

# Union College Garnet Chargers

## Men's Hockey – Friendship Four 2025

4 Night Package - Dublin & Belfast - Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>: Heading for the Emerald Isle

Today you start your journey by departing the United States and taking an overnight flight across the Atlantic Ocean to arrive in Dublin Airport, Ireland.

### Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>: Belfast



This morning, you'll arrive at Dublin Airport and begin your journey to Belfast — the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland and host city of the Friendship Four Festival of Hockey.

Traveling north from Dublin, you'll arrive in Belfast, a city equally known for being the birthplace of the Titanic, its complex and storied history, and its rise

as one of the most exciting destinations in Ireland, the UK, and beyond.

Upon arrival, you'll check in at your hotel and enjoy free time to explore the city at your leisure. Belfast is now celebrated for its vibrant culinary scene and outstanding variety of food and drink establishments.



### Overnight: Belfast City Center Hotel (B)

**Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving in Belfast**



Enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning as we prepare to celebrate the holiday in a truly unique way—**Thanksgiving, Northern Ireland style!** This morning, we will depart the city to visit Northern Ireland's iconic attraction and its only UNESCO World Heritage site, the **Giant's Causeway** in Co. Antrim. From Belfast, we will journey via the Causeway Coastal Route, often hailed as one of the world's greatest coastal drives, to reach this geological marvel. The Giant's Causeway is renowned both historically and scientifically for its striking polygonal columns of layered basalt, formed by a volcanic eruption some 60 million years ago. It's the centerpiece of a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has long captivated visitors with its natural wonder and legendary tales of giants. You'll enjoy a guided tour of this unique site, rich in geological significance and local folklore.

After a memorable day exploring Northern Ireland's natural beauty, we'll return to the hotel to prepare for a special **Thanksgiving Dinner**—a festive evening to reflect, relax, and celebrate in Irish style.

**Overnight: Belfast City Center Hotel (D,B)**

**Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>: GAME DAY**

Start your day in Belfast with a hearty breakfast and some free time to explore the city's rich history, vibrant shops, and cultural highlights.

Later, head to The SSE Arena for the exciting opening of the 2025 Friendship Four tournament!

This year's lineup features **the Union College Garnet Chargers, Sacred Heart Pioneers, RIT Tigers, and Miami University RedHawks.**



Be sure to wear your garnet and white as Union College takes the ice against Sacred Heart, ready to battle for a spot in Saturday's Friendship Four Championship game!

**Game Time: 2:00 PM**

**Matchup: Union College vs. Sacred Heart**

**Overnight: Belfast City Center Hotel (B)**

### **Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>: Consolation and Championship GAME DAY**



Today, the 2025 Friendship Four wraps up with the **consolation game at 3:00 PM**, followed by the **championship game at 7:00 PM**, where the two winners from Friday's semi-finals will compete for the coveted Belpot Trophy.

Once the champions "Ring the Bell," return to the hotel carrying treasured memories—regardless of the outcome on the ice. Enjoy your final evening in Ireland as you wish, toasting to a successful and unforgettable

journey on the Emerald Isle.

**Consolation Game : 3pm**

**Championship Game: 7pm**

**Overnight: Belfast City Center Hotel (B)**

### **Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>: Homeward Bound**

With bags packed, enjoy a final breakfast before heading to the airport for your flight home. Your airport transfer will be arranged based on your flight schedule and advised closer to your travel date.

As you depart, carry with you the photos, memories, and experiences from Belfast and the Friendship Four—bringing a piece of the Emerald Isle back home. Ireland, ***The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes***, will be waiting to greet you again soon.