

February 16-25, 2019

LAND ONLY: \$2325.00 PER PERSON

\$2649.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$499.00 US departure tax*)

Celebrating 15 years of Music with Scythian



On Their Castle Tour of Ireland

If you have ever traveled on one of our Scythian Tours in the past deduct \$100.00 per person

Day 1 February 16 Saturday	USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served while in flight.
Day 2 February 17 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. We then see statue filled O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square. Then onto one of the most popular visit in town is this multimedia homage to Guinness in a converted grain storehouse that is part of the 26-hectare brewery. Across its seven floors you'll discover everything about Guinness before getting to taste it in the top-floor Gravity Bar , with its panoramic views. Then some free time to browse the city and then to our hotel. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 3 February 18 Monday	Dublin-Galway. Today after breakfast we depart Dublin and head north to County Meath. Our first stop will be at Slane Distillery for a tour of this 250 year old Castle estate. An unfolding story as unique as our smooth and flavorful, triple-casked whiskey, Slane Distillery is housed within the 250 old stables of the iconic Slane Castle estate. The new distillery pays homage to the resilient nature of our heritage and the surrounding lands that we call home. Allow our storytellers to immerse you into our wonderful world of whiskey. The fabrics of the Conyngham family tapestry are carefully woven through an interactive and immersive tour of our state of the art working distillery. Finish the tour in the best way possible, with a taste of our signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. We have time for lunch at the Castle which has hosted everyone from King George IV to renowned bands recording albums to more than a million music fans during the Slane Concert series. This afternoon we travel west to Galway. Artsy, 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. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway.
Day 4 February 19 Tuesday	Galway. (Aran Island optional tour). This morning after breakfast you may choose to enjoy an optional tour of the Aran Islands. Easily visible from the coast of counties Galway and Clare along the Wild Atlantic Way, the rocky, wind-buffed Aran Islands have a desolate beauty that draws countless day-trippers. Inishmore (Irish: Inis Mór) is the largest island and home to the only town, Kilronan. Inishmaan (Inis Meáin) preserves its age-old traditions and evokes a sense of timelessness. It is Well known internationally with over 50 different monuments of Christian, pre Christian and Celtic mythological heritage. There isn't far you can go before being somewhere where there's something of historical interest and little reason to question its importance in modern Irish Culture. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. For those of you that choose not to do the tour you have the day free to explore Galway on your own. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway. If not doing Aran Island Tour you will have a free day in Galway
Day 5 February 20 Wednesday	Galway- Dromoland. This morning after breakfast we leave Galway and travel to the Cliffs of Moher . The cliffs are an astonishing 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. From there we head south to Dromoland Castle. Savor your first glimpse of this majestic castle and its enchanting lake, as you pass through the castle gates. This was the ancestral home of the O'Briens of Dromoland who were the Kings of Thomond and whose lineage goes back 1,000 years to Brian Boru, the only High King of Ireland. Under glittering antique chandeliers descend

	grand staircases and meander through elegant hallways and beautifully furnished rooms. Luxuriate in plush, sink-in sofas in front of large, ornate fireplaces with blazing log fires. Relax as our unsurpassed, experienced and friendly staff takes special care of you. Time today to enjoy this Five Star Deluxe property and its entire splendor. Dinner & Overnight at Dromoland Castle.
Day 6 February 21 Thursday	Dromoland Castle. Today after breakfast in the beautiful Castle you may want to go on a tour of Limerick or choose to stay behind and enjoy the Castle for the day. The medieval city of Limerick was established on the southern tip of King’s Island. The Island is formed by the Abbey and Shannon Rivers. Walled in 1185 it became known as English Town and from earliest times was the administrative heart of the city. Today Limerick’s low-lying farmland is framed on its southern and eastern boundaries by swelling uplands and mountains. Limerick city is boisterously urban in contrast and has enough historic and cultural attractions for a day’s diversion. About 15km south of the city are the haunting archaeological sites around Lough Gur, while about the same distance southwest of the city is the cute thatched village of Adare. Today try one of the many activities offered by the Castle, such as falconry, archery, boating to name just a few. Hammond Tours will make the reservations for you and you can pay the Castle directly. Check Dromoland Castle website for a list of activities for an additional cost. Dinner & Overnight at Dromoland Castle.
Day 7 February 22 Friday	Dromoland- Kilkenny. This morning we depart Dromoland and head towards Kilkenny. Rising above the River Nore, Kilkenny Castle is one of Ireland’s most visited heritage sites. Stronghold of the powerful Butler family, it has a history dating back to the 12th century, though much of its present look dates from Victorian times. For most visitors, the focal point of a visit is the Long Gallery, which showcases portraits of Butler family members, the oldest dating from the 17th century. It is an impressive hall with a 19th-century timber roof vividly painted with Celtic, medieval and Pre-Raphaelite motifs by John Hungerford Pollen (1820–1902), who also created the magnificent Carrara marble fireplace, delicately carved with scenes from Butler family history. The castle basement is home to the Butler Gallery, featuring contemporary artwork in temporary exhibitions, and to a popular summertime tearoom housed in the castle kitchen. You can also stop in the café for a bite to eat. Then onto the town of Kilkenny. Dinner & Overnight at the Kilkenny River Court Hotel.
Day 8 February 23 Saturday	Kilkenny. Today after breakfast we will tour Kilkenny. Kilkenny is the Ireland of many visitors’ imaginations. Built from dark-grey limestone flecked with fossil seashells, Kilkenny (from the Gaelic ‘Cill Chainnigh’, meaning the Church of St Canice) is also known as ‘the marble city’. Its picturesque ‘Medieval Mile’ of narrow lanes and historic buildings strung between castle and cathedral along the bank of the River Nore is one of the Southeast’s biggest tourist draws. It’s worth braving the crowds to soak up the atmosphere of one of Ireland’s creative crucibles – Kilkenny is a centre for arts and crafts, and home to a host of fine restaurants, cafes, pubs and shops. This afternoon enjoy some free time to explore Kilkenny. Overnight at the Kilkenny River Court Hotel.
Day 9 February 24 Sunday	Kilkenny-Dublin. After our Irish breakfast at our hotel we head north. We travel through Wicklow, a wild pleasure garden of coastline, woodland and daunting mountains through which runs the country’s most popular walking trail. Stretching 127km from Dublin’s southern suburbs to the rolling fields of County Carlow, the Wicklow Way leads walkers along disused military supply lines, old bog roads and forest trails. Along the way you can explore monastic ruins, handsome gardens and some magnificent 18th-century mansions. Then onto Dublin. This afternoon some free time to explore. You may want to see Dublin’s most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton St, the bustling heart of the city centre. You’ll find the biggest range of pubs, shops and restaurants in the busy hive that surrounds it, a warren of side streets and alleys that is almost always full of people. Many of the city’s most important sights and museums are here, as is Dublin’s best-loved city park, St Stephen’s Green. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 10 February 25 Monday	Dublin--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:

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC (Flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Eight (8) Nights’ Accommodations as follows or similar:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Property</u>
○ Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
○ Galway	Imperial Hotel-2 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
○ Newmarket	Dromoland Castle- 2 Nights ***** www.dromoland.ie
○ Kilkenny	Kilkenny River Court- 2 Nights ***** www.rivercourthotel.com
○ Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Two Dinners: 2 Dromoland Castle & 1 Kilkenny
- Three Scythian Shows
- Admission to Slane Distillery & Castle, Guinness Storehouse, Kilkenny Castle & Cliffs Of Moher
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach with the band
- 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 Scythian are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.**

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your February 16-25, 2019 Ireland Tour (**SCY0219**)
I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 per person due by September 16, 2018

Final payment due: December 16, 2018

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

Aran Island Tour \$65.00 per person _____

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$899.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS

AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL

(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)

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