

**October 16-27, 2017**

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**“The Elders 2017 Ireland Tour”**

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Day 1 October 16 Monday	<b>USA-Ireland. Enjoy a relaxing overnight flight to Ireland!</b>
Day 2 October 17 Tuesday	<b>Dublin-Belfast.</b> Arrive Dublin where after clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guides. Leaving Dublin we begin our adventure by driving north to the bustling town of Drogheda. From there we will cross the border at Newry and travel through the mountains of south Armagh. Then it's on to intriguing and beautiful Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic, and once the second richest city in the British Empire. We enjoy a panoramic tour. We view the Stark concrete barrier that is the Peace Wall from both sides. After checking into your hotel you are free to explore on your own. You may decide (on own) to visit the fantastic Titanic Museum. <b>Overnight Jury's Belfast.</b>
Day 3 October 18 Wednesday	<b>Belfast-Bushmills- Giant's Causeway-Belfast.</b> After breakfast, we meet our Driver Guide in the lobby of the hotel. Morning departure from Belfast takes us north through the majestic <b>Glens of Antrim.</b> We travel along the spectacular coastline and on to the <b>Giants Causeway.</b> The phenomenal wonder of hexagonal columns expanding out to the North Atlantic is said to have been built by legendary Irish Folk Hero, Finn MacCool as "a path way to Scotland" to see his beloved. We then enjoy a tour of <b>Bushmills Distillery</b> for a spot of the wee dram. We then make our way to Belfast via Ballymena. <b>Overnight Jury's Inn Belfast.</b>
Day 4 October 19 Thursday	<b>Belfast-Derry-Donegal (Bundoran).</b> After breakfast, we depart Belfast and make our way to Derry. To really experience Derry's history, we stroll along the parapet walkways as we do the <b>"Walled in City Tour"</b> . The history of this area and the fact that Derry is one of the last fully intact walled in cities left in all of Europe makes this a must for every visitor. We continue to Donegal. Today, Donegal Town is the center of activity for South County Donegal. The town center, known as "The Diamond" is where the Killybegs, Ballyshannon and Ballybofey Roads converge and it is here that you are likely to meet almost anybody; usually with a smile on their face and a few ready words. It is onto Bundoran. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight Allingham Arms Hotel Bundoran.</b>
Day 5 October 20 Friday	<b>Slieve League Cliffs &amp; Glenveagh National Park.</b> After breakfast our journey sets out to <b>Slieve League Cliffs.</b> Slieve League Cliffs (or Sliabh Liag in Gaelic), situated on the south west coast of County Donegal, are said to be the one of the highest and finest marine cliffs in Europe. There are terrific views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay as you walk towards the terrifyingly high top of Sliabh League, where the cliff face of Bunglas rises over 600m above the raging ocean. Experienced walkers only should venture beyond the viewing point onto One Man's Pass which loops around onto the Pilgrim's Path. We then visit <b>Glenveagh National Park.</b> Glenveagh National Park - covers 14000 hectares of mountains, lakes, glens and woods with a resident red deer herd. The Visitor Centre houses exhibitions, an audio-visual show and a restaurant. Glenveagh castle is surrounded by some of the finest gardens in Ireland as well as the highest mountain in Donegal, Mt. Errigal. <b>Overnight Allingham Arms Hotel Bundoran</b>
Day 6 October 21 Saturday	<b>Bundoran- Cliffs of Moher- Ennis.</b> Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place - the Burren ( <i>Bhoireann</i> ). It is home to rare alpine plants, delicate wonders that grow in the thin soil and crevices - gentians, orchids and maidenhair ferns amongst others. The survival of both alpine and Mediterranean plants in this unusual habitat continues to arouse and to delight its visitors. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses and a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating from the 12th century, Corcomroe. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Continue on and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking <b>Cliffs of Moher.</b> The cliffs, a spectacular natural phenomenon, rise 660 feet above the Atlantic. O'Brien's Tower is the best location from which to view the Cliffs. From this vantage point one can see the Aran Islands as well as The Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains to the north in Connemara.

	As you leave the cliffs you'll travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you'll see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. <b>Dinner and overnight Old Ground Ennis.</b>
Day 7 October 22 Sunday	<b>The Dingle Peninsula.</b> After breakfast we depart. We experience the true beauty of Ireland on this full day tour to the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Traveling via Tralee and The Slieve Mish Mountains we will stop in the sleeping fishing village of Dingle before heading out to see Sleah Head and the ominous views of The Blasket Islands With its 12 <sup>th</sup> century Bee Hive Huts, its ominous views of the Blasket Island originally home to Irish Monks, we have been told by many travelers that the awe inspiring beauty of this particular area has left them with a truly spiritual feeling.. Suggested lunch stop in Dingle is Maria DeBraae, right on the main street, Dingle. We depart Dingle and travel via Tralee where every August the famous Rose of Tralee Festival is held. We return to County Clare. <b>Overnight Old Ground Hotel.</b>
Day 8 October 23 Monday	<b>Ennis- Kilkenny- Arklow.</b> After breakfast, we depart Ennis and continue our journey east. We continue to Medieval Kilkenny. The Butler Family bought the <b>Kilkenny Castle</b> in 1391 and lived there until 1935. They were Earls, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde and lived in the castle for over five hundred years. They were a remarkable family, resilient, politically astute and faithful to the crown and to Ireland as dictated by the politics of the times. These loyalties determined their fortunes and career, and so too the fortunes of their seat some time to browse through Kilkenny. We then visit Kilkenny Castle recently refurbished with original artifacts. We continue to Arklow for overnight. <b>Dinner and overnight Arklow bay Hotel.</b>
Day 9 October 24 Tuesday	<b>Arklow-Wexford- Waterford -Arklow.</b> After a full Irish breakfast, we depart Arklow and head south to Wexford. Wexford was originally a walled town; the streets positively breathe history. Henry II did penance in Selskar Abbey for the murder of <b>St. Thomas a Beckett.</b> Oliver Cromwell slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate. Visit the Church of St. Ibar's on the Main Street where The Duke of Wellington was married before defeating Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. Onto Waterford where you have some time to explore this Irish Medieval City before returning to Arklow. <b>Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.</b>
Day 10 October 25 Wednesday	<b>Arklow-Dublin.</b> After breakfast we continue north. Next stop at <b>Powerscourt Gardens and Waterfalls.</b> The gardens at Powerscourt were laid out in two main periods. When the house was rebuilt in the decade after 1731, the surrounding grounds were also remodeled. The design reflected the desire to create a garden which was part of the wider landscape. To the north formal tree plantations framed the vista from the house, while a walled garden, fish pond, cascades, grottos and terraces lay to the south. Walks wound through the wooded grounds and a fine tree lined avenue was created. <b>Overnight Camden Court Hotel.</b>
Day 11 October 26 Thursday	<b>Dublin.</b> On own. I would suggest a <b>Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass (optional pay direct).</b> You will be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons, The G.P.O. on O'Connell Street scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where the bullet holes still remain to this day. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in late 70's and finally Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. You might enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. <b>Overnight Dublin at the Camden Court Hotel</b>
Day 12 October 27 Friday	<b>Dublin-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to Dublin Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way we wish you "Safe Home".

### Your Tour Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from New York Area (flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing, Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:  
 Belfast- Jury's Hotel Belfast -2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.jurysinn.com](http://www.jurysinn.com)  
 Bundoran- Allingham Arms Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.allinghamarmshotel.com](http://www.allinghamarmshotel.com)  
 Ennis- Old Ground Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.flynnhotels.com](http://www.flynnhotels.com)  
 Arklow- Arklow Bay Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.arklowbay.com](http://www.arklowbay.com)  
 Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.camdencourthotel.com](http://www.camdencourthotel.com)
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: Bundoran (1), Ennis (1) & Arklow(1)
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Admissions to: Giants Causeway, Bushmills Distillery, Walled in City tour of Derry, Slieve League Cliffs, Glenveagh National Park, Cliffs of Moher, Kilkenny Castle & Powerscourt Gardens & Waterfalls.
- Portage of one suitcases per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

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**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 16-27, 2017 (ELD101617)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$450.00 due by May 10, 2017 FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 10, 2017**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$599.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**LAND ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

*We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express. There is a 3% Charge for this service. No service charges On initial \$250.00 deposit or first payment \*Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change*



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