

October 14-20, 2018
 LAND ONLY: \$1849.00

\$2189.00 PER PERSON SHARING
 (plus \$489.00 Departure taxes)**

JOIN
Larry Kirwan
 As he plays on a
Tour of Ireland

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare from: NYC Area Airport to Ireland
- Five (5) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Property
Dingle	Dingle Skellig Hotel-1 Night **** www.dingleskellig.com
Killarney	The Malton Hotel-2 Nights **** www.themalton.com
Wexford	Clayton Whites Hotel -1 Night **** www.claytonwhiteshotel.com
Dublin	Radisson Blu Royal Hotel -1 Night **** www.radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-dublin

- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Two Dinners: Dingle & Dublin
- Sightseeing as per itinerary: Admissions to Derrynane House
- 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 in his hometown at discounted price
- Kirwan will also suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction and poetry to heighten the travel experience

Day 1 October 14 Sunday	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 Shannon Airport.
Day 2 October 15 Monday	Shannon–Dingle. Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where after clearing customs we meet our familiar Driver Guides. We travel a short distance to Limerick, Ireland’s third largest city and birthplace of my friend Frank McCourt, author of Angela’s Ashes. Then on to Adare of the thatched cottages and neo-Gothic manor, once voted the prettiest town in Ireland. Our next stop is Tralee, where every August a beautiful maiden is voted Rose of Tralee. We’re now deep in the heart of the Kingdom of Kerry and on our way to the town of Dingle . What can I say about the Dingle Peninsula except that it is one of my favorite places in the world? I don’t know if it’s the scenery, the history, the music, or the particular way that the land greets the sea but Dingle works wonders on the soul. The town itself is straight out of a storybook with fishing boats dancing in the harbor and scores of brightly painted pubs. But first let’s experience windswept Slea Head , Europe’s most western point. Along the way there’s magic in the air, we will see megalithic ruins, beehive style huts built by 12 th century monks, the mysterious Blasket Islands , and panoramic settings from the movie Ryan’s Daughter . After dinner at the Skellig Hotel, we’ll repair to the warmth of the Courthouse Pub for pints and traditional music. Proprietor Tommy O’Sullivan will perform <i>Neidín</i> , a big favorite on Celtic Crush Dinner & Overnight Dingle Skellig Hotel.
Day 3 October 16 Tuesday	Dingle-Ring of Kerry-Killarney. After a “Full Irish Breakfast” we head for the fabled Ring of Kerry – beautiful to the eye and steeped in history. We’ll pass through scenic villages like Killorglin where every year in an ancient ceremony a goat is chosen king. Past lovely Glenbeigh, and Cahirciveen to Waterville where Charlie Chaplin loved to summer. We’ll make a stop at romantic Derrynane House , ancestral home of Daniel O’Connell , The Liberator, who gained Catholic Emancipation for the Irish in 1829. Lawyer, politician and statesman, he claimed he could drive a carriage and four horses through any law the English Parliament had passed – and he often did. Situated on a spectacular rocky coastline, Derrynane displays many mementoes of The Liberator’s life and career. The O’Connells were smugglers who traded with France and Spain against the wishes of the English. We’ll also talk about Lament for Art O’Laoire , the epic Gaelic poem written by Black Eileen O’Connell about the assassination of her husband. Then on to the picturesque town of Kenmare , better known to you as <i>Neidín</i> . But Killarney is calling and we’ll head there via Ladies View and get our first glances at the famous Lakes of Killarney . After you’ve had dinner in one of the numerous fine restaurants we’ll meet at a pub with music. Overnight Malton Hotel Killarney
Day 4 October 17 Wednesday	Killarney. One of the reasons for a Free Day in Killarney is our hotel which will revert to its historic name, The Grand Southern in 2018. Always known as one of the great Irish hotels please check it out online. There’s so much to do and see in Killarney. You could just stroll around the bustling town and catch up on your shopping; walk or take a taxi to ancient Muckross Abbey or the lovely gardens of Muckross House . Go horseback riding or perhaps take a jaunting car through Killarney National Park . After lunch the bus will take those interested to Kate Kearney’s Cottage and you can join me for a stroll up the Gap of Dunloe . It’s like a journey back in time - you almost expect to see John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara come cavorting down the valley. Then it’s back to town for dinner, a quiet drink in the gracious lobby

	of the Grand Southern, or off into the night in pursuit of more music Overnight Malton Hotel Killarney
Day 5 October 18 Thursday	Killarney-Blarney-Wexford. After breakfast we depart Killarney and head East across Munster towards Cork City. Our next stop Blarney Castle and its famous stone (optional admission) which legend has it will bequeath the “gift of eloquence” to all who kiss it. Shop at the historical woolen mills or have a quick pint in Christy’s Pub! Next the “Irish Riviera through Youghal - where on a Black 47 tour some took a naked November swim - onto Dungarvan (summer home of the Clancy Brothers) to Waterford and my hometown, Wexford . Originally a walled town the old streets pulse with history. Henry II did penance in Selskar Abbey for the murder of St. Thomas a’Beckett. Oliver Cromwell slaughtered the inhabitants in The Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate! Visit the old Franciscan Church sacked by Cromwell’s Roundheads where, as an altar boy I was scared witless by the ghost of Fr. Johnny. Don’t miss St. Ibar’s Church . The Duke of Wellington was married there before defeating Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. There are many great pubs, including Macken’s , doubles as an undertakers! The Thomas Moore Tavern , and of course Mary’s where we’ll party after my show at the Wexford Arts Centre . There will be an optional guided tour – you see can where I grew up at 9 Lower George’s Street - but get to the Arts Centre early for a good seat. Overnight at Clayton Whites Hotel.
Day 6 October 19 Friday	Wexford-Dublin. We’ll travel straight to Dublin City to give you time for a full afternoon of shopping and sightseeing. Those who wish may be dropped at Kilmainham Jail where James Connolly, Padraig Pearse, Sean McDermott, and Robert Emmet were executed and many others incarcerated. Best to book ahead online. Or visit Trinity College (The Book of Kells) , the legendary pubs, museums, and beautiful squares & greens. For those interested in the story of the 1916 Uprising I’ll organize an informal tour. We’ll have our farewell dinner at our hotel followed by our American Wake (farewell party). Don’t count on an early night! Dinner & Overnight Radisson Blue Royal Hotel
Day 7 October 20 Saturday	Dublin-USA. It’s only a short journey to Dublin Airport. We’ll have time for some last minute duty-free shopping and a pint of Guinness , before boarding our flight home. Somewhere along the way, I will have interviewed those willing for an upcoming Celtic Crush show. Remember this is merely a sketch of what you’ll see and do. I can’t even begin to describe the long days and 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!

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Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 14-20, 2018 Tour of Ireland (BLK2018)

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

Second Deposit: \$550.00 _____ Due June 1, 2018

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 1, 2018

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: Please contact www.travelguard.com for information & rates- **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

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

Optional Independent Dublin Stay after tour: 2 Nights Radisson Blu Dublin with Breakfast: \$289.00 Per Person Sharing: ___YES (Limited Availability). If Single add \$199.00 additional supplement for two nights at Radisson Blu Dublin

* Please note airfare could be different for late bookings **US Departure Tax is always subject to change

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 25 PARTICPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL
(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)**

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