

September 28-October 8, 2018

\$2465.00 (US Dollars)PER PERSON

LAND ONLY: \$2115.00

(plus \$489.00 departure taxes*)

**Enjoy the Stout Pounders
On Their Tour of Ireland**



<p>Day 1 September 28 Friday</p>	<p>USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p>Day 2 September 29 Saturday</p>	<p>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. Our group will then visit the Guinness Storehouse for a tour and a pint! Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at Herbert Park Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 3 September 30 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin-Blarney-Killarney. Morning departure from Dublin has us heading south through Naas home to The Irish National Stud Farm, famous for breeding thoroughbred horses. Our journey passes by the Rock of Cashel for a visual view of this impressive site where legend has it St. Patrick crowned the High Kings of Ireland in the 5th century. We continue to Blarney, famous for its 14th century kissing stone and plentiful woolen mills. Our journey takes us east over the Kerry and Cork Mountains to Macroom where we pause for a short visit. This is the main market town for the Gaelic speaking region to the west. Macroom Castle dates from the 13th century and was the seat of the McCarthys of Muskerry. Oliver Cromwell granted it to Admiral Sir William Penn whose namesake son spent much of his childhood here and later founded the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We then arrive in Killarney overnight at The Killarney International Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 4 October 1 Monday</p>	<p>Killarney- Dingle- Killarney. After breakfast we depart Killarney 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 story book. 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 only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Slea Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12th 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. Overnight Killarney International Hotel. Dinner at our hotel.</p>
<p>Day 5 October 2 Tuesday</p>	<p>Killarney-Cliffs of Moher-Galway. After a full Irish Breakfast we depart Killarney. Continue on into County Clare bypassing Limerick and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. 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. We continue into the rugged Burren Ireland’s stony place (<i>Bhoireann</i>) the Burren, 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. We continue through Ireland’s rugged Burren Landscape to youthful bustling Galway City. In the 1400’s, there began in Galway the rule of the 'Tribes', as the leading fourteen families were called. Their names were <i>Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt.</i> Time today to browse “Shop Street” as well as the lively pubs that dot the city. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel in Galway.</p>
<p>Day 6 October 3 Wednesday</p>	<p>Connemara Peninsula After enjoying breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to tour The Connemara National Park. Connemara, (Conmaicnemara – the tribe of Cormac by the sea), white sand beaches, dark bogs and tall jagged mountains make this one of the most scenic and unspoiled areas in the country. Wild and rugged, in some places here, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden, (An Clochan). Founded in the early 19th century by John D’Arcy, it retains much of its Georgian architecture. Placed at the head of a broad Atlantic Bay and nestled below the Twelve Bens, the town is blessed by its beautiful setting. Known as the capital of Connemara, Clifden is a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. Heading north along the coast, Kylemore Abbey may be next. This extraordinary neo-gothic abbey looms at the base of the hill at Kylemore Lake. The highlight is the recently restored Gothic chapel, a cathedral in miniature with a plain, simple cemetery on one</p>

	side and a lavish Victorian garden on the other. This is another often photographed vista from Ireland. We then make our way back to Galway for our overnight. Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway. Dinner is at your hotel
Day 7 October 4 Thursday	Galway-Westport-Sligo. After breakfast we head towards Westport. We join the main road and our journey takes us via Leenane to Westport taking in more of the most exalted scenery Ireland has to offer. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland's Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. One of the few planned towns in the Country, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt. Westport has many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall. Our next stop is Sligo, home of William Butler Yeats. Overnight at The Great Southern Hotel Sligo. Dinner on own.
Day 8 October 5 Friday	Sligo. After breakfast we enjoy a tour of Sligo and area. We first follow the road around Knocknarea, which has an ancient cairn on the summit. Strandhill seaside resort is next, and then back along the peninsula to Rosses Point. Drumcliffe is next, where W.B. Yeats is buried, and also the site of an ancient monastic settlement founded by St. Colmcille in the 6th century. Then on to Carney, Grange, Clifony and Mullaghmore. Head south for the lovely glen of Glencar. Then towards Lough Gill by the Hazelwood Forest Park, Dromahair and Dooney Rock, back to Sligo. Overnight The Great Southern Hotel Sligo. Dinner on own.
Day 9 October 6 Saturday	Sligo-Dublin. After a full Irish Breakfast we travel through the lush <i>Irish Midlands</i> . We'll cross the <i>Broad Majestic Shannon</i> at Athlone and travel through Longford & Mullingar with historic and scenic stops suggested by our driver/guide. We'll arrive in Dublin in time for a full afternoon of shopping and sightseeing. Overnight Herbert Park Hotel. Dinner on own.
Day 10 October 7 Sunday	Dublin. Spend the day enjoying the sites of this 1000+ year old city. This afternoon why not enjoy the Dublin Hop On Hop Off Bus. 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 8 th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Why not visit Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world famous brew Overnight Herbert Park Hotel. Dinner on own.
Day 11 October 8 Monday	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:

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland (schedule announced 90 days in advance)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Nine (9 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Dublin Herbert Park Hotel-1 Night **** www.herbertparkhotel.ie
 - Killarney Killarney International Hotel-2 Nights *** www.killarneyinternationalhotel.com
 - Galway The Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
 - Sligo Sligo Great Southern Hotel-2 Nights **** www.greatsouthernhotelsligo.ie
 - Dublin Herbert Park Hotel-2 Nights **** www.herbertparkhotel.ie
- Breakfast daily, Two Dinners: 1 Killarney, 1 Galway
- Admission Guinness Brewery & Cliffs of Moher
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase 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 \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your September 28-October 8, 2018 (SP092818)

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

2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by March 30, 2018.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 1, 2018

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

Address: _____

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

Other passengers traveling with me _____ D.O.B. _____

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

Cancellation Insurance: Please call for details, now aged based (must be paid with deposit) (Medical & Death Reasons only)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$759.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

We Accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card.

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TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS

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