

March 23-30, 2019

LAND ONLY: \$1669

\$1999.00PER PERSON
(plus \$499.00 Departure taxes)

Sean McGuinness, of "The Dublin City Ramblers"
"Raised On Songs & Stories"
Bus Tour of Ireland



Day 1 March 23 Saturday	USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served aloft.
Day 2 March 24 Sunday	Dublin. 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 (at own expense). We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year old city. 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. Our group will then visit the Jamison Distillery, nestling in the heart of Old Dublin on the site of the original distillery, with its origins dating back to the year 1780. We also get a complimentary whiskey tasting. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight At Camden Court.
Day 3 March 25 Sunday	Dublin-Galway. This morning after breakfast at our hotel we start out for Galway. We first travel to Athlone in the center of Ireland. In 1120 the Connaught king built the first of six successive wicker or wooden bridges and in 1129 a castle to defend it. Bridge and castle were destroyed on behalf of the Meath kingdom and rebuilt by the Connaught kings' successively over the next forty years. Then onto our final destination. Bohemian Galway is renowned for its pleasures. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers. Steeped in history, for sure, but the city buzzes with a contemporary and cultured vibe as students make up a quarter of the population. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling Aran sweaters, handcrafted Claddagh rings and stacks of second-hand and new books. Bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill, on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters. Galway is often referred to as the 'most Irish' of Ireland's cities; it's the only one where you're likely to hear Irish spoken in the streets, shops and pubs. Check into our hotel. The rest of the day you are free to enjoy Galway. After dinner why not enjoy a pint at the pub "AuPouchan" a short walk from Eyre Square with great Irish Music. Dinner and Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.
Day 4 March 26 Monday	Aran Island (optional). After a full Irish Breakfast, we enjoy a 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 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. We return to Galway. Those not taking the Aran Islands tour will have a free day in Galway. Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.
Day 5 March 27 Tuesday	Galway- Cliffs of Moher- Cork. Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place – The Burren, You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. This is not the green Ireland of postcards. But there are wildflowers in spring, giving the 560-sq-km Burren brilliant, if ephemeral, color amid its ascetic beauty. Continuing on to the Cliffs of Moher are stupefyingly impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203m, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob-smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. On a clear day you'll channel Barbra Streisand as you can see forever; the Aran Islands stand etched on the waters of Galway Bay, and beyond lie the hills of 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 on through the The Connemara region which is called the 'Inlets of the Sea' and the roads along the peninsula's filigreed coast bear this out as they wind around the small bays and coves of this breathtaking stretch of the Wild Atlantic Way. From Galway city, a slow coastal route passes some stunning hidden beaches and seaside hamlets. At the start of the Gaeltacht region west of Spiddal, the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic, with parched fields rolling to ragged shores. Dinner & Overnight Imperial Cork Hotel.
Day 6 March 28 Wednesday	Cork-Waterford-Cork. Morning departure from Cork has us traveling north. We continue to Medieval Waterford once known for its famous glass blowing. You continue North stopping in Waterford with a visit to the Waterford Visitors Center telling the story of the historic Waterford Crystal Factory. Nothing compares with the atmosphere of the blowing room, the heady mix of heat, noise and bustling activity makes this experience all the more breath-taking as you edge closer to the 1400 c furnace. In front of your eyes, you will see red-hot molten crystal take shape, in a miracle of light, heat and skill. Our craftsmen are meticulous and you can watch as they transform glowing balls of molten crystal into elegant shapes with skills that have made two hundred years of perfection clearly visible in every piece. Overnight Imperial Cork Hotel.
Day 7 March 29 Friday	Cork-Dublin. After breakfast we depart Cork. We travel via Cashel, where legend has it St. Patrick crowned the High Kings of Ireland in the 5 th century for a photo op! We continue to the Medieval City of Kilkenny. We continue on through the Wicklow Mountains to visit Glendalough the Monastic Settlement of St. Kevin in the 6 th century. Here we see the round tower and ruined churches of the 6 th century monastery and stop at the Visitor Center for an explanation of the history of the settlement. Then onto Dublin. Overnight Camden Court Hotel.

Day 8 March 30 Saturday	Dublin-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you "Safe Home".
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Your Tour Package Includes the Following:

- **Roundtrip** airfare from NYC Area (Flights announced 100 days prior to departure)
- **Seven (6) Nights Accommodations** as follows or similar:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Property</u>
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Night *** www.camdencourthotel.com
Galway	Imperial Hotel-2 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
Cork-	Imperial Hotel-2 Night ***** www.flynnhotels.com
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Night *** www.camdencourthotel.com
- **Full Irish Breakfast Daily**
- **Two Dinners: Galway & Cork**
- **Admission to Cliffs of Moher, Waterford Heritage Center, Jameson Distillery, Glendalough**
- **Sightseeing as per itinerary**
- **Touring by Deluxe Touring Motor coach**
- **Services of Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout**
- **Taxes and Service Charges except gratuity to driver/guide**

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 doctor's 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 Dublin City Ramblers and Emish are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your MARCH 23-30, 2019 Ireland Tour (RAM2019)
 I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by October 23, 2018, Final Payment Due: January 23, 2019
 Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B. _____
 Companion Name: _____ 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**

Optional Aran Island Tour: \$65.00 YES _____ NO _____

Cancellation Insurance per Person: Contact www.travelguard.com
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$579.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES
We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express. No service charges

***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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