

October 24-November 2, 2019

LAND ONLY: \$2299.00

\$2699.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$499.00 US departure tax*)

Enjoy The Blaggards on Their Tour of Ireland



<p>Day 1 October 24 Thursday</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 October 25 Friday</p>	<p>Dublin. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish 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. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight at Camden Court.</p>
<p>Day 3 October 26 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin – Bundoran. After breakfast at our hotel we begin our journey north and make our way to Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. Its location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates back to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is Standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, and some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought alongside one another at Waterloo. It was in 1790's that the Fermanagh Militia was established, to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. It is onto Bundoran, the gateway to the North. We arrive at our hotel, the Atlantic Apartotel Hotel offers an indoor swimming pool as well as sauna, steam room and jacuzzi. Tonight, we have dinner together at a local restaurant (included). Then it is onto happy hour at a local pub followed by a performance by the Blaggards. Overnight at the Atlantic Apartotel Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 4 October 27 Sunday</p>	<p>Bundoran - Donegal – Bundoran. Today we first make our way to Donegal, the wild child of Ireland and home to some of its most ravishingly sublime scenery and beautiful beaches. We make a stop at Donegal Castle (included). The castle is first mentioned in 1544 in connection with wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600 it had been taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeny, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. A short walk from the castle is the ruins of Donegal Abbey, this once Franciscan Abbey overlooks the scenic Donegal Bay. These historic grounds have for generations served as the final resting place for many residents. This afternoon we will have some free time for lunch and shopping in Donegal Town. Later this afternoon we return to Bundoran, time to relax before dinner at a local restaurant (included), followed by happy hour at a local pub. Tonight the Blaggards will perform. Overnight at the Atlantic Apartotel Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 5 October 28 Monday</p>	<p>Bundoran. Today after breakfast you may enjoy some optional activities like surf lessons or horseback riding (additional cost). This afternoon we will take a tour of the quaint fishing village of Mullaghmore in County Sligo It is a noted holiday destination, characterized by ocean views and a skyline dominated by the monolithic shape of Ben Bulbin mountain. As we tour this area, we will see the fabulous Gleniff Horseshoe a glacial valley which was formed during the last ice age when glaciers more than a kilometer thick covered the landscape. As the ice melted the glacier retreated north towards the coast and gouged a huge hollow out of the mountain, the landscape here is magnificent. Along the way we will stop at the grave of famed poet, William B. Yeats. Then it is back to our hotel to relax before dinner at a local restaurant (included). Tonight, the Blaggards will perform at a local pub. Overnight at the Atlantic Apartotel Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 6 October 29 Tuesday</p>	<p>Bundoran- Sligo. After breakfast we travel south heading towards Sligo, the town has pedestrian streets lined with inviting shopfronts, stone bridges spanning the River Garavogue, and céilidh sessions spilling from pubs contrast with contemporary art and glass towers rising from prominent corners of compact Sligo. It makes a fantastic, low-key and easily manageable base for exploring Yeats country, and the countryside is gorgeous. This afternoon enjoy some time exploring this beautiful little town built right on the banks of the Garavogue River. Overnight at the Sligo Southern Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 7 October 30 Wednesday</p>	<p>Sligo – Achill Island – Sligo. Achill Island. 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. Overnight at the Sligo Southern Hotel.</p>

Day 8 October 31 Thursday	Sligo- Dublin. After a full Irish Breakfast we travel through The Irish Midlands. Our journey takes us across the broad majestic Shannon at Athlone through Longford & Mullingar with stops along the route. We arrive in time for a full afternoon of shopping and sightseeing. Those who wish can make their way to Kilmainham Jail where Padraig Pearse, Sean McDermott, James Connolly and Robert Emmet were executed and many others such as Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Davitt and Eamonn DeValera were incarcerated. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 9 November 1 Friday	Dublin. Dublin. Today is a free day in Dublin. We suggest a Hop On/Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. You'll be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where bullet-holes remain to this day. Visit the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; 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. Drop by the Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world-famous brew. And be sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, the Brazen Head. Or enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 10 November 2 Saturday	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 Houston to Ireland (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:
- Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Bundoran- Atlantic Apartotel- 3 Nights - *** www.atlanticapartotel.ie
- Sligo-Sligo Southern Hotel-2 Nights *** www.sligosouthernhotel.ie
- Dublin-Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: in Bundoran
- Admission to Donegal Castle
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- **PERFORMANCES BY BLAGGARDS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal 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 aforementioned is not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Blaggards 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 24-November 2, 2019(BLAGG19)

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

2nd Deposit of \$550.00 due by April 24, 2019 Final Payment due: July 24, 2019

Name(S) (as on passport) _____ 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

Cancellation Insurance: We recommend Travel Guard

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$629.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

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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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