

October 27-November 8, 2012

\$2699.00 & \$499.00 (US DEP TAX)

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# Burring Bridget O'Leary

## On Their Tour of France & Ireland

Day 1 October 27 Saturday	<b>USA-Paris.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to France. Dinner is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 October 28 Sunday	<b>Paris.</b> We arrive Paris where after clearing customs we are met by our Parisian Tour Escort and Driver. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Paris. The tour will help you discover Paris and its history through the city's major landmarks and monuments. Some of the highlights include; Arch of Triumph and Champs-Élysées, Concorde Square, the Invalides, Eiffel Tower and Trocadero, Opera, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Vendome Square, Montmartre with Sacred Heart Basilica and the famous Place du Terre, Louvre Museum and Madeleine Church. We then check into our hotel. The rest of the day you are free. <b>Overnight Kyriad Bercy Village Hotel.</b>
Day 3 October 29 Monday	<b>Paris.</b> Enjoy the day on your own. Discover well known Parisian areas such as "The Latin Quarter", Montmartre, and Opera and of course stroll the famous Grand Boulevard, The Champs Élysées. <b>Overnight Kyriad Bercy Village Hotel.</b>
Day 4 October 30 Tuesday	<b>Paris-Chartres-Rennes.</b> After breakfast we depart Paris. We travel via Chartres a small city in the Centre Val de Loire region. The main attraction for most visitors to Chartres is the 12th century cathedral, considered by many art historians to be the finest surviving example from the High Gothic period. We continue via Le Mans to Rennes. Rennes is the capital of the region of Brittany, in France. It has a long history due to its location at the confluence of two rivers. The eastern Armorican people of Redones founded Condate— an ancient Celtic word meaning confluent— at the confluence of the Ille and Vilaine rivers and made it the capital of a territory that extended to the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel. Time to explore. <b>Overnight Mercure Centre Parliament Rennes Hotel.</b>
Day 5 October 31 Wednesday	<b>Rennes.</b> After breakfast we enjoy a ½ day tour of Rennes. for a tour of the Cathedral, the Mordelaises gates, the Place des Lices square, the rue de La Psalette and the rue du Chapitre, Saint Yves Chapel, the squares in front of the Hôtel de Ville and the Parliament. The rest of the day you are free <b>Overnight Mercure Centre Parliament Rennes Hotel. (Private Performance Room this evening)</b>
Day 6 November 1 Thursday	<b>Rennes-Quimper-Brest</b> After breakfast we depart Rennes and travel to Quimper. We walk around the town to see the historic cathedral and timbered houses. east via Saint Briec to Brest. Brest is a large port city in France. During the times of the World War II it was used as a military base. German submarines were kept there. Afternoon is free. <b>Overnight Continental Hotel.</b>
Day 7 November 2 Friday	<b>Brest-Ferry to Cork.</b> After breakfast you have the majority of the day on your own. We have a late afternoon departure as the Ferry departs in the evening. <b>Overnight on Ferry.</b>
Day 8 November 3 Saturday	<b>Cork-Kinsale-Clonakilty-Skibbereen-Bantry-Glengarriff-Kenmare.</b> We meet our Irish Driver Guide at the Ferry Port of Cork. We make our way to Kinsale where we enjoy some free time to wander the artisan streets of this delightful seaside town. We will then depart Kinsale for Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay and The Catholic Church is a fine example of gothic architecture. Next stop is Skibbereen. Skibbereen is rightly known as the capital of West Cork. It is the "hub" from which the many "sparkling jewels" of the area can be reached. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland's most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. We then head to Glengarriff. Located in the sheltered harbor of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, in Southwest Ireland, Garnish Island is a small island of 37 acres known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of great beauty. Its sheltered position nurtures luxuriant Mediterranean flowers such as fuchsia and arbutus. We enjoy a ferry ride and tour of the island. It is then on to Kenmare. Known as Ceann Mara (Head of The Sea) by the ancients. We stop at the Irish Lace Center. <b>Dinner and overnight Kenmare Bay Hotel Kenmare...</b>
Day 9 November 4 Sunday	<b>Ring of Kerry.</b> After breakfast we start on a full day tour of "The Ring". There is an unspoiled nature to Ireland's most beautiful region and the <b>Ring of Kerry</b> provides many unforgettable memories as it passes through the many picturesque villages such as Glenbeigh, Waterville and Sneem and returns via Ladies View and the famous Lakes of Killarney. We enjoy some free time in Killarney before returning to Kenmare. <b>Overnight Kenmare Bay Hotel Kenmare...</b>
Day 10 November 5 Monday	<b>Kenmare-Adare-Limerick-Galway.</b> After a full Irish Breakfast we depart Kenmare and travel north first stopping at Adare, once voted "The Prettiest Village" with its authentic thatched roof cottages. We continue through Limerick, Ireland's 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote Angela's Ashes. Limerick is an area steeped in history. The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th century a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as "City of the Broken Treaty", due to the treaty which was signed surrendering the city to William. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. King John's Castle is a fortified 13th century Castle on 'King's Island' in the heart of medieval Limerick. The castle overlooking the river Shannon opens an exciting window on the lives and stories of the people through political upheaval, war and famine. Archaeological excavations open to the public roll back the mists of time to pre-Norman houses which predate the castle by 100 years, as well as siege mines, garrison and soldiers quarters and sallyport all found under the level of the present courtyard. The castle itself features an imaginative exhibition spanning the castle's history. We depart County Limerick and travel to County Galway. Galway is a thriving town noted for its cultural scene, traditional Irish music sessions and home of the famous Claddagh Ring. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.</b>
Day 11	<b>Burren Tour.</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

<b>November 6 Tuesday</b>	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. We make our way to Ennis. <b>Overnight Old Ground Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 12 November 7 Wednesday</b>	<b>The Dingle Peninsula.</b> After breakfast we make our way over the Tarbert Ferry into County Kerry. 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 via Ferry to County Clare. <b>Overnight Old Ground Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 13 November 8 Thursday</b>	<b>Ennis-Shannon-USA.</b> This morning we are privately transferred to Shannon Airport for our flight home

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Round Trip Group Airfare from NYC to Paris and return from Shannon (schedule announced 90 days in advance)**
- **Private Group Transfer on arrival in Paris with assistance and Panoramic Paris Tour to Hotel**
- **Driver & English Speaking tour escort from Day 4, October 30 depart Paris till Day 7, November 2 board Ferry**
- **Professional Irish Driver Guide with Deluxe Vehicle form Day 8 November 3 arrive Cork till Day 13, November 8 Shannon Airport**
- **One Way Ferry with onboard inside cabin (2 berth per cabin) on Day 7, November 2**
- **Accommodations for 11 Nights as follows or similar**

**Location**

**Hotel**

Paris	Kyriad Bercy Village Hotel-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.bercykyriad.com">www.bercykyriad.com</a>
Rennes	Mercure Centre Parliament Hotel-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.accorhotels.com">www.accorhotels.com</a>
Brest	Continental Hotel-1 Night *** <a href="http://www.oceaniahotels.com">www.oceaniahotels.com</a>
Roscoff	Ferry to Cork-1 Night
Kenmare	Kenmare Bay Hotel-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.kenmarebayhotel.com">www.kenmarebayhotel.com</a>
Galway	Imperial Hotel-1 Night *** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie">www.imperialhotelgalway.ie</a>
Ennis	Old Ground Hotel-2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.flynnhotels.com">www.flynnhotels.com</a>

- **Continental Breakfast in France, Full Irish Breakfast Daily in Ireland, One Dinner in Kenmare**
  - **Admissions and sightseeing as per itinerary., Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary**
  - **Porterage of one suitcase per person (plus one carry-on bag) , All Driver's Expenses , Hotel tips and taxes (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 27-November 8,2012 (BBC1027)

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$350.00 due by June 1, 2012**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: September 8, 2012**

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

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

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

**Cancellation Insurance Per Person: Double (\$240.00) Single (\$305.00):Yes: \_\_\_No:\_\_\_ (must be paid with deposit)**

**(Medical & Death Reasons only)**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$779.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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