

# April 10-18, 2018

LAND ONLY: \$1729.00

# \$2075.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$499.00 Departure tax\*)

## Join We Banjo 3



## as they play on their Tour of Ireland

<b>Day 1</b> <b>April 10</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>USA-Dublin</b>
<b>Day 2</b> <b>April 11</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dublin Airport- Galway.</b> Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish Driver/Guides. We begin our journey by traveling west 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. In 1168 the Annals of the Four Masters record a residence in Athlone for the King of Connaught. The Cluniac priory was founded on the west bank in 1150. We will then arrive in Galway and check into our hotel. The rest of the day you are free to enjoy Galway. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>April 12</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Galway. Free day in Galway or you may want to take an optional trip to the Aran Islands.</b> This day-trip takes the whole day, so do not go for it unless you are up to it. On the Island, the way of life is as it would have been in days gone by, except for the mini-vans that take tourists on sightseeing trip, it has remained as it was in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century. The most impressive of all the ancient fortresses in Ireland, is here, Dun Aengus Fortress. Built to maximize defense, it is surrounded by high walls on three sides, the other is a sheer drop of 500 feet to the ocean. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>April 13</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Galway- Cliffs of Moher- Killarney.</b> Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place - the Burren (Bhoireann). It 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 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 <b>Cliffs of Moher</b> . The cliffs, a spectacular natural phenomenon, rise 660 feet above the Atlantic. 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 Maum Turk Mountains to the north in 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 then arrive in Killarney. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 5</b> <b>April 14</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Killarney- Dingle- Killarney.</b> After breakfast we depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Sleat Head. Along the way, we will see beehive style huts, originally inhabited by 12 <sup>th</sup> century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. <b>Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 6</b> <b>April 15</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Killarney- Blarney- Cork.</b> Breakfast is followed by a leisurely departure from Killarney where many new friends have been made. Our next stop, the picturesque town of Blarney, is the home of <b>Blarney Castle</b> and the Blarney stone (admission additional for those who wish to climb to the top), which legend has it bequeaths the "gift of eloquence" to

	all who kiss it. Time to shop at the historical woolen mills or stop in Christy's Pub for a Pint! We depart Blarney and travel to Cork City. Driving into Cork City, we are treated to a panoramic tour before reaching our final destination, the River Lee Hotel Cork. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel Cork.</b>
<b>Day 7 April 16 Monday</b>	<b>Cork- Midleton- Kinsale- Cork.</b> After breakfast we travel to Midleton and the <b>Midleton Distillery.</b> We will enjoy a tour here. Visitors can see the largest Pot Still in the work with a capacity of 32,000 gallons and the Old Waterwheel manufactured in 1825 to provide motive power prior to the days of electricity, and still turning today. It is onto Kinsale. Kinsale in County Cork is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of the south-west coast of Ireland. Famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. Charles Fort, a popular attraction was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles' were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) Cork Street, Kinsale, built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. Desmond Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of Independence. Known locally as 'The French Prison' after a tragic fire in which 54 prisoners, mainly French seamen, died in 1747. The castle was also used as a borough jail from 1791 to the onset of the Great Famine when it was used as an auxiliary workhouse tending to the starving populace. Time to explore this area. We return to Cork. <b>Overnight Imperial Hotel Cork.</b>
<b>Day 8 April 17 Tuesday</b>	<b>Cork- Dublin.</b> Early departure from Cork. Travel north to Dublin. Upon arrival 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. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in late 70's and finally Trinity College which houses the 8 <sup>th</sup> century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. <b>Overnight Camden Court Dublin.</b>
<b>Day 9 April 18 Wednesday</b>	<b>Dublin- Dublin Airport.</b> Today we are privately transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home.

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Round Trip Airfare from NYC Area (Flight Schedule announced 90 days prior to departure)**
- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing**
- **Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
- **Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
  - Galway-Imperial Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\* [www.imperialhotelgalway.ie](http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie)
  - Killarney-Killarney Plaza Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.odonoghue-ring-hotels.com](http://www.odonoghue-ring-hotels.com)
  - Cork- Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.flynnhotels.com](http://www.flynnhotels.com)
  - Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights \*\*\* [www.camdecourthotel.com](http://www.camdecourthotel.com)
- **Full Irish Breakfast daily**
- **Two Dinners: 1 in Killarney & 1 in Cork**
- **Admission to Cliffs of Moher & Midleton Distillery.**
- **Porterage of one suitcases per person**
- **Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)**
- **Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally executed**

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## Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your APRIL 10-18, 2018 Ireland Tour (**WBT041618**)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: *ASAP to hold seats*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$450.00 due by November 10, 2017*

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 10, 2018**

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

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

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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: PLEASE CALL FOR RATE – INSURANCE IS AGE BASED**  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$599.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**OPTIONAL ARAN ISLANDS TOUR with Dun Aengus \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**LAND ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ YES (There are no deviations on group flights, if deviating dates please select Land Only and you can buy your own airfare direct from airline)**

*We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express.*

**\*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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