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<p><b>Day 1</b> <b>October 30</b> <b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>USA-Ireland. Enjoy a relaxing overnight flight to Ireland!</b></p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> <b>October 31</b> <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin-Donegal.</b> Arrive Dublin Airport where after clearing customs we meet our Driver Guide(s) in the arrivals hall. We continue via County Cavan. There are 12 recorded portal tomb sites in Cavan. Derived from the Irish name 'Cabhann', a hollow, Cavan was once part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. Numerous stone circles and megalithic tombs in the county are remnants of Cavan's rich archaeological heritage We make our way to Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. Its location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is Standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, and some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought along-side one another at Waterloo. It was in 1790's that the Fermanagh Militia was established, to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. Continue to Donegal. <b>Dinner and overnight Abbey Hotel. (Meet and Greet 9pm after dinner with The Elders in the Hotel Bar)</b></p>
<p><b>Day 3</b> <b>November 1</b> <b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal.</b> After breakfast we visit <b>Donegal Castle.</b> The castle is first mentioned in 1544 in connection with wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600 it had been taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. Red Hugh O'Donnell attacked the castle unsuccessfully in 1601, but shortly afterwards the castle was granted by the Crown to Rory O'Donnell In the Williamite wars it was captured by Donough Og MacSweeney but was taken by the English again shortly afterwards. It was extensively repaired by Hart at the end of the 18th century and inhabited by his family until 1843, after which it was deserted. There may have been an early Christian monastery in the valley where, according to tradition, St. Columbkille banished demons who enveloped the valley in a fog. The most conspicuous remains are the pillars decorated with cross-motifs and geometric designs, which are now the centers, or 'stations' of the pilgrimage which takes place on the Saint's feast day on 9 June. The pillars are spread over an area in the valley 3.5 miles long, and the pilgrimage takes as many hours to complete. We will return to Donegal to have the rest of the afternoon free. <b>Overnight Abbey Hotel Donegal. Dinner is on your own. (Gig this evening; Ian will post the details soon)</b></p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>November 2</b> <b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal-Sligo-Galway.</b> After breakfast we depart Donegal and travel south first stopping at Sligo, home of William Butler Yeats. We then continue to Knock. The Story of Knock began on the 21st August 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. The apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. From this miraculous occurrence Knock has grown to the status of an internationally recognized Marian Shrine. Traveling south we head into Galway City. This youthful bustling town has uniqueness unto itself. <b>Overnight Galway at the Radisson Blu Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>November 3</b> <b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><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 Galway at the Radisson Blue Hotel. Dinner on your own. (Gig this evening; Ian will post the details soon)</b></p>
<p><b>Day 6</b> <b>November 4</b> <b>Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Galway- Cliffs of Moher- Killarney.</b> 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 to the <b>Cliffs of Moher</b> are 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. 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>Overnight Killarney Malton Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 7</b> <b>November 5</b></p>	<p><b>The Dingle Peninsula. Free Day in Killarney or tour with us to Dingle!</b> After breakfast we depart. We experience the true beauty of Ireland on this full day tour to the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Traveling via Tralee and The Slieve Mish Mountains we will stop in the sleeping</p>

<b>Monday</b>	fishing village of Dingle before heading out to see Slea Head and the ominous views of The Blasket Islands With its 12 <sup>th</sup> century Bee Hive Huts, its ominous views of the Blasket Island originally home to Irish Monks, we have been told by many travelers that the awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area has left them with a truly spiritual feeling. Suggested lunch stop in Dingle is Maria DeBraae, right on the main street, Dingle. We depart Dingle and travel via Tralee where every August the famous Rose of Tralee Festival is held. We return to County Clare. <b>Overnight Killarney Malton Hotel. (Gig this evening; Ian will post the details soon)</b>
<b>Day 8 November 6 Tuesday</b>	<b>Killarney-Waterford.</b> We enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning. Our next stop, Blarney Castle, (admission to the castle is not included) is home to the blarney stone, if you need proof of the power of a good yarn, then join the queue to get into this 15th-century castle, one of Ireland's most popular tourist attractions. They're here, of course, to plant their lips on the Blarney Stone, which supposedly gives one the gift of gab. The Blarney Stone is perched at the top of a steep climb up claustrophobic spiral staircases. On the battlements, you bend backwards over a long, long drop (with safety grill and attendant to prevent tragedy) to kiss the stone; Time to visit and shop the famous woolen mills. This shop shouldn't disappoint, with a particularly wide range of cut crystal, porcelain presents and its trademark woolly things. It is onto Cobh where we enjoy a walking tour on the <b>"Titanic Trail"</b> . This fascinating guided walking tour explores the town of Cobh in Cork Harbour which was the last port of call of RMS Titanic. We travel through Youghal & Dungarven (The Irish Riviera). It is onto Waterford, a historic coastal city in southeast Ireland, Waterford traces its origins to 914 when the Vikings discovered the area. Then onto our final destination Waterford. <b>Dinner and overnight Tower Hotel Waterford</b>
<b>Day 9 November 7 Wednesday</b>	<b>Waterford.</b> Today we enjoy a tour through this Viking area. We drive through the Suir Valley. You may see the Ormond Castle and Manor House, the Curraghmore Estate and Mount Congreve Gardens as you travel toward County Tipperary. On a tour of Gaeltacht, stop to walk the five-kilometer Cliff Walk in Ardmore and see historic castle lands and sites, such as the Round Tower and Cathedral. This afternoon we visit the <b>Waterford Visitors Center. Overnight Tower Hotel Waterford. Dinner is on your own. (Gig this evening; Ian will post the details soon)</b>
<b>Day 10 November 8 Thursday</b>	<b>Waterford-Arklow.</b> We continue to New Ross. You may visit the <b>Dunbrody Famine Ship.</b> The Visitor Experience provides a unique insight into a period of history which shaped modern day Ireland and America You will, first, view a 9-minute audio-visual presentation which gives the historic background to the Great Famine, and the reason why so many people were forced to emigrate on sailing ships like Dunbrody to America in the mid-19th century. You will see fascinating footage of the building of the replica Dunbrody, the emotional day of her launching, and her Maiden Voyage in 2005. You will then follow in the footsteps of a group of Famine emigrants as you board the Dunbrody. A ticket is issued as if it was 1849, and this ticket allocates your space and food rations for the voyage ahead. You will explore the ship, fitted out exactly as it would be for a voyage. You will encounter actors, playing the role of emigrants, in their cramped quarters with their meagre possessions, fleeing as they are a worse catastrophe. They will tell you their harrowing stories of being forced to emigrate. A member of the crew will tell you the story of other voyages and all about life on board a sailing ship. <b>Dinner and overnight Arklow Bay Hotel. (Session in the Harbor Bar with all the local Arklow Musicians)</b>
<b>Day 11 November 9 Friday</b>	<b>Arklow-Kilkenny-Arklow. Free day in Arklow or you may enjoy our group for a tour of Kilkenny...</b> We travel to Kilkenny, truly a Medieval Town. You may visit Kilkenny Castle (admission not included). A 12th century castle remodeled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830's splendor, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery. A suite of former servant's rooms is the Butler Art Gallery, which mounts frequently changing exhibitions of contemporary art. The Parade Tower is the Castle's conference venue. Afternoon free to explore. <b>Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel. Dinner is on own. (Concert with The Elders and guests in the Arklow Bay Hotel Ballroom)</b>
<b>Day 12 November 10 Saturday</b>	<b>Arklow-Dublin.</b> After breakfast we continue north. Next stop at <b>Powerscourt Gardens and Waterfalls.</b> The gardens at Powerscourt were laid out in two main periods. When the house was rebuilt in the decade after 1731, the surrounding grounds were also remodeled. The design reflected the desire to create a garden which was part of the wider landscape. To the north formal tree plantations framed the vista from the house, while a walled garden, fish pond, cascades, grottos and terraces lay to the south. Walks wound through the wooded grounds and a fine tree lined avenue was created. <b>Overnight Camden Court Hotel. (Gig this evening; Ian will post the details soon)</b>
<b>Day 13 November 11 Sunday</b>	<b>Dublin.</b> On own. I would suggest a <b>Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass (optional pay direct).</b> 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 to view the 8th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. You might enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. <b>Overnight Dublin at the Camden Court Hotel (Meet and greet in the Hotel Lobby at 9pm for pictures autographs and hugs)</b>
<b>Day 14 November 12 Monday</b>	<b>Dublin-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to 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:**

- Round Trip Airfare from New York Area (flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing, Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Twelve (12 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:  
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Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.camdencourthotel.com](http://www.camdencourthotel.com)
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: Donegal (1), Waterford (1) & Arklow (1)
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Admissions to: Donegal Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Titanic Trail Walking Tour, Waterford Visitor Center, Dunbrody Famine Ship, Powerscourt Gardens & Waterfalls.
- Portage of one suitcases per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 30-November 12, 2018 (ELD103018)

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 May 15, 2018 FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 10, 2017**

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

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**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$879.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**Optional Aran Islands Tour: \$59.00 Per Person \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**LAND ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

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