

October 25- November 3, 2019

LAND ONLY: \$2159.00 PER PERSON

\$2479.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$499.00 US departure tax*)

Join The Moxie Strings on their tour of Ireland



<p>Day 1 October 25 Friday</p>	<p>USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served while in flight.</p>
<p>Day 2 October 26 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin – Galway. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your driver guide. We depart Dublin and head north to County Meath. Our first stop will be at Slane Distillery for a tour of this 250-year-old Castle estate. An unfolding story as unique as our smooth and flavorful, triple-casked whiskey, Slane Distillery is housed within the 250 old stables of the iconic Slane Castle estate. The new distillery pays homage to the resilient nature of our heritage and the surrounding lands that we call home. Allow our storytellers to immerse you into our wonderful world of whiskey. The fabrics of the Conyngham family tapestry are carefully woven through an interactive and immersive tour of our state-of-the-art working distillery. Finish the tour in the best way possible, with a taste of our signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. We have time for lunch at the Castle which has hosted everyone from King George IV to renowned bands recording albums to more than a million music fans during the Slane Concert series. This afternoon we travel west to Galway. 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, the city buzzes with a contemporary and cultured vibe as students make up a quarter of the population. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. Overnight at the Meyrick Hotel Galway.</p>
<p>Day 3 October 27 Sunday</p>	<p>Galway. (Aran Island optional tour). This morning after breakfast you may choose to enjoy an optional tour of the Aran Islands. Easily visible from the coast of counties Galway and Clare along the Wild Atlantic Way, the rocky, wind-buffed Aran Islands have a desolate beauty that draws countless day-trippers. Inishmore (Irish: Inis Mór) is the largest island and home to the only town, Kilronan. Inishmaan (Inis Meáin) preserves its age-old traditions and evokes a sense of timelessness. It is Well known internationally with over 50 different monuments of Christian, pre-Christian and Celtic mythological heritage. There isn't far you can go before being somewhere where there's something of historical interest and little reason to question its importance in modern Irish Culture. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. For those of you that choose not to do the tour you have the day free to explore Galway on your own. Overnight at the Meyrick Hotel Galway.</p>
<p>Day 4 October 28 Monday</p>	<p>Galway- Cliffs of Moher- Killarney. 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 Cliffs of Moher 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. Dinner & Overnight at the Great Southern Hotel.</p>

Day 5 October 29 Tuesday	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 to Sleat Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this 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. For those that do not want to do the tour of Dingle you have the option of spending the day exploring Killarney. Overnight at the Great Southern.
Day 6 October 30 Wednesday	Killarney-Waterford – Arklow. 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. Then it is onto County Wicklow. Dinner & Overnight at Arklow Bay Hotel.
Day 7 October 31 Thursday	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 8 November 1 Friday	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> Our group will then enjoy a visit to the Guinness Brewery. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.
Day 9 November 2 Saturday	Dublin. Today you have a free day in Dublin. You might choose to explore Dublin. Perhaps make your way to Grafton Street. A bit like Dublin city itself, Grafton Street presents something of an enigma to visitors. In other major capitals, people gather along grand boulevards to shop, lunch and drink the evening away. In Dublin, we head to Grafton Street, a narrow winding road that's been at the heart of the city's social life for more than a century. Entering from Stephen's Green in the south, Grafton Street meanders by a series of architecturally rich townhouses, with street-level shops, twisting and turning, narrowing in width to barely twelve yards before sloping down to the broad sweep of College Green and the grand entrance to Trinity. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 10 November 3 Sunday	Dublin--USA. After breakfast we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition, we wish you a "Safe Home".

Your Tour Package Includes The Following:

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC (Flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Eight (8) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Location Property
 - Galway The Meyrick Hotel -2 Night **** www.hotelmeyrick.ie
 - Killarney Great Southern Hotel- 2 Nights www.greatsouthernkillarney.com
 - Arklow Arklow Bay Hotel- 2 Nights www.arklowbay.com
 - Dublin Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Two Dinners: 1 Killarney and 1 Arklow
- Admission to Slane Distillery & Castle, Guinness Storehouse & Cliffs Of Moher
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach
- Services of Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout
- Taxes and Service Charges except gratuity to driver/guide

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. 50 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 doctor's note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the is not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Moxie strings are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.***

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your Oct. 25- Nov. 3, 2019 Ireland Tour (**MS2019**)

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

2nd Deposit of \$350.00 per person due by May 25, 2019

Final payment due: July 25, 2019

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

Companion Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

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

Other passengers traveling with me _____

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

Aran Island Tour \$65.00 per person _____

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$825.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICPANTS

AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL

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