

October 10-16, 2017  
 LAND ONLY: \$1690.00

**\$2054.00** PER PERSON SHARING  
 (plus \$469.00 Departure taxes)\*\*

JOIN  
**Larry Kirwan**  
 as he plays on a  
**Tour of Ireland**

**YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip airfare from: NYC Area Airport to Ireland
- Five (5) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Property
Sligo	Great Southern Hotel- 1 Night *** <a href="http://www.greatsouthernhotelsligo.ie">www.greatsouthernhotelsligo.ie</a>
Derry	City Hotel Derry- 1 Night **** <a href="http://www.cityhotelderry.com">www.cityhotelderry.com</a>
Belfast	Europa Hotel- 1 Night **** <a href="http://www.hastinghotels.com">www.hastinghotels.com</a>
Wexford	Clayton Whites Hotel -1 Nights *** <a href="http://www.claytonwhiteshotel.com">www.claytonwhiteshotel.com</a>
Dublin	Camden Court-1 Night *** <a href="http://www.camdencourthotel.com">www.camdencourthotel.com</a>

- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Two Dinners: Sligo & Dublin
- Sightseeing as per itinerary: Admissions to Cliffs of Moher and Derry Walled in City Tour with Ruairí Ó'Héara
- Extra Tours of Falls/Shankill with former combatants, and Van Morrison Tour of Belfast: Yeats in Drumcliff Talk:
- Tour of historic Wexford; Tour of Dublin 1916 Uprising sites
- Touring by Deluxe Touring Motor coach
- Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide
- Taxes and Service Charges expect gratuity to driver/guide
- Professional Portfolio of Travel eDocuments
- Larry Kirwan solo performance in his hometown at discounted price
- Kirwan will also suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction and poetry to heighten the travel experience

Day 1 October 10 Tuesday	<b>USA to Ireland.</b> For those leaving with the group, 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 bleary-eyed but blazing to go at Shannon Airport.
Day 2 October 11 Wednesday	<b>Shannon Airport-Cliffs of Moher-Burren-Sligo.</b> After clearing customs, travelers and those already in Ireland are united and met by your professional Irish Driver Guide and Hammond Tours Group Escort. Leaving the airport, we journey through the lovely <b>Shannon Region</b> past stunning landscapes, Atlantic seascapes, and everywhere the artifacts of Ireland's ancient history. We travel north and pass close to Christy Moore's fabled <i>Lisdoonvarna</i> before stopping at <i>The Cliffs of Moher</i> . These sheer wild walls rise from the Atlantic Ocean to a height of nearly 700 feet. Some years back on our trek up to <i>Corný O'Brien's Tower</i> (don't ask what he did up there) we watched a gentle mist come in from the ocean. Within minutes it had enveloped us and dispatched any traces of jet lag. We then pass through the solitary beauty of <i>The Burren</i> a craggy bed of limestone dotted with tiny plants and flowers, and see megalithic tombs, holy wells and stone rows. We'll drive north on the <b>Sawdoctors' N17</b> through counties <b>Galway</b> and <b>Mayo</b> passing near the pilgrims peak of <b>Croagh Patrick</b> en route to <b>Sligo Town</b> and <b>Yeats Country</b> . We'll visit the poet's grave in <b>Drumcliff</b> nestling under his magic mountain, <b>Ben Bulbin</b> . Then into Sligo, known for its own distinctive fiddling style. For those still awake and ready for a pint we'll attend an Irish Traditional Music session. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight Great Southern Hotel Sligo</b>
Day 3 October 12 Thursday	<b>Sligo-Donegal-Glencolumbkille-Dungloe-Derry.</b> After a Full Irish Breakfast, we'll travel north through County <b>Leitrim</b> into <b>Donegal Town</b> whose famous castle was once besieged by the legendary <b>Red Hugh O'Donnell</b> . Then on to the <b>Gaeltacht</b> hinterland – where Irish is spoken - and its dramatic scenery. We'll stop in <b>Glencolumbkille</b> and view the wild Atlantic as it crashes into the cliffs. Weather permitting, we'll either visit <b>Dungloe</b> , made famous in the haunting ballad <b>Mary From Dungloe</b> , or the magnificent <b>Glenveagh National Park</b> . We'll then cross County Donegal and enter into Northern Ireland and historic <b>Derry</b> , "Crucible of The Troubles" and renowned in Irish Civil Right lore. <b>Ruairí Ó'Héara</b> , guide extraordinaire, will take us along the parapet walkways and explain the history and politics of one of the last fully intact walled cities in Europe. Later we'll visit Peadar O'Donnell's, renowned for its Irish traditional music and meet the real people of Derry. <b>Overnight City Hotel Derry.</b>
Day 4 October 13 Friday	<b>Derry-Belfast.</b> We'll travel across Northern Ireland to the city where the Titanic was built. Even at the height of the Troubles, <b>Belfast</b> was renowned for its humor and hospitality. Two decades after the initiation of the Peace Process the city is booming, zestful, and full of new purpose. We'll travel through the old areas of conflict on <b>The Falls</b> and <b>Shankill</b> Roads led by former combatants. This was the highlight of our 2015 Tour. Along with receiving an inside view of the politics and history we'll view the iconic murals and the much decorated <b>Peace Wall</b> . Should he be available we'll meet our old friend, former Lord Mayor and now <b>Finance Minister of Northern Ireland, Mairtín Ó'Muilleoir</b> , and have

	lunch in <i>An Culturlann</i> in the heart of the <i>Belfast Gaeltacht</i> . Then we'll take a tour of <b>Van Morrison's East Belfast</b> that will include visits to his family home on <b>125 Hyndford Street, The Hollow</b> mentioned in <b>Brown Eyed Girl</b> , and iconic <b>Cyprus Avenue</b> . This tour is a must for music lovers and will be led by the chief Vanatic himself, Al Bodkin who has seen Van 115 times. Many of us will meet up later at the Victorian style <b>Crown Liquor Saloon</b> , one of the most famous pubs in Europe, just across the street from our hotel. <b>Overnight Europa Hotel Belfast</b> .
<b>Day 5 October 14 Saturday</b>	<b>Belfast-Wexford.</b> We depart Belfast and wheel south through <b>Newry</b> and <b>Dundalk</b> with views of the <b>Mountains of Mourne</b> into the <b>Boyne Valley</b> where King William famously defeated King James in 1690. We will pass into glorious, mountainy <b>County Wicklow</b> through the wooded Glen of the Downs where highway men once roamed. On then to County Wexford, where we'll visit <b>Enniscorthy</b> , the setting for much of the movie, <b>Brooklyn</b> . There'll be time to visit the castle museum and view <b>Vinegar Hill</b> in the distance. On to my hometown, <b>Wexford</b> , where the streets positively pulse with history. You'll take a tour and see where <b>Henry II</b> did penance in <b>Selskar Abbey</b> for the murder of <b>Thomas aBeckett</b> . The ancient walls still stand near where <b>Oliver Cromwell</b> slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate. We'll stay in Whites Hotel, a stone's throw from the house I grew up in at 9 Lower George's Street - mentioned often in my memoir, <b>Green Suede Shoes</b> . That night I'll perform at the <b>Arts Centre</b> (formerly the <b>Town Hall</b> where I began my musical career). Meet many of my old friends and family and join us afterwards for a party and traditional music in the infamous <b>Mary's Bar</b> . <b>Overnight Clayton Whites Hotel</b>
<b>Day 6 October 15 Sunday</b>	<b>Wexford-Dublin.</b> We'll travel straight to <b>Dublin City</b> to give you time for a full afternoon of shopping and sightseeing. Those who wish may be dropped at <b>Kilmainham Jail</b> where James Connolly, Padraig Pearse, Sean McDermott, and Robert Emmet were executed and many others incarcerated. This visit will loom long in both soul and memory. Or visit Trinity College ( <b>The Book of Kells</b> ), the legendary pubs, museums, and beautiful squares & greens. For those interested in the history of the <b>1916 Uprising</b> I'll organize a tour similar to the amazing one we did in 2016. We will have our <b>American Wake</b> (farewell party) at the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century <b>Bleeding Horse Pub</b> next to our hotel where <b>James Joyce</b> and other poets and revolutionaries once cavorted. Don't count on an early night! <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight Camden Court Hotel</b>
<b>Day 7 October 16 Monday</b>	<b>Dublin-Shannon-USA.</b> It's only a short journey to Dublin Airport. We'll have time for some last minute duty-free shopping and a pint of <b>Guinness</b> , before boarding our return flight home. Somewhere along the way, I will have interviewed you for an upcoming <b>Celtic Crush</b> show. Remember this is merely a sketch of what you'll see and do. I can't even begin to describe the long days and nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and <b>friends for life</b> . But I do promise that this trip to Ireland will nourish your soul and quite possibly change your life!

**Cancellation Penalties:** 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 \$700.00 per person will apply. 50 Days or less prior to departure - a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.) Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctors note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned is not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Black Forty-Seven, Inc./ Larry Kirwan are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

### Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 10-16, 2017 Tour of Ireland (BLK2017)

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

**Second Deposit: \$450.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Due June 9, 2017**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 10, 2016**

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

Companion Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O. B \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

**Cancellation Insurance per Person:** Is Now Age based please call for price

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$429.00 (*LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE*) (*For those who do not have or want a roommate*)

**\* Please note airfare could be different for late bookings \*\*US Departure Tax is always subject to change**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 25 PARTICPANTS  
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

(*Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours*)

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