

October 21-29, 2017

LAND ONLY: \$2169.00

\$2489.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$469.00 US departure tax*)

The Wild Altan Way!



Altan's Tour of Ireland

To celebrate our 30th Anniversary, Altan invites you to join us on our second annual Wild Altan Way tour, of the North and North-West of Ireland.

Day 1 October 21 Saturday	USA-Dublin
Day 2 October 22 Sunday	Dublin-Belfast. Arrive Dublin where after clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guides. Leaving Dublin we begin our adventures by driving north to the bustling town of Drogheda, nearby are the slaughter fields of The Battle of the Boyne (1690). Hear how the Irish Jacobites were crushed and how William of Orange became the inspiration for Northern Ireland's 'Marching Season'. Cross the border to Newry, viewing the British Military Fortifications in the Celtic Mythology steeped mountains of south Armagh. Then it's into the intriguing and beautiful Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic, and once the second richest city in the British Empire. This is the city where one of Altan's founding members was born, the late Frankie Kennedy. We enjoy a panoramic tour. You will then have an option to visit The Titanic Museum (Optional). After checking into your hotel, you are free to explore on your own. Altan will play an informal session in one of Belfast's best session bars and everyone is welcome.. Overnight Jury's Belfast.
Day 3 October 23 Monday	Belfast-Giant's-Causeway-Bushmills-Derry. This morning we experience one of Ireland's most magnificent scenic routes. It's onto the Giant's Causeway (included). This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava. Legend also has it that the Giant's Causeway was built by the ancient giant, Fionn Mac Cumhail. Climb the Shepherd's Steps and hike along the cliff-top trail to get a bird's eye view of the beautiful causeway coast. Our next stop brings us to Bushmills (included), the oldest working distillery in Ireland. Operating for more than 400 years, the distillery has kept the philosophy that hand crafting small batches is the ways to produce beautifully smooth tasting Irish whiskey. We then visit the ruins Dunluce Castle. These romantic ruins, perched dramatically on the edge of a rocky headland, are a testimony to this region's turbulent past and the forces of nature. On a stormy night in 1639, dinner was interrupted as half of the kitchen fell into the sea, taking the servants with it! We then make our way to Derry. Overnight City Hotel Derry.
Day 4 October 24 Tuesday	Derry- Malin Head- Fanad Lighthouse- Gaoth Dobhair. We continue into Donegal today and to Main Head which is the most northerly point in Ireland on the Inishowen Peninsula the area is renowned for epic coastal scenery, thriving bird life and plenty of historical significance. Then we make our way to the Grianna of Aileach, an historical stone fort which sits óna hilltop 250 metres above sea level. The view from Aileach is breathtaking. Then we continue to the Fanad head lighthouse which is on the tip of the Fanad peninsula., the second most northerly point in Donegal. With the Wild Atlantic Ocean surrounding it this is a must to see, curling around the watery expanses of Mulroy Bay to the west and Lough Swilly to the east and beautiful golden sandy beaches. We continue onto Gaoth Dobhair that evening passing the mystical Lough Altan, from which the band gets its name nestled in the shadow of beautiful mount Errigal. We then make our way into the Gaeltacht area of Gaoth Dobhair, where Gaelic is the common language and where the band gets its inspiration and music. This is where the band started its thirty year career playing at sessions in Huidi Beag's pub in nearby Bunbeg and playing concerts at various local events. This is a very important cultural area where the likes of Altan, Enya, Clannad, some of the Bothy Band, Daniel O'Donnell and Moyà Brennan were born, some of the most important musicians in the Irish music scene. 2 nights in An Chúirt hotel, Gaoth Dobhair. We continue onto Gaoth Dobhair that evening passing the mystical Lough Altan, from which the band gets its name nestled in the shadow of beautiful mount Errigal. Dinner & Overnight An Chuirt Gweedore Court Hotel.

<p>Day 5 October 25 Wednesday</p>	<p>Gaoth Dobhair- Glenveagh- Dunlewey-Bunbeg. Today we visit Glenveagh National Park which covers 14000 hectares of mountains, lakes, glens and wood and a resident red deer herd. The Visitor's Centre houses exhibitions, an audio- visual show and restaurant. Glenveagh Castle (included) is surrounded by one of the nest gardens in Ireland as well as the highest mountain in Donegal, Mt. Errigal. We will also have a session in the well-known bar in Bunbeg,Huidi Beag's bar, where Mairead and her family played sessions and where she met the band members over the years.Huidi Beag.'s was voted by Lonely Planet as one of the places to visit in Ireland! Dinner & Overnight An Chuirt Gweedore Court Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 6 October 26 Thursday</p>	<p>Gaoth Dobhair- Slieve League - Solis Lough Eske Castle. We depart Gaoth Dobhair and travel via the picturesque villages of Glenties (BrianFriel's Dancing at Lughnasa), Ardara and Killybegs to Slieve League. We visit the highest sea cliffs in North Western Europe rising almost 2000 feet above the Atlantic. Standing at the viewing point at Slieve League in Donegal an amazing sea vista and landscape opens before you. From here you can see across Donegal Bay to counties Leitrim, Sligo and Mayo out o the west of the Atlantic Ocean as far as the eye can see, North west is Rathlin O'Byrne island and Glencolmcille. Then we make our way to the five-star Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel, located on a secluded estate just outside Donegal Town. Lough Eske has a rich history dating back to the 1400's. Dinner & Overnight Solis Lough Eske Castle</p>
<p>Day 7 October 27 Friday</p>	<p>Solis Lough Eske Castle- Donegal town - Donegal Castle -Lough Erne. Today we make our way into Donegal Town and to the seat of the O'Donnell clan ,Lords of Tír Chonaill, Donegal Castle. The O'Donnell's were one of the most powerful Gaelic families in Ireland from the 5 th to the 16 th centuries. After exploring Donegal town we head to County Fermanagh. This is a beautiful county which is mainly rural and Enniskillen is the the largest county town built on the shores of Lough Erne. County Fermanagh was the stronghold of the Maguire clan. Tonight we stay in the five star Lough Erne resort which is nestled on a 600acre peninsula with spectacular views of the Fermanagh Lakelands. Dinner & Overnight Lough Erne Resort.</p>
<p>Day 8 October 28 Saturday</p>	<p>Bundoran- Dublin. Today we make our way back to Dublin City where we can take time to explore our capital city. There are so many things to see in this historic city so make sure you plan your day well. Places of interest would be Trinity College Library where the famous Book of Kells is displayed, The National Museum, The National Library, The Guinness brewery and visitors centre, The GPO (The General Post Office) of 1916 fame. Overnight Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Dublin.</p>
<p>Day 9 October 29 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin- Dublin Airport. Today we are privately transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home.</p>

Your Tour Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC Area (Flight Schedule announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Belfast-Jury's Inn Belfast-1 Night *** www.jurysinns.com/belfast
 - Derry- City Hotel Derry- 1 Night **** www.cityhotelderry.com
 - Gaoth Dabhair- An Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.greedorecourthotel.com
 - Donegal- Solis Lough Eske Castle- 1 Night ***** www.solislougheske.com
 - Enniskillen- Lough Erne Resort- 1 Night ***** www.loughernereresort.com
 - Dublin- Radisson Blu Royal Hotel- 1 Night ***** www.radissonblu.com
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Four Dinners: 2 in Gaoth Dabhair & 1 in Solis Lough Eske Castle & 1 at Lough Erne Resort.
- Admission to Giants Causeway, Bushmills, Slieve League Cliffs & Donegal Castle
- Porterage of one suitcases per person
- Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

Cancellation Penalties: If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$700.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure - a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.) Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor's note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned is not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours & Altan are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 21-29, 2017 Ireland Tour (ALT02117)
 I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$450.00 due by June 21, 2017
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 21, 2017

Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B. _____
 Companion Name: _____ D.O.B. _____
 Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ email: _____
 Other passengers traveling with me _____
 Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

**YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION.
 PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE**

Cancellation Insurance is available through Travel Guard (www.travelguard.com) or Allianz (www.allianztravelinsurance.com)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$632.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES
 LAND ONLY: _____ YES

****There are no deviations on group flights, if deviating dates please select Land Only and you can purchase your own airfare direct from airline. We also cannot select seats on group air blocks. If you require a special seat or have to sit next to a specific person on the flights, please select land only****
 We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express.

***Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change**

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL
 (Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)

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