

October 13-24, 2023

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“The Elders 2023 Ireland Tour”

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<p>Day 1 October 13 Friday</p>	<p>USA-Ireland. Enjoy a relaxing overnight flight to Ireland! (Flight Price Not Included)</p>
<p>Day 2 October 14 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin – Westport. Today after breakfast we meet our driver guide in the arrivals hall at 10:00AM and begin our journey to Westport. We depart Dublin. and head across the Irish Midlands. We stop in Mullingar. Its energy is low-key and local – but don’t let that fool you. A lot is happening in Mullingar; there are tonnes of family-friendly activities to enjoy, and Mullingar is also the site of some top tourist attractions and stunning lakes. Mullingar was a borough by 1210 and a parish by 1205. In 1227 an Augustinian Friary was established in Mullingar and a Dominican Friary was founded in 1237. There was also a building called the Frank House which belonged to the Knights Hospitaller’s Order. Continue to Westport. Dinner and overnight at the Westport Coast Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 3 October 15 Sunday</p>	<p>Westport. After breakfast we make our way to Achill island. Achill is a large mountainous island connected to the mainland by bridge. The island’s magnificent cliff scenery, sandy beaches and hospitality ensure a steady and successful tourist trade. Located on the island’s west coast is Doon Kilmore, one of Ireland’s most elaborate promontory forts Visit the beautiful villages of Dooagh and Dooga, the high cliffs at Slievemore and Minaun, the magnificent beaches at Keel and Keem, under the Achill Head. The famous Atlantic Drive takes you on a journey of scenic splendor, a must for all visitors to Achill. Overnight at the Westport Coast Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 4 October 16 Monday</p>	<p>Westport-Galway-Ennis. Morning departure. Arty, 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. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling Aran sweaters, handcrafted Claddagh rings and stacks of second-hand and new books. Some time here before continuing to Ennis. Dinner and overnight Old Ground Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 5 October 17 Tuesday</p>	<p>Ennis. We then take a tour of Ireland’s stony place - the Burren (<i>Bhoireann</i>). 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 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. Time this afternoon to explore Medieval Ennis. Overnight Old Ground Ennis.</p>
<p>Day 6 October 18 Wednesday</p>	<p>Ennis-Limerick-Killarney. After breakfast we head south. Continue to Limerick, Ireland’s 3rd largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote Angela’s Ashes. Limerick is an area steeped in history. The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th century a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as "City of the Broken Treaty", due to the treaty which was signed surrendering the city to William. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. King John’s Castle is a fortified 13th century Castle on ‘King’s Island’ in the heart of medieval Limerick. The castle overlooking the River Shannon opens an exciting window on the lives and stories of the people through political upheaval, war, and famine. Archaeological excavations open to the public roll back the mists of time to pre-Norman houses which predate the castle by 100 years, as well as siege mines, garrison, and soldier’s quarters and sallyport all found under the level of the present courtyard. The castle itself features an imaginative exhibition spanning the castle’s history. It’s onto Killarney. Dinner and overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 7 October 19 Thursday</p>	<p>The Dingle Peninsula. Free Day in Killarney or tour with us to Dingle! After breakfast we enjoy a Jaunting Cart Ride in Killarney. 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 fishing village of Dingle before heading out to see Sleah Head and the ominous views of The Blasket Islands With its 12th century Beehive 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. Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.</p>

Day 8 October 20 Friday	Killarney-Cashel-Arklow. After breakfast we depart Killarney. It is onto 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 exceedingly 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 fifth century; Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century We continue to Arklow and the beautiful Vale of Avoca. Dinner and overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.
Day 9 October 21 Saturday	Arklow-Kilkenny-Arklow. Free day in Arklow or you may enjoy our group for a tour of Kilkenny... 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. Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.
Day 10 October 22 Sunday	Arklow- Dublin. After breakfast we head north to Dublin. We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year-old city. We then see statue filled <i>O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square.</i> We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.
Day 11 October 23 Monday	Dublin. On own. Included is a Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. 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 <u>Literary Pub Crawl</u> this evening after dinner. Overnight Dublin at the Camden Court Hotel
Day 12 October 24 Tuesday	Dublin-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to Dublin Airport (One Group Transfer). 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 Land Tour Includes:

- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing, Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
- **Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
Westport- Westport Coast Hotel-2 Nights **** www.westportcoasthotel.ie
Ennis-Old Ground Hotel-2 Nights **** www.oldgroundhotelennis.com
Killarney-The Plaza Hotel-2 Nights **** www.killarneyplaza.com
Arklow- Arklow Bay Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.arklowbay.com
Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- **Full Irish breakfast daily**
- **Four Hotel Dinners: Westport (1), Ennis (1), Killarney (1) & Arklow(1)**
- **Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.**
- **Admissions to: Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle, Jaunting Cart Ride Killarney, Rock of Cashel, Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour Dubin**
- **Porterage of one suitcases 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 nit mentioned as included**
- **Sightseeing not indicated as included**

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Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 13-24, 2023 (ELD101323)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

2nd Deposit of \$450.00 due by May 15, 2023, FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 13, 2023

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

Roommate _____ D.O.B _____

Address: Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Tel: (home): _____ Email: _____

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

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$729.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

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