

April 11-19, 2012

**\$1799.00** PER PERSON  
(plus \$349.00 US departure tax\*)

## Enjoy Enter The Haggis



### On Their Tour of Ireland

Come join us, Enter the Haggis, on our upcoming tour of Ireland! This is our fourth time jumping the pond to this beautiful country that's rich in history and culture. On our last trip to Ireland, Brian celebrated his birthday in Galway. This time we're celebrating Trevor's birthday (April 14th) so come raise a pint of "the black stuff" in a little pub. Another reason that this tour is special is that Trevor will be taking us to see the picturesque village of Schull and Bantry Bay where he lived for 5 weeks when he was 16 years old, training and competing in an international sailing and rowing competition. We will also be returning to Galway, which is one of our favorite cities - cobble stone streets, little markets in narrow, twisting alleyways, fishing boats in the bay. In addition to exploring the sights, smells and tastes that Ireland has to offer, we in Enter the Haggis will be making some sounds of our own, performing some organized shows at venues along the way as well as doing some impromptu jamming on the bus or in hotels. We're taking a limited number of folks with us so don't miss out on this amazing adventure! **Slainte, Craig, Brian, Mark, Bruce and Trevor**

<b>Day 1</b> <b>April 11</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>USA-Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>April 12</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<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.</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>April 13</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Dublin.</b> I would suggest a <b>Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass.</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 8 <sup>th</sup> century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Why not visit Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world famous brew. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. <b>Overnight Dublin at the Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>April 14</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dublin-Avoca-Waterford-Cork.</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. 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>Dinner and overnight in Cork at the River Lee Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 5</b> <b>April 15</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Cork-West Cork-Kinsale-Cork.</b> After breakfast we travel to West Cork. We travel via Kinsale about ten miles to Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay and The Catholic Church is fine example of gothic architecture. 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. Eight miles southwest the little fishing village of Baltimore is located. <b>Schull</b> is one of the loveliest villages in West Cork, Ireland. The prevailing southwesterly winds come over more than two thousand miles of open sea and the air is marvelously clear and clean. We will spend some quality time here to enjoy this unspoilt area of the world. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland's most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. We return via Kinsale to Cork for overnight. <b>Overnight Cork at the River Lee Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 6</b> <b>April 16</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>Cork-Blarney-Cashel-Galway.</b> Morning departure from Cork. Our next stop, Blarney Castle, 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 <b>Rock of Cashel.</b> 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, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerriitt.</i> Time today to browse "Shop Street" as well as the lively pubs that dot the city. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</b>
<b>Day 7</b> <b>April 17</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aran Islands.</b> 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 Kilonan, 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. Aran Island is a full day tour. <b>Dinner and overnight Imperial Hotel.</b>

<b>Day 8 April 18 Wednesday</b>	<b>Galway-Burren Tour-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. 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. <b>Overnight Clarion Hotel Limerick. Dinner is on your own.</b>
<b>Day 9 April 19 Thursday</b>	<b>Limerick-Shannon.</b> Morning departure by Private Transfer for 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 motor coach 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:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hotel</b>
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-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie">www.imperialhotelgalway.ie</a>
Limerick	Clarion Hotel-1 Night **** <a href="http://www.clarionhotellimerick.com">www.clarionhotellimerick.com</a>
- **Full Irish breakfast daily, Two Dinners: 1 Cork, 1 Galway**
- **Admission Glendalough, Cashel**
- **Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary**
- **Porterage 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:** (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 APRIL 11-19, 2012 (ETH 041112)

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 November 1, 2011**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Per Person: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ (must be paid with deposit)**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$429.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**Optional Aran Island Tour: \$69.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

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