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March 22-31, 2018
“The Young Dubliners”
On Their Ninth Tour To
IRELAND

If you have ever traveled on one of our Young Dubliners Tours in the past deduct \$50.00 as a Thank You!

Day 1 March 22 Thursday	USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 March 23 Friday	Dublin-Limerick. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after going through customs, you will meet your driver guides. They will take you to a nearby venue for breakfast (own expense). We travel through Naas which is home to The Irish National Stud Farm where many of the world's Thoroughbred are horses are bred. We then make our way via the Irish midlands through Nenagh and Killaloe. Our journey continues to the city of Limerick which straddles the tidal reaches of Ireland's longest river, the Shannon, where it swings west to join the Shannon Estuary. Following the city's tough past, as narrated in Frank McCourt's <i>Angela's Ashes</i> , its medieval and Georgian architecture received a glitzy makeover during the Celtic Tiger era, but the economic downturn hit hard. Dinner & Overnight Clarion Hotel Limerick.
Day 3 March 24 Saturday	Limerick-Cliffs of Moher-Tralee-Killarney. After breakfast we travel north county Clare to gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher . 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 make our way to Ardferf stopping to see Ardferf Cathedral . A monastery was founded here by St. Brendan "The Navigator" in the 6th century. There are three medieval churches, an ogham stone and a number of early Christian and medieval grave slabs on the site today. The earliest building is the cathedral which dates from the 12th and 17th centuries. It has a fine Romanesque west doorway, a magnificent 13th century east window and a spectacular row of nine lancets in the south wall. Two effigies of ecclesiastical figures of late 13th - early 14th century date are mounted on either side of the east window. The battlements were added in the 15th century. The pre-12th century block of masonry is clearly visible in the north wall. It is onto Killarney. Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel
Day 4 March 25 Sunday	Killarney-Dingle. After breakfast we depart 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 storybook. 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 <i>only</i> 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunchtime with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Slea Head. Along the way, we will see beehive-style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th 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. When we leave Dingle, we will travel through the small town of Tralee, made famous in song and noted for its "Rose of Tralee" Festival each year. We return to Killarney. Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel (You may also stay in town and enjoy Killarney for the day, perhaps play a round of Golf or Horseback Ride)
Day 5 March 26 Monday	Killarney-Blarney-Cork. 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 Blarney Castle 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 Imperial Hotel Cork. Dinner and overnight at Imperial Hotel Cork.
Day 6 March 27 Tuesday	Cork-Kinsale-Cork. After breakfast we travel to Kinsale. County Cork's stellar town is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of Ireland's south-west coast. It is 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. We return to Cork. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork. (You may also stay in town and enjoy Cork for the day)
Day 7 March 28 Wednesday	Cork-Cashel-Kilkenny. After breakfast we depart Killarney where many new friends have been made. We travel north stopping at Cashel. We visit the impressive Rock of Cashel . The Rock of Cashel, with its well preserved ecclesiastical remains, is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks, rising above the surrounding plain and dominating the land route southward. The large Cathedral, ancient round tower and the very early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel, perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, were silent witnesses to many of the stirring events of Irish History; St. Patrick converted the local King Aenghus, here in the 5th century; Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century. We continue to the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy an optional visit The Kilkenny Castle which has been completely refurbished in recent years. The impressive Victorian building was erected in the mid-19th century when it served as a home to the Hackett family. It is onto Five Star Lyrath Estates. This beautiful 5-Star escape, which lies on 170 acres of mature parkland on the edge of

	Kilkenny City, boasts a raft of fantastic modern luxuries within a beautifully restored Georgian mansion. Dinner & Overnight Lyrath Estates
Day 8 March 29 Thursday	Kilkenny-Dublin. Morning departure from Dublin, we make our way through the Wicklow Mountains to visit Glendalough , the 6 th century monastic home of St. Kevin, surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where once again time has stood still. Here we see the round tower and ruined churches of the 6th century monastery and stop at the visitor center for an explanation of the history of the settlement. We continue on to the 1000-year old Dublin where upon arrival we enjoy a panoramic tour. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 9 March 30 Friday	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. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel
Day 10 March 31 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".

Your Tour Includes:

- * **Roundtrip Airfare from NYC or LAX as selected to Ireland (air schedule announced 90 days prior to departure)**
- * **Deluxe Motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing**
- * **Eight (8 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:**

Location	Hotel
Limerick	Clarion Hotel-1 Nights **** www.clarionhotellimerick.com
Killarney	The Killarney Plaza Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.killarneyplaza.com
Cork	Imperial Hotel-2 Nights **** www.flynnhotels.com
Kilkenny	Lyrath Estates-1 Night ***** www.lyrath.com
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights *** www.camdecourthotel.com
- * **Full Irish breakfast daily**
- * **Three Dinners: 1 Limerick, 1 Cork & Lyrath Estates**
- * **Admissions to: Cliffs of Moher, Ardfert Cathedral, Rock of Cashel & Glendalough**
- * **Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary**
- * **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**

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 \$650.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. **We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. Please contact www.travelguard.com to purchase insurance. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned are not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and The Young Dubliners are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour**

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your Tour of Ireland March 22-31, 2018 (YD0318)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) **2nd Deposit Due: (\$450.00) due 03/20/2017 3rd Deposit due (\$350) 09/01/2017, Final Payment Due: 01/10/2018**

Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____

Email: _____

ROOMMATE NAME (as appears on passport) _____ D.O. B _____

Other passengers traveling with me (BUS COMPANIONS): _____

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____ **YOU MUST PAY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.**

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$649.00 _____ (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)

Cancellation Insurance per Person: Contact www.travelguard.com

LAX ADD-ON: \$ 399.00 _____ (PLEASE CHECK IF NEEDED)

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**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

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