



Join fellow fans of The Elders for an unforgettable journey through Ireland.

THE ELDERS IRELAND TOUR OCTOBER 16-26, 2026

\$3195.00 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 16: Friday: Dublin – Arklow. Your tour begins at Dublin Airport, where you'll be met by your professional Irish Driver/Guide. Travelers must arrive at Dublin Airport by 10:00 AM. From Dublin, enjoy a scenic drive south through the rolling landscapes of County Wicklow, often called *Ireland's Garden County*, with glimpses of coastline and countryside along the way. Arrive in the coastal town of Arklow, overlooking Arklow Bay and the Irish Sea. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner and your first overnight stay in Ireland. **Dinner & Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel**

Day 2, October 17: Saturday-Arklow. Today's excursion takes us inland to the medieval city of **Kilkenny**, one of Ireland's most charming and walkable towns. Wander narrow streets filled with craft shops, cafés, and historic buildings before visiting **Kilkenny Castle**, a Norman stronghold turned stately residence that has dominated the city skyline for centuries. Explore the castle's beautifully restored rooms and stroll through its expansive parklands along the River Nore. Enjoy free time in the city for lunch and shopping before returning to Arklow later in the afternoon. **Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel**

Day 3, October 18: Sunday- Arklow-Cork Depart Arklow this morning and travel south toward Cork, stopping en route at Johnstown Castle in County Wexford. This striking Gothic Revival estate is surrounded by ornamental lakes, woodlands, and Victorian gardens—perfect for a relaxed stroll through its historic grounds. The estate also houses the Irish Agricultural Museum, offering insight into Ireland's rural heritage. Continue on to Cork, Ireland's vibrant southern city known for its lively streets, riverside setting, and welcoming atmosphere. **Dinner & Overnight Imperial Hotel Cork**

Day 4, October 19: Monday- Cork. This morning we travel to **Cobh**, one of Ireland's most historically significant ports. Visit the **Cobh Heritage Centre**, housed in a restored Victorian railway station, where engaging exhibits tell the story of Irish emigration and Cobh's connection to the *Titanic* and *Lusitania*.

After lunch, continue to the renowned **Midleton Distillery** for an immersive look at the craft behind some of Ireland's most celebrated whiskeys, including Jameson, Redbreast, and Midleton Very Rare. Enjoy guided touring, storytelling, and time to explore the distillery grounds and shop. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork.**

Day 5, October 20: Tuesday- Cork- Ennis. Depart Cork this morning with a stop at iconic **Blarney Castle**. Explore the castle grounds, gardens, and—if you wish—climb to kiss the famous **Blarney Stone**, said to grant the gift of eloquence. Free time is available to browse the Blarney Woollen Mills and village shops. Continue north into **County Clare**, arriving in the lively town of **Ennis**, known for its walkable streets, traditional music scene, and friendly pubs.

Dinner & Overnight at Temple Gate Hotel.

Day 6, October 21: Wednesday- Ennis. Today features a visit to **King John's Castle** in Limerick, one of Ireland's best-preserved medieval fortresses. Situated on the River Shannon, the castle's interactive exhibits and restored towers bring centuries of history to life. Return to Ennis in the afternoon with free time to explore the town at your own pace—shop, relax, or enjoy the local music scene. **Overnight at Temple Gate Hotel.**

Day 7, October 22: Thursday- Ennis- Westport. Travel north along the Atlantic with a stop at the dramatic **Cliffs of Moher**, one of Ireland's most iconic natural landmarks. Walk the designated pathways and take in sweeping views of the ocean, the Aran Islands, and the rugged Clare coastline. Continue on to **Westport**, a colorful and welcoming town in County Mayo, beautifully set near Clew Bay. **Dinner & Overnight at the Westport Coast Hotel.**

Day 8, October 23: Friday- Westport. Today we visit **Kylemore Abbey**, one of Ireland's most picturesque estates, set against a lake and mountain backdrop in Connemara. Explore the abbey's restored rooms and stroll through its famed Victorian Walled Garden. Return to Westport in the afternoon with free time to enjoy the town's shops, cafés, riverside walks, and traditional pubs. **Overnight at the Westport Coast Hotel.**

Day 9, October 24: Saturday- Westport- Dublin. This morning we say goodbye to Westport and travel east to **Dublin**, returning to Ireland's vibrant capital. Upon arrival, enjoy free time to explore the city your way—visit historic landmarks, stop into a cozy pub, or head to **Grafton Street** for shopping, people-watching, and street musicians. Spend the evening at your own pace, whether that means catching live music, enjoying a relaxed dinner, or simply soaking up the energy of the city one last time. **Overnight at the Arlington Hotel.**

Day 10, October 25: Sunday- Dublin. Today is dedicated to discovering Dublin with a **Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Pass**, offering a flexible way to visit highlights such as Trinity College, Guinness Storehouse, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, and Temple Bar. Enjoy the freedom to explore the city at your own pace. **Overnight at the Arlington Hotel.**

Day 11, October 26: Monday- Dublin Airport. Today you will be transported to Dublin Airport for your flight home. Still time for duty free shopping.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

Deluxe motorcoach vehicle from October 16 Depart Dublin until October 25 arrive Dublin.

Services of professional Irish Driver Guide.

Group transfer on arrival and departure.

Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Arklow- Arklow Bay Hotel- 2 Nights ** www.arklowbay.com** (October 16 & 17)

Cork- Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights ** www.imperialhotelcork.com** (October 18 & 19)

Ennis- Temple Gate Hotel- 2 Nights ** www.templegatehotel.com** (October 20 & 21)

Westport- Westport Coast Hotel- 2 Nights ** www.westportcoasthotel.com** (October 22 & 23)

Dublin- Arlington Hotel- 2 Nights * www.arlington.ie** (October 24 & 25)

Full Irish breakfast daily

4 Hotel Dinners: Arklow, Cork, Ennis, Westport

Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.

Admissions to: Kilkenny Castle, Johnstown Castle, Middleton Distillery, Blarney Castle & Gardens, King John's Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour Dublin

Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver Guide)

Not Included

Any Items of a personal nature

Dinners and items not mentioned as included.

Sightseeing not indicated as included.

Gratuities for your Driver Guide are not included and are at the discretion of the traveler.

Reservation Application

**Elders Tour of Ireland
(EL2026)**

October 16-26, 2026

Go to www.hammondtraveltours.com to complete your reservation application.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to reserve your space.
If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of \$1199.00.
Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 5/16/2026 and your final payment is due 7/6/2026. Reminders will be sent.**

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