

Join...

TULLAMORE

MAY 7 - MAY 15, 2011

\$1989.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$285.00 US departure tax*)

...for a week of music and fun on their second concert tour of Ireland!

DAY 1	May 7 Saturday	USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served while in flight.
DAY 2	May 8 Sunday	Shannon-Limerick. Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where, after clearing Customs, we meet our Professional Irish Driver Guide and Hammond Tours Staff. We make our way to Bunratty for a brief stop - you may decide to visit the 600 year old Bunratty Castle and adjacent folk park. We continue to Limerick, Ireland's 3 rd largest city and steeped in history. Dating from the Viking settlement in 812 AD, Limerick is known as "City of the Broken Treaty". The ill-fated treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. King John's Castle is a fortified 13 th -century Castle on 'King's Island' in the heart of medieval Limerick. Overlooking the river Shannon, the castle opens an exciting window on the lives and stories of the people--through political upheaval, famine and war. 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, 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. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel.
DAY 3	May 9 Monday	Dingle. After breakfast, we depart for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most splendid sights in all Ireland - the little storybook town of Dingle, whose fishing boats in the harbor, and brightly-painted pubs portray a time that continues to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder with freshly baked brown bread served up at lunch time. On the way to Sleah Head, we'll see beehive-style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th century monks, overlooking the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. No other landscape in western Europe rivals the density and variety of archaeological monuments found on the Dingle Peninsula. We make our way to Listowel. Dinner and overnight at the Listowel Arms Hotel. Concert this evening at St John's Arts Center.
DAY 4	May 10 Tuesday	Burren Tour-Ashford Castle! After breakfast, we'll tour Ireland's stony place - the Burren (<i>Bhoireann</i>), whose crevices and thin soil are home to rare, delicate Alpine and Mediterranean plants. The unusual habitat continues to arouse and delight its visitors with dozens of Celtic crosses, megalithic tombs, ruins of Corcomroe's 12 th -century Cistercian Abbey, villages abandoned since famine times, and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. We continue on and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher , a spectacular natural phenomenon, rising 660 feet above the Atlantic. O'Brien's Tower is the best vantage point from which to view the Cliffs as well as the Aran Islands, the Twelve Pins, and the Maum Turk Mountains. Then on to Mayo and the majestic 13 th -century Ashford Castle . The afternoon is yours to enjoy the many amenities this Five Star Estate has to offer: golf, horseback riding, skeet shooting, tennis or fishing. Rejuvenate yourself in the state of the art health center, or stroll among the shrubs, trees and flowers that the spectacular gardens have to offer. Tonight we enjoy a bistro-style dinner in Cullen's Cottage at Ashford. Sleep like a king or queen tonight in your luxurious bedroom. Dinner and overnight at Ashford Castle.
DAY 5	May 11 Wednesday	Cong-Sligo-Ballyshannon. After breakfast, we depart Cong and head north. We visit the Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery . This is the largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland and is also among the country's oldest, with tombs and monuments dating from 4300-3500 BC. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs of which 30 are visible. We continue to Sligo, then Ballyshannon, the oldest town in Ireland and steeped in history. Inis Saimer, the little island situated in the Erne Estuary, is said to be the spot where the first inhabitants of Ireland landed. Parthalon, a chieftain from Scythia (near modern Macedonia) is said to have landed here around 2700 B.C. Dinner and overnight at Dorrian's Imperial Hotel. Concert this evening at the Abbey Centre.
DAY 6	May 12 Thursday	Ballyshannon-Mullingar. After breakfast, we depart and travel south. We make our way to Enniskillen , one of the prettiest towns in Northern Ireland, set on the shores of Lough Erne. Passing by Foothill Park and Cole's Monument (a tribute to William Cole, one of Wellington's Generals at Waterloo), we stop in Enniskillen, catch the ferry, and travel across the waters of Lough Erne at Trory to visit Devenish Island . The island is home to one of Ireland's finest monastic sites, established in the 6 th -century by St Molaise and expanded through the 12 th -century. The site features a round tower and the ruins of St Mary's Augustinian Priory with figures and sculptures. We continue along Lough Erne via County Cavan (<i>Cabhán</i> , a hollow). Cavan was once part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. The county's numerous stone circles and megalithic tombs are remnants of Cavan's rich archaeological heritage. Dinner is on your own. Concert this evening at the Mullingar Arts Center. Overnight at Mullingar Park Hotel.
DAY 7	May 13 Friday	Mullingar-Tullamore-Naas. After breakfast, we depart on a jaunt to the band's namesake town of Tullamore . Enjoy the heritage tour on the site of the original Tullamore Dew Distillery . Discover how the town grew and flourished with the arrival of the Grand Canal in 1798. Learn about The Legendary Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey - how it is made, and how it has been important for Tullamore. After your tour, relax in the bar downstairs and enjoy a tasting of Tullamore's finest. We continue to Naas. Dinner is on your own. Concert this evening at the Moat Theatre. Then it is on to Dublin. Overnight at the Grafton Capital Hotel.
DAY 8	May 14 Saturday	Dublin. Today is a free day in Dublin. We suggest a Hop On/Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. You'll be sure to see St Patrick's Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where bullet-holes remain to this day. Visit the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; and finally Trinity College to view the 8 th century manuscripts, the Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the monks produced them all those centuries ago. Drop by the Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world famous brew. And be sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, the Brazen Head. Or enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Grafton Capital Hotel.
DAY 9	May 15 Sunday	Dublin-Dublin Airport-USA. After breakfast, we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition we wish you a "Safe Home".

Your Tour Package Includes The Following:

- Round-trip air from NYC to Ireland (add-on airfare will be available)
- 7 Nights accommodations in First Class Hotels as follows or similar:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	
Limerick	Clarion Limerick, 1 Night ***	www.clarionlimerickhotel.com
Listowel	Listowel Arms Hotel, 1 Night ***	www.listowelarms.com
Cong	Ashford Castle, 1 Night *****	www.ashford.ie
Ballyshannon	Dorrian's Imperial Hotel, 1 Night ***	www.dorriansimperialhotel.com
Mullingar	Mullingar Park Hotel, 1 Night ***	www.mullingarparkhotel.com
Dublin	Grafton Capital Hotel, 2 Nights ***	www.graftoncapitalhotel.com

- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: 1 in Listowel, 1 in Ashford, 1 in Ballyshannon
- Admission to: the Cliffs of Moher; Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery; Devenish Ferry; Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre; and four concert performances at St John's Arts Centre, the Abbey Centre, the Mullingar Arts Centre, and the Moat Theatre
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout with Deluxe Motorcoach
- 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)

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your May 7-15 Ireland Tour (TM0507)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person).
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due: December 10, 2010.

Initial deposit due: **ASAP to reserve seats**
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 21, 2011

Name (as on passport): _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds): _____ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

If traveling single, please indicate if you: Would like your own room: _____ Would like a roommate: _____

THE SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS \$629.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)

Cancellation Insurance per person: Double (\$189.00)/Single (\$219.00): Yes: __ No: __ **(paid on initial deposit)**

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.

For 60 days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Please call us if making deposits/payments by credit-card. We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express. There is a 3% service-charge for this service (except 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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