

July 7-13, 2010

**\$1879.00** PER PERSON SHARING  
(plus \$225.00 US departure tax)\*\*

*JOIN*  
**Larry Kirwan**  
**LIVE as He plays on a**  
**Tour of Ireland**

**YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from: JFK to Shannon on Aer Lingus BOS CHICAGO ADD-ON \$75 extra
- Five (5) Nights Accommodations as follows or similar:
  - Dingle- Dingle Skellig-1 Night
  - Kenmare- Kenmare Bay Hotel-1 Night
  - Wexford -Talbot Hotel-2 Nights
  - Dublin -Camden Court-1 Night
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- One Dinner in Wexford
- Sightseeing as per itinerary Admission to Derrynane House
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach
- Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide
- Taxes and Service Charges expect gratuity to driver/guide
- Professional Portfolio of Travel Documents
- Larry Kirwan solo performance at discounted price
- An essay by Larry Kirwan on the history of the various areas we will travel to.
- Kirwan will also suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction and poetry to heighten the travel experience.

<b>Day 1</b> <b>July 7</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>USA to Ireland.</b> For those leaving from JFK, meet at the bar in the Departure Lounge and get to know your fellow travelers. Some will already know each other from previous trips and all will be made welcome, especially those traveling alone or for the first time. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. All travelers will rendezvous at Shannon Airport.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>July 8</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Shannon-Dingle.</b> After clearing customs we will be met by our professional Irish Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we journey through the Shannon Region past lovely landscapes and Atlantic seascapes, and, everywhere, the artifacts of Ireland's ancient history. We pass through <b>Foynes</b> , the first center of Transatlantic commercial air-travel and, perhaps more importantly, where <b>Irish Coffee</b> was invented. Who knows, maybe we'll stop for our first taste of this stimulating elixir. We'll then take the <b>Tarbert Ferry</b> into the <b>Kingdom of Kerry</b> and make our way through <b>Tralee</b> to Dingle. What can I say about the <b>Dingle Peninsula</b> except that it is one of my favorite places in the world? I don't know if it's the scenery, the history, the air, or the particular way that the land greets the sea, but Dingle works wonders on the soul. The town itself is straight out of a storybook with fishing boats dancing in the harbor and 52 tiny brightly painted pubs. But first let's head for windswept Slea Head. Along the way, we will see megalithic ruins, beehive style huts built by 12 <sup>th</sup> century monks, the mysterious <b>Blasket Islands</b> , and panoramic settings from the movie <b>Ryan's Daughter</b> . We'll also discuss the literature and history of the area – in particular <b>Peig Sayers</b> and some of the other local authors and poets who hail from this <b>Gaeltacht</b> (Irish speaking) area. I'll give a reading from my new novel, <b>Rockin' The Bronx</b> , at the <b>Dingle Book Shop</b> . After that, we'll meet up with my publishers for a pint in one of the pubs and get a taste of Kerry craic (good times) and traditional music. <b>Overnight Dingle Skellig Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>July 9</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Dingle-Ring of Kerry-Kenmare.</b> After breakfast we make our way via <b>Killarney</b> to the <b>Ring of Kerry</b> for a breathtaking journey through one of Ireland's most beautiful regions. Our travelers last year were mesmerized by some of scenery around Killarney and we'll revisit those sights. One of my personal musts is a visit to <b>Derrynane House</b> . This is the ancestral home of <b>Daniel O'Connell</b> , The Liberator, who gained Catholic Emancipation for the Irish in 1829. A lawyer, politician and statesman, he claimed he could drive a carriage and four horses through any law the English Parliament had passed – and he often did. Situated on the wild Kerry coast, Derrynane displays many relics of The Liberator's life and career. The O'Connells were smugglers who traded with France and Spain against the wishes of the English. When you witness this romantic isolated location, you'll understand how they were able to succeed. We'll also talk about <b>Lament for Art O'Laoire</b> , the epic Irish poem written by <b>Black Eileen O'Connell</b> – one of The Liberator's forebears - concerning the assassination of her husband. At the end of the day we'll make our way to the picturesque town of <b>Kenmare</b> , full of great pubs, good singing, and excellent seafood. We've chosen this stop as a great way to experience the vibrant small town life of an historic and culturally rich area. <b>Overnight Kenmare Bay Hotel</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>July 10</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Kenmare-Ring of Beara-Kinsale-Wexford.</b> We now set off on a journey that will take us across the Southern coast of Ireland through the historic province of <b>Munster</b> . We'll cross the third Kerry peninsula, the <b>Ring of Beara</b> to <b>Glengarriff</b> and <b>Bantry Bay</b> in beautiful untamed West Cork. Then on to <b>Skibbereen</b> one of the worst hit towns in the great Potato Famine of 1845-47. Though bustling now, the area still retains a vague echo of those terrible times. We'll stop at <b>Clonakilty</b> , birthplace of the Irish revolutionary leader <b>Michael Collins</b> and visit the schoolhouse he attended, now a museum dedicated to his memory. For those who would prefer a pint, we'll call into legendary <b>DeBarra's</b> whose house band for decades included <b>Noel Redding</b> , bassist of <b>Jimi Hendrix Experience</b> . The pub contains much rock memorabilia associated with the music and lore of the 60's. Then on through picturesque <b>Kinsale</b> where much of <b>Moby Dick</b> was filmed, through Waterford, known worldwide for its crystal. <b>Strongbow</b> , leader of the invading Normans, married <b>Aoife</b> daughter of the King of Leinster there in 1170 while the city burned around them. Talk about Maria's Wedding! We'll finish the day in my hometown, <b>Wexford</b> , an ancient place marked on maps by

	Ptolemy in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Century A.D. Originally a walled town its streets positively pulse with history. <b>Henry II</b> did penance in <b>Selskar Abbey</b> for the murder of <b>St. Thomas a'Beckett</b> . <b>Oliver Cromwell</b> slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate of the town – still standing! Make sure to visit the old <b>Franciscan Church</b> where Cromwell's Roundheads rode their horses up to the high altar and where, as an altar-boy, I was scared witless by the ghost of Fr. Johnny). Don't miss <b>St. Ibar's Church</b> . <b>The Duke of Wellington</b> , Arthur Wellesley, was married there, before defeating Napoleon at the <b>Battle of Waterloo</b> . There are many great pubs, including Macken's; it doubles as an undertakers! My favorite is <b>Mary's Bar</b> , an unspoiled haven for history, politics and conversation – bring your cameras. <b>Overnight and Dinner at The Talbot Hotel</b> .
<b>Day 5 July 11 Sunday</b>	<b>Wexford</b> . We've decided to spend an extra day because so many of last year's group didn't wish to leave. The town has a reputation for hospitality and some may prefer to spend the day exploring the narrow streets and <b>Viking lanes</b> . You will have made friends the previous night and may wish to reconnect. (Ladies, beware! Wexford men have a reputation for charm. And Gentlemen, remember that <b>Bridie</b> once lived here!) However, in the late morning, the bus will leave for a visit to beautiful <b>Johnstown Castle</b> . Cornelius Grogan owned the original medieval tower house at the heart of the structure; poor Con was executed for sedition after the <b>Wexford Rebellion of 1798</b> . The present Gothic castle was donated to the Irish people in 1945. The grounds are spectacular, filled with exotic plants from all over the world. Stroll around the five-acre manmade lake and gardens and experience the privilege of another era. There is a small fee for entry but this place will haunt you for years. Then on for lunch to quaint <b>Kilmore Quay</b> in the shadow of the <b>Saltee Islands</b> . After a pint or two and some fresh seafood it's back to Wexford and a trip to <b>Curraclloe</b> , one of the great beaches of Europe. This was the site used by Steven Spielberg when he filmed the <b>Landing at Normandy</b> in <b>Saving Private Ryan</b> . The swimming is excellent and the walks magnificent. Later that night I'll do a concert at the Wexford Arts Center. We'll finish with a party in Mary's Bar. <b>Overnight at The Talbot Hotel</b> .
<b>Day 6 July 12 Monday</b>	<b>Wexford-Arklow-Dublin</b> . We will leave Wexford at a fairly early hour to insure that you get a full day in Dublin. Following the coastline into the <b>Wicklow Mountains</b> we'll stop in <b>Glendalough</b> where St. Kevin resisted the advances of a sultry Irish temptress by tossing her into the lake. The scenery is spectacular but we're soon away to Ireland's capital city. On arrival we'll do a panoramic tour of Dublin and drop off those who wish to see <b>Kilmainham Jail</b> . Many Irish heroes including <b>Charles Stewart Parnell</b> , <b>Padraig Pearse</b> and <b>James Connolly</b> spent time within. It's a moving experience and I strongly advise those with an interest in history and politics to visit. The bus will continue to our hotel - a short walk to <b>St. Stephen's Green</b> , <b>Merrion Square</b> , the <b>National Museum, Gallery &amp; Library</b> , the <b>GPO</b> , the <b>Book of Kells</b> in <b>Trinity College</b> , and the <b>Guinness Factory</b> . Of course, Dublin is renowned for its pubs and we'll have an <b>American Wake</b> in one of the older ones. This is a traditional Irish goodbye party. You will celebrate with friends for life on a night not to be forgotten. <b>Overnight Camden Court Hotel</b> .
<b>Day 7 July 13 Tuesday</b>	<b>Dublin-USA</b> . After a hearty Irish breakfast and the shedding of some tears, we travel to Dublin Airport where you will have time for duty-free shopping and a last pint before boarding your return flight home, reinvigorated and with priceless memories, never to feel the same again.

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### Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your July 7-13, 2010 Tour of Ireland (BLK070710)

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

**Second Deposit: \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Due February 25, 2010**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 7, 2010**

Name: (First and Last only as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHICAGO ADD-ON: \_\_\_\_\_ (Additional \$75.00 Per Person)

Cancellation Insurance: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be paid with deposit)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$449.00 (**LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE**) (For those who do not have or wish a roommate)

\* Please note airfare could be different for late bookings

\*\*US Departure Tax is always subject to change

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS  
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

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