

October 5-11, 2009

\$1,549.00 PER PERSON
(plus \$245.00 US departure tax*)

Join

the audiostars

with special musical guest & "insider" tour guide

KEVIN McKRELL

As, together, they host a once-in-a-lifetime musical journey to

 IRELAND 

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Day 1 October 5 Monday	USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served aloft.
Day 2 October 6 Tuesday	Shannon-Galway. We arrive Shannon Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your professional Irish Driver/guide. After boarding our awaiting Irish Coaches we travel a short distance to witness The Majestic Cliffs of Moher . The Cliffs rise 700 feet above and stretch for 5 miles along the rugged Atlantic Coastline. Today, the wild Atlantic Ocean is on your side as you head out of The Burren to Galway. Ireland's stony place (<i>Bhoireann</i>) the Burren, 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. We continue to youthful bustling Galway City. In the 1400's, there began in Galway the rule of the 'Tribes', as the leading fourteen families were called. Their names were <i>Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt</i> . Welcome Dinner at our Hotel. Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway .
Day 3 October 7 Wednesday	Aran Islands. After a full Irish Breakfast we enjoy an optional tour of The Aran Islands . Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands and is the most developed in terms of tourist facilities. There are about 900 inhabitants on Inis Mór making it by far the most populated of the islands. The main village on the island is Kilronan, which has a quite large harbour that accommodates a vast amount of tourist travel to the island. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. Those not taking the tour have a free day to explore Galway city We return to Galway where we have plenty of time for browsing or shopping. Overnight the Imperial Hotel Galway .
Day 4 October 8 Thursday	Connemara. Today you take in the magnificent views of the Connemara region, Ireland's treasure of wild, natural beauty. The name Connemara name was originally Conmaicnemara, or "the tribe of Cormac by the sea", given by the ancient Gaelic tribes. It was shortened in the 18th century, to Connemara. Connemara is one of the most scenic regions in Ireland. It's craggy mountain peaks, expansive sandy beaches and laced network of lakes exemplify the peaceful solitude and rugged beauty of The West of Ireland. You will pass by Kylemore Abbey, monastic home of the Benedictine Nuns. Today's journey ends with a visit to Cong for "The Quiet Man Tour", where John Wayne filmed his famous movie that made Maureen O'Hara famous. Overnight the Imperial Hotel Galway .
Day 5 October 9 Friday	Galway-Dublin. Morning departure has us traveling through the Irish Midlands and Athlone to Dublin City. Upon arrival in Dublin we have a full panoramic tour of this fascinating port city, including Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Jail and Trinity College where the priceless Book of Kells are housed. We see where writer Jonathan Swift (<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>) gave his famous sermons at St. Patrick's Cathedral. After the tour the rest of the day is yours, to explore this infinitely varied thousand-year old city as you will; possibilities range from St. Michan's church to the Brazen Head, from St. Stephen's Green to Temple Bar, from the Guinness Brewery to Jameson's Distillery. Overnight Dublin at The Camden Court Hotel .
Day 6 October 10 Saturday	Dublin Historical Walking Tour. After breakfast you may enjoy this optional tour of Dublin History . In just 2 hours, this award-winning and entertaining 'seminar on the street' conducted by history graduates of Trinity College, explores the main features of Irish history - Dublin's development, the influence of the American and French Revolutions, the Potato Famine 1845-49, the 1916 Rising, the War of independence, partition - and concludes with the current peace process. The tour commences at 11:00AM and meets at the Trinity College Front Gate. This afternoon there is also an optional tour of the Guinness Storehouse , where the famous dark enticing brew originates! Time this afternoon to browse Dublin. Overnight The Camden Court Hotel .
Day 7 October 11 Sunday	Dublin-USA. After breakfast we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition we wish you a "Safe Home".

Your Tour Package Includes The Following:

- Round-trip air from JFK to Ireland
- 5 Nights First Class Hotels as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel	
Galway	The Imperial Hotel-3 Nights ***	www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights ***	www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- One Dinner: 1 in Galway
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout
- Service of Hammond Tours Escorts
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portorage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

Cancellation Penalties: (LAND) 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 \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 5-11, 2009 Audiostars Ireland Tour (AS01009)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit... **DUE ASAP TO HOLD SEATS**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by June 10, 2009
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 18, 2009

Name (as on passport) _____

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 Per Person: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00):Yes: __No: __
(must be paid with deposit)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$529.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

OPTIONAL ARAN ISLAND TOUR WITH FERRY: \$59.00 _____ YES

OPTIONAL HISTORICAL DUBLIN TOUR: \$25.00 _____ YES

OPTIONAL GUINNESS STOREHOUSE: \$25.00 _____ YES

We Accept Visa, Mastercard & American Express.

There is a 3% Charge for this service.

No service charges on initial \$250.00 deposit

*** 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)

Call with questions -- or, send check and application to:

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