

MARCH 20-28, 2010

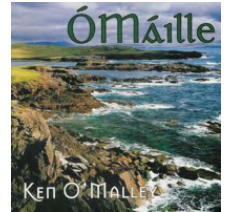
\$1989.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$275.00 US departure tax*)



Travel to Ireland with Ken O'Malley

Dublin born Ken O'Malley is "widely regarded as the finest Irish folk singer/songwriter in the United States today". Return with him to his native Ireland where he has hand picked these very special tour stops and will be personally participating as your guide to bring the history, culture and music of Ireland to life as only he can. Participants can also look forward to a live performance and other special experiences that will add up to a unique and memorable trip.



<p>Day 1 March 20 Saturday</p>	<p>USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served aloft.</p>
<p>Day 2 March 21 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide and Hammond Tours Staff. 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 O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as a Georgian Square. Our group will then enjoy a visit to the Guinness Brewery. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel LATE AFTERNOON. Overnight Dublin at The Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 3 March 22 Monday</p>	<p>Dublin-Cavan-Donegal. Today we depart Dublin after a Full Irish Breakfast. We continue along the southern tip of Lough Erne to County Cavan. There are 12 recorded portal tomb sites in Cavan, mostly in the Burren. Derived from the Irish name 'Cabhann', a hollow, Cavan was once part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. Numerous stone circles and megalithic tombs in the county are remnants of Cavan's rich archaeological heritage. We then make our way Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. Its location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates back to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, some ten miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought alongside one another at Waterloo. It was in the 1790's that the Fermanagh Militia was established to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. People settled here because the Army was not allowing the Protestants onto the Island when fleeing from the threat of Napoleonic Invasion, because the Island was full. 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. We enjoy dinner and overnight at The Great Northern Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 4 March 23 Tuesday</p>	<p>Donegal-Westport. After breakfast we travel south through County Mayo to Westport. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland's Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. One of the few planned towns in the country, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt. It has become one of Ireland's established tourism centers, with many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall, running parallel to the Carrowbeg River. Overnight at Hotel Westport. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 5 March 24 Wednesday</p>	<p>Westport-Achill Island. After breakfast we travel to Achill Island. Achill is a large mountainous island connected to the mainland by a bridge. The island's magnificent cliff scenery, sandy beaches and hospitality ensure a steady and successful tourist trade. Located on the island's west coast is Doon Kilmore, one of Ireland's most elaborate promontory forts. We return to Westport with some time to explore on our own. You may recognize the beautiful landscape of Achill Island as it is depicted on the cover photograph of Ken O'Malley's CD "Ó Máille". Overnight at Hotel Westport. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 6 March 25 Thursday</p>	<p>Westport-Connemara-Galway. Today we take in the magnificent views of the Connemara region, Ireland's treasure of wild, natural beauty where Gaelic remains the only spoken language. Be prepared to hold your breath in awe as the approach to Leenane is spectacular from all directions. This pretty, old world village lies nestled between the Mwelrea, Devil's Mother and Maamturk Mountains and faces onto Killary Harbour - Ireland's only fjord. You will step back in time to the era of the Bull McCable (the anti-hero of John B Keane's play "The Field" made into a film by Noel Pearson) as you enter Gaynors Pub featured in the film. We travel via Kylesmore Abbey, monastic home of the Benedictine Nuns and Clifden before continuing to Galway. Our group arrives into Galway city. We take some time here to enjoy this youthful bustling town with a walk from Eyre Square down traditional "Shop Street". Overnight Galway. Dinner and overnight at city centered Imperial Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 7 March 26 Friday</p>	<p>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 quite a 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. Overnight Imperial Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 8 March 27 Saturday</p>	<p>Galway-Cliffs of Moher-Bunratty-Ennis. Today, the wild Atlantic Ocean is on your right side as you head out of 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</p>

	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. 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 Maam Turk Mountains to the north in Connemara. We continue to Bunratty for a brief stop. Perhaps visit 900 year old Bunratty Castle and adjacent Folk Park. Be sure to visit "Durdy Nellie's" Pub. This 300 year old establishment is a real treat for all with impromptu singsongs and great food. It is onto Ennis, a lively town with great pubs and atmosphere. Overnight Old Ground Hotel with Farewell Dinner!
Day 9 March 28 Sunday	Shannon-USA. Morning departure to Shannon Airport where you will have time for last minute duty free shopping. In the true Irish tradition we wish you a "Safe Home". Arrive home the same day!

Your Tour Package Includes The Following:

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

Location	Hotel
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
Donegal	Great Northern Hotel-1 Night *** www.greatnorthernhotel.com
Westport	Hotel Westport-2 Nights *** www.hotelwestport.ie
Galway	The Imperial Hotel-2 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
Ennis	The Old Ground Hotel-1 Night *** www.flynnhotels.com
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: 1 in Donegal, 1 in Galway, 1 Ennis
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout
- Service of Hammond Tours Escorts
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage 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 March 20-28, 2010 Ireland Tour **(KM0310)**
I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by October 1, 2009
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 5, 2010

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 (\$200.00) Single (\$235.00): Yes: __ No: __ (must be paid with deposit)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$579.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES
OPTIONAL ARAN ISLAND TOUR WITH FERRY: \$75.00 _____ 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 25 PARTICPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL
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