

October 1-7, 2019
Land Only: \$1874.00

\$2199.00 PER PERSON SHARING
(plus \$489.00 US departure tax)**

JOIN
Larry Kirwan
as he plays on a
Tour of Ireland

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare from: NYC Area Airport
- Five (5) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:
- Location Property
- Belfast Europa Hotel- 2 Nights **** <https://www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/>
- Dublin Stephen's Green Hotel, Dublin **** <https://www.stephensgreenhotel.ie/>
- Wexford Clayton Whites Hotel -1 Night **** <https://www.claytonwhiteshotel.com/>
- Limerick Clayton Hotel Limerick -1 Night **** <https://www.claytonhotellimerick.com/>
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Two Dinners in Belfast & Limerick
- Sightseeing as per itinerary: Coiste Tour of Falls & Shankil Roads, Belfast & Van Morrison Tour
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach
- Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide
- Taxes and Service Charges expect gratuity to driver/guide
- Professional Portfolio of Travel eDocuments
- Larry Kirwan solo performance at discounted price
- An essay by Larry Kirwan on the history of the various areas we will travel to.
- Kirwan will also suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction and poetry to heighten the travel experience

Day 1 October 1 Tuesday	USA to Ireland. For those leaving with the group, meet at the bar in the Departure Lounge and get to know your fellow travelers. Some will already know each other from previous trips and all will be made welcome, especially those traveling alone or for the first time. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. All travelers will rendezvous bleary-eyed but blazing to go at Dublin Airport.
Day 2 October 2 Wednesday	Dublin-Belfast. Arrive Dublin. After clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guides. Leaving Dublin we begin our adventures by driving north past the site of the Battle of the Boyne (1690), where William of Orange defeated King James and set the tone for Irish politics for the next 300 years. We'll cross the border into Northern Ireland – once fortified, now barely noticeable, and soon enter Belfast. We'll drop off those who wish to visit the Titanic Museum (“World’s leading tourist attraction”) and meet them later at the hotel. We will lunch at An Culturlann in the heart of the Belfast Gaeltacht where you can try your Irish phrases with native speakers. Then take a tour of Van Morrison’s East Belfast that will include visits to his family home on 125 Hyndford Street , The Hollow mentioned in Brown Eyed Girl , and Cyprus Avenue at the core of Astral Weeks . This tour is a must for music lovers and will be led by the chief Vanatic himself, Al Bodkin who has seen Van 123 times and bought the Man’s car. The Europa Hotel in downtown Belfast is walking distance from many fine pubs & restaurants. After checking in you are free to explore this historic city. Then after dinner we'll visit the Victorian style Crown Liquor Saloon , one of the most renowned pubs in Europe. Dinner & Overnight Europa Hotel Belfast
Day 3 October 3 Thursday	Belfast. Even at the height of the Troubles, Belfast was renowned for its humor and hospitality. 22 years after the initiation of the Peace Process the city is booming, zestful, and full of new purpose. We'll meet former Lord Mayor Mairtín Ó'Muilleoir and other figures from across the political divide. We'll take the <i>Coiste</i> Tour of the Falls Road and Shankill Road guided by former combatants - always a revelatory experience – and view the political murals and the much decorated Peace Wall. Then off with us up the North Antrim Coast renowned for its scenery. This will be a combined Game of Thrones and Irish History tour. We'll view the Norman Castle of Carrickfergus (renowned in song), President Andrew Jackson's parents lived close by before emigrating. Northern Ireland boasts the most set-locations for Game of Thrones and we'll visit a number, including lovely Ballintoy Harbour - the set for Iron Islands' seaport - Dunluce Castle (and its resident <i>banshee</i> ,) and finish off at the fabled Dark Hedges . Ireland's rich history and fantasy meld easily along the Antrim shoreline where on a clear day you can see Scotland. Then back to Belfast for traditional music and <i>craic</i> in one of its many rollicking pubs. Overnight Europa Hotel, Belfast
Day 4 October 4 Friday	Belfast-Dublin. After breakfast, we depart Belfast and travel south to Dublin. We'll drop off those who would like to visit famous Kilmainham Jail (online booking ahead is recommended!) Then a quick Dublin highlight trip by bus before unleashing you on this bustling city for your free day of shopping, sightseeing and carousing. We're staying right on stately St. Stephen's Green , central to everything! 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 remain. Visit Trinity College to view The Book of Kells or the Guinness Storehouse where they make the blessed brew, and stroll down Grafton Street where Once was filmed. Dublin is full of great pubs and music. Later that night we'll meet up at the bar of our hotel to swap stories. Overnight Stephen's Green Hotel, Dublin

<p>Day 5 October 5 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin-Wexford. After breakfast we make our way south through the Wicklow Mountains and into County Wexford, past brooding Enniscorthy - scene of the battle of Vinegar Hill and onto my hometown. Wexford was originally a walled medieval town; the streets breathe history. Henry II did penance in Selskar Abbey in 1172 for the murder of St. Thomas a Beckett. Oliver Cromwell slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate. President Kennedy's forebears came from Co. Wexford and emigrated to Boston at the height of An Gorta Mór (The Great Hunger) in 1847. I'll perform a solo show in the Arts Center where I first hit the stage playing for rowdy Teddyboys & demure maidens. Meet many of my old friends and family at a post-gig party in Mary's Bar, rated by previous tour groups as "the best pub in Ireland." Bring your camera, you'll never get a better welcome – marriage has been proposed in Mary's on previous trips - and occasionally accepted. Overnight at Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford (next door to where I grew up at 9 Lower George's Street)</p>
<p>Day 6 October 6 Sunday</p>	<p>Wexford-Limerick. We depart Wexford fatigued but soul-refreshed, heading west through the Province of Munster, past Waterford City, home of the Crystal, Carrick-on-Suir, home of The Clancy Brothers, Cahir and its ancient Castle. Then on to Limerick, the birthplace of Frank McCourt who wrote Angela's Ashes. His brother, Malachy, is one of my dearest friends and he'll advise a tour of Angela's Ashes places of importance including the McCourt Museum and the beautiful South's Pub where Frank had his first drink. Limerick dates back to the 9th century and is known as City of the Broken Treaty; this document was signed on the Treaty Stone, which we'll visit. We'll also see 13th Century King John's Castle overlooking the river Shannon. We'll explore the nightlife of Limerick and have our traditional American Wake after our farewell dinner. Look out - the ghosts of my friends Angela, her wayward son, Frank, and our sister, Dolores O'Riordan, will no doubt drop by! Dinner & Overnight Clayton Hotel, Limerick</p>
<p>Day 7 October 7 Monday</p>	<p>Limerick-Shannon-USA. It's only a short journey to Shannon Airport in County Clare where there'll be time for last minute duty-free shopping and a pint of Guinness, before boarding our return flight home. Somewhere along the way, I will have interviewed you for an upcoming Celtic Crush show. This is merely a sketch of what you'll see and do. I can't even begin to describe the long nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and friends for life. But I do promise that this trip to Ireland will nourish your soul and quite possibly change your life!</p>

Cancellation Penalties: *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 \$700.00 per person will apply. 65 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.) Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctors note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned are not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Black Forty-Seven, Inc. / Larry Kirwan are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.*

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 1-7, 2019 Tour of Ireland (BLK2019)

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

Second Deposit: \$550.00 _____ Due May 1, 2019

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 1, 2019

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

Companion Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type: Twin/Double: _____ Single: _____ **YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.**

Cancellation Insurance per Person: Is Now Age based please call for price

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$499.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) (For those who do not have or wish a roommate)

* Please note airfare could be different for late bookings

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TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 25 PARTICPANTS
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