

# April 20-28, 2020

LAND ONLY: \$2039.00

# \$2499.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$499.00 Departure tax\*)

## Join We Banjo 3



## as they play on their Tour of Ireland

<p><b>Day 1</b> <b>April 20</b> <b>Monday</b></p>	<p><b>USA-Dublin</b></p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> <b>April 21</b> <b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin – Galway.</b> 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 <b>Slane Distillery</b> 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 <b>Slane Castle</b> 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. This evening Galway has endless possibilities when it comes to bars, pubs, and nightclubs. You'll find quiet spots to relax, places with traditional Irish music and storytelling, and clubs for dancing. <b>Overnight in Imperial Hotel Galway.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 3</b> <b>April 22</b> <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Galway. Connemara Peninsula</b> 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, (AnClochan). 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 side and a lavish Victorian garden on the other. This is another often photographed vista from Ireland. We will also make a stop at the Connemara Marble factory for touring and shopping. <b>Tonight, we have dinner The Kings Head. Overnight in Imperial Hotel Galway</b></p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>April 23</b> <b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Galway. (Aran Island optional tour).</b> 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: InisMór) is the largest island and home to the only town, Kilronan. Inishmaan (InisMeáin) 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. <b>Overnight in Imperial Hotel Galway.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>April 24</b> <b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Galway - Westport.</b> This morning after breakfast we leave Galway and travel to the <b>Cliffs of Moher.</b> The cliffs are an 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. Then onto Westport, few towns in Ireland can match Westport's charisma and continental flavour. Cheerful and multi colored shopfronts jostle for attention with an attractive selection of shops, pubs, cafés and restaurants. Little wonder it has become one of Ireland's most popular and cosmopolitan holiday destinations.</p>

	A safe haven, Westport kisses the south east shores of the Atlantic inlet of Clew Bay and lies against the backdrop of the protective Croagh Patrick – under the watchful eye of the chapel at its peak <b>Overnight in Westport.</b>
<b>Day 6 April 25 Saturday</b>	<b>Achill Island.</b> After breakfast we make our way to Achill island. With five Blue Flag beaches, Ireland's largest offshore island, Achill, is linked to the mainland by a short bridge. Despite the accessibility, there's plenty of remote-island feel: soaring cliffs, rocky headlands, sheltered sandy beaches, broad expanses of blanket bog and rolling mountains. Keem Bay on Achill Island is a beach so stunning you would only find something similar in the Caribbean. A small cove surrounded by lush mountains and lots of sheep, it is a paradise on Earth to those who visit. It also has its share of history, having been a frequent refuge during Ireland's various rebellions. Kildavnet Castle is located on the south-eastern shore of Achill Island, overlooking the waters of Achill. The castle is said to have been built by the O'Malley Clan in about 1429. However it is best known as the home of its most famous tenant, the legendary pirate queen, Grace O'Malley. When O'Malley's father died, she became the queen of her clan at just 23 years old and she knew how to navigate the local political world. At the height of her power, she had hundreds of men and numerous ships at her disposal. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight in Westport.</b>
<b>Day 7 April 26 Sunday</b>	<b>Westport.</b> After breakfast we start with some beautiful views of Clew Bay. Clew Bay itself is one of the most beautiful bays on the whole west coast of Ireland. Dominant mountains surround the bay on both sides, which is full of small islands called Drumlins. These were created as Glaciers from the last ice age 10,000 years ago melted and retreated, leaving small sand and shale islands. They say there's 365 of them, one for every day of the year, though many are no more than a part submerged sand bank. That said though if you've ever wanted to own your own Island then this could be a good place to look, John Lennon even owned one in the 1970's. This afternoon enjoy some free time in Westport, Westport itself is a busy town that's popular with tourists and is usually included on most tours of Ireland. Wandering the small town & surrounding area is a pleasure, with plenty of interesting places to discover. Between the town center and waterfront is Westport House, a grand country estate set in large gardens. They have an activity center & cafe, and the lakes make a grand setting for the house itself. Please note there is an entrance fee to get up to the house though you can see some of the gardens and lakes for free. <b>Overnight in Westport.</b>
<b>Day 8 April 27 Monday</b>	<b>Westport- Dublin.</b> Morning departure from Westport. En route we stop in <b>Roscommon.</b> Roscommon has a history dating back a few thousand years. Studded with more than 5000 megalithic tombs, ring forts and mounds, and home to a couple of excellent museums, enigmatic Roscommon is shrouded in myth and a haven for history buffs. Add well-preserved mansions and some wonderful monastic ruins and it's hard to understand why the county sees so few visitors. Beyond the romance of times past, Roscommon has plenty of rolling countryside splashed with lakes and cleaved by the Rivers Shannon. We arrive in Dublin and have some free time. This afternoon why not take a 10 min walk to EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum (admission not included) Dublin's newest museum is a high-tech, interactive exploration of emigration and its effect on Ireland and the 70 million or so people spread throughout the world that claim Irish ancestry. Start your visit with a 'passport' and proceed through 21 galleries examining why they left, where they went and how they maintained their relationship with their ancestral home. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from the famous to the poor, from early times to the modern day. This exhibition makes for a fabulous introduction to Ireland and all things Irish in the world. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court Dublin.</b>
<b>Day 9 April 28 Tuesday</b>	<b>Dublin-</b> After breakfast we take a panoramic tour of Dublin, a 1000-year-old city. After our tour we stop at The Teeling Whiskey Distillery is Dublin's newest destination for whiskey fans and for anyone with an interest in Dublin's long association with Irish Whiskey. Located in the heart of Dublin City Centre, in the historic Liberties, the Teeling Whiskey Distillery is the first new distillery in Dublin for over 125 years and home to the Spirit of Dublin. Teeling Whiskey. Finished in rum casks and bottled at 46% without chill-filtration, it's an excellent statement of intent. The blend is said to contain a high proportion of first-fill bourbon cask whiskey, and a higher-than-normal ratio of malt to grain. This afternoon you will have time on your own to visit Grafton Street, Dublin's most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton St, the bustling heart of the city centre. You'll find the biggest range of pubs, shops and restaurants in the busy hive that surrounds it, a warren of side streets and alleys that is almost always full of people. Many of the city's most important sights and museums are here, as is Dublin's best-loved city park, St Stephen's Green. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court Dublin.</b>

#### Your Tour Includes:

- **Round Trip Airfare from NYC Area (Flight Schedule announced 90 days prior to departure)**
- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing**
- **Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
- **Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
  - Galway – Imperial Hotel - 3 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.imperialhotelgalway.ie](http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie)**
  - Westport-Plaza or Castlecourt Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\*\* [www.westportplazahotel.ie](http://www.westportplazahotel.ie) or [www.castlecourthotel.ie](http://www.castlecourthotel.ie)**
  - Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights \*\*\* [www.camdecourthotel.com](http://www.camdecourthotel.com)**
- **Full Irish Breakfast daily except the day of arrival**
- **Two Dinners: 1 in Galway (Kings Head) & 1 in Westport**
- **Admission to Slane Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Teeling Distillery,**
- **Porterage of one suitcase per person**
- **Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)**
- **Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally executed**

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### Reservation Application

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your APRIL 20-28, 2020 Ireland Tour (**WBT20**)  
I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$550.00 due by October 20, 2019**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 20, 2020**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$599.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**OPTIONAL ARAN ISLANDS TOUR \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**LAND ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ YES (There are no deviations on group flights, if deviating dates please select Land Only and you can buy your own airfare direct from airline)**

**We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express.**

**\*Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS**

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