

MARCH 23-30, 2012

**\$1779.00** PER PERSON

(plus \$295.00 US departure tax)

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**Music LIVE as they play on their  
Tour of Ireland**

<p><b>Day 1 MARCH 23 Friday</b></p>	<p><b>USA-Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p><b>Day 2 MARCH 24 Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin.</b> Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast (on own expense). We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year old city. We then see statue filled <i>O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square</i>. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at <b>Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own. . Rumored Barleyjuice performance at The Village (for those of you that are awake enough!)</b></p>
<p><b>Day 3 MARCH 25 Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin-Avoca-Dublin.</b> After breakfast we meet our Driver/Guide in the lobby of the hotel for a half day tour of County Wicklow with a stop at <b>Glendalough</b>. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> century monastic home of St. Kevin surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where once again time has stood still. We then travel to Arklow and the beautiful Vale of Avoca. The popular TV Show, Ballykissangel was filmed on location here. Many fine traditional woolens and other Irish finery can be found at the famous Avoca Woolen Mills. Overnight <b>Dublin at the Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own. . Performance by Barleyjuice at the Mercantile!!</b></p>
<p><b>Day 4 MARCH 26 Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin-Kilkenny-Cork.</b> Following breakfast, we leave Dublin and head south to Kilkenny. We first pass through Naas, home of The Irish National Stud Farm where many of the world's racing horses are bred. We continue to the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy time for a short visit and lunch (on your own). The past echoes in every footstep as you walk through this medieval city. Explore its ancient laneways and experience the glory of 13th century Canice's Cathedral. Kilkenny is also home to the Rothe House, the only example of an early 17th century merchant's townhouse in Ireland. There is time to gaze upon the Kilkenny Castle which has been completely refurbished in recent years. We continue on to Cork, and upon arrival, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the City, home to several magnificent churches including St. Ann's and St. Finbar's cathedral. Cork City is the second largest city in Ireland and takes its name from the Irish word Corcaigh meaning "marshy place". It is also the ancestral home of America's automobile pioneer, Henry Ford. <b>Overnight in Cork at the River Lee Hotel.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 5 MARCH 27 Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Cork-Cobh-Kinsale-Cork.</b> After breakfast we travel to the <b>Cobh Heritage Center</b>. This moving exhibit depicts emigration from Ireland during the Great Famine of the mid 1800's. It is onto Kinsale, the gourmet capital of Ireland. County Cork's stellar town is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of Ireland's south-west coast. It is famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. Charles Fort, a popular attraction was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles, were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) Cork Street, Kinsale, built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. Desmond Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of Independence. Known locally as 'The French Prison' after a tragic fire in which 54 prisoners, mainly French seamen, died in 1747. The castle was also used as a borough jail from 1791 to the onset of the Great Famine when it was used as an auxiliary workhouse tending to the starving populace. We return to Cork. <b>Dinner and overnight River Lee Hotel. Performance at the hotel bar by Barleyjuice!!</b></p>
<p><b>Day 6 MARCH 28 Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Cork-Blarney-Cashel-Galway.</b> Morning departure from Cork. Our next stop, <b>Blarney Castle</b>, is home to the blarney stone (optional admission), which legend has it bequeaths the "gift of eloquence" to all who kisses it. Time to shop at the woolen mills or stop in Christy's Pub for a Pint! We travel north to Cashel. We visit the impressive Rock of Cashel. The Rock of Cashel, with its well preserved ecclesiastical remains, is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks, rising above the surrounding plain and dominating the land route southward. The large Cathedral, ancient round tower and the very early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel, perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, were silent witnesses to many of the stirring events of Irish History; St. Patrick converted the local King Aenghus, here in the 5th century; Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century We continue through Ireland's rugged Burren Landscape 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,</i></p>

	<i>Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt.</i> Time today to browse "Shop Street" as well as the lively pubs that dot the city. <b>Dinner and overnight Imperial Hotel. Performance at the hotel bar by Barleyjuice!!</b>
<b>Day 7 MARCH 29 Thursday</b>	<b>Galway-Cliffs of Moher-Limerick.</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 Cliffs of Moher. 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. Tonight on offer is the optional Medieval Feast at Bunratty Castle. This is an evening filled with joyful entertainment, a hearty meal and tons of laughter! <b>Overnight Limerick Clarion Inn. Dinner is on your own.</b>
<b>Day 8 MARCH 30 Friday</b>	<b>Bunratty-Shannon.</b> Morning departure by Private Transfer for nearby Shannon Airport. Arrive with plenty of time for last minute duty-free shopping before boarding your flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition we wish you a "Safe Home".

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Six (6 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.camdencourthotel.com">www.camdencourthotel.com</a>
Cork	River Lee Hotel-2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.doylecollection.com">www.doylecollection.com</a>
Galway	The Imperial Hotel-1 Night *** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie">www.imperialhotelgalway.ie</a>
Limerick	Clarion Inn-1 Night*** <a href="http://www.clarionhotellimerick.com">www.clarionhotellimerick.com</a>
- Full Irish breakfast daily, Two Dinners: 1 Cork, 1 Galway
- Admission Glendalough, Cobh Heritage Center, Cashel, Cliffs of Moher
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcases per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
- Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally executed

*Cancellation Penalties: 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 June 119 to 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$750.00 per person will apply. 89 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.*

**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your March 23-30 2012 Tour of Ireland (BJ032412)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$450.00 due September 1, 2011, FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 09, 2012**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: (required by the airline) : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin/Double: \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_ YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.

Cancellation Insurance: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be paid with deposit) Covers Medical or Death reasons only.

**OPTIONAL MEDIEVAL BANQUET AT BUNRATTY CASTLE - \$85.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$429.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)**

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS  
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL  
(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)

Send check and application to:

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