorary Consul Kane with Irish science postgraduate students in Houston and Irish mentors as part of the FAS Science Challenge programme, 2630 Sutton Court, Houston
- [Brief Remarks]
- 19.30 Reception concludes
- Evening Private

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

- 09.45 Depart hotel
- 10.00 Visit to Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas
- Met by Lori Gallagher, Director of the Center
- 11.15 Depart University of St Thomas
- 12.00 Lunch meeting with Energy Executives, Houston Country Club
- 14.30 Lunch concludes
- Afternoon private
- 18.45 Depart Hotel
- 19.00 Irish Societies of Houston St. Patrick's Eve Gala Dinner  
[Speaking opportunity]
- 21.30 Dinner concludes
- Late Evening private

### **Saturday 17th March**

- 08.45 Check out of Hotel
- 09.00 Depart hotel for University of St Thomas
- 09:30 St. Patrick's Day Mass, University of St. Thomas
- 10:30 Buffet Brunch, University of St. Thomas
- 11:30 Depart for St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 12:00 St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Minister, Mrs Dempsey and delegation to march at front of parade with other dignitaries and then returns to review stand
- 13.30 Parade concludes
- Transfer to George Bush Intercontinental Airport
- 15:50 Depart Houston Airport on Continental Airlines flight # CO6 to San Antonio

- 17:00 Arrive San Antonio Airport
- 18.00 Check in to Hyatt Regency Hotel, 123 Losoya San Antonio
- Evening Private

### **Sunday 18th March**

- Morning private  
Depart hotel
- 12:30 Assemble for River Parade at the rear of Hotel Mansion del Rio, River Walk
- Dyeing of the river green
- 13:00 St. Patrick's River Parade commences
- Minister, Mrs Dempsey and delegation to travel on lead barge at the head of the parade
- 14:30 Post-Parade Reception, Arneson Outdoor River Theatre  
[Brief remarks]
- Possible media opportunities with local newspaper, the San Antonio Express (tbc)
- 15.45 Depart Arneson River Theatre for the Alamo Shrine
- 16:00 Private guided tour of the Alamo shrine
- 17.15 Return to hotel
- Freshen up opportunity
- Depart hotel
- 18.30 Reception hosted by the Consulate with members of the Irish community, Veramendi Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hotel Mansion Del Rio, 112 College St  
[Brief Speaking Opportunity]
- 20.00 Reception concludes
- Evening Private

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- 07:43 Depart San Antonio International Airport  
Flight UA6379
- 09:36 Arrive San Francisco International Airport

Meetings

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Private

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Private

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

- 12:00 Buffet Lunch
- 13:30 Welcome, Introductions and Overview  
Setting the Context: Goals and Objectives of the Conference – Patrick Mason, President CFEF
- 13:40 Session 1: Public Private Partnerships Primer
- 14:30 Session 2: Lessons Learned From Other States And Countries
- 15:30 Depart for airport
- 20:50 Depart San Francisco Airport  
Flight BA 0286

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

- 14:00 Arrive Heathrow Airport
- 16:15 Depart Heathrow Airport  
BA 5969
- 17:30 Arrive Dublin Airport