Luxury Private Tour of Jewels of Ireland
Greg Tamblyn and Hammond Tours Presents:

| Day 1 | October 11 Friday | Dublin. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you meet your wonderful Irish Driver Guide and are transferred to Dublin. It is here we visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral and then onto Epic Emigration Museum. Time for some more sightseeing in Dublin. We then make our way to the Guinness Brewery for a tour. It is then onto our hotel for check in and freshening up before our Welcome Dinner. Overnight and dinner at The Mont Clare Hotel. |
| Day 3 | October 12 Saturday | Dublin. After breakfast we are met by our Driver/Guide in the lobby of our hotel @ 9:00 am. We experience the three Dublin’s: Viking Dublin, Georgian Dublin and Modern Dublin in this full day contemporary tour. From her humble beginnings as a Viking trading port to a walled medieval city and then-in a glorious century of expansion –to an elegant Georgian Metropolis with wide streets, gracious squares and great houses, neatly bordered by its two canals. This includes a visit to the priceless Book of Kells at Trinity College, we visit the Jameson Distillery, nestling in the heart of Old Dublin on the site of the original distillery, with its origins dating back to the year 1780. Other inside visits subject to tour length. Overnight at The Mont Clare Hotel. |
| Day 3 | October 13 Sunday | Dublin-Glendalough-Kilkenny-Cork. After breakfast we are met by our Driver/Guide in the lobby of our hotel @ 9:00 am. We drive through Dublin and head south. We continue through County Wicklow here if time permits a stop at Glendalough is suggested. This is the 6th century monastic home of St. Kevin surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where once again time has stood still. We continue to the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy an optional visit The Kilkenny Castle which has been completely refurbished in recent years. The impressive Victorian building was erected in the mid-19th century when it served as a home to the Hackett family. We then make our way to Cork City, where we have plenty of time to explore the English Markets. Overnight at The Imperial Hotel Cork. |
| Day 4 | October 14 Monday | Cork--Blarney--Clonakilty-Skibbereen-Bantry-Glengarriff-Kenmare-Killarney. After breakfast we are met by our Driver/Guide in the lobby of our hotel @ 9:00 am. We then make our way to Blarney Castle. Time to visit (optional) the Blarney Stone and the Blarney Woolen Mills. We then make our way south and travel along the breathtaking coast of Ireland, some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. We travel through Clonakilty where castles dot the shores of the bay and The Catholic Church is a fine example of gothic architecture. Next stop is Skibbereen. Skibbereen is rightly known as the capital of West Cork. It is the “hub” from which the many “sparkling jewels” of the area can be reached. Bantry sits at the head of one of Ireland’s most beautiful bays with a harbor that reaches right into the town center. We then head to Glengarriff. Located in the sheltered harbor of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, in Southwest Ireland, Garnish Island is a small island of 37 acres known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of great beauty. Its sheltered position nurtures luxuriant Mediterranean flowers such as fuchsia and arbutus. It is then on to Kenmare. Known as Ceann Mara (Head of The Sea) by the ancients. Our journey makes its way to vibrant Killarney, Overnight at The Killarney International Hotel. |
| Day 5 | October 15 Tuesday | Dingle. 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 on to Slea Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in Europe. Overnight at The Killarney International Hotel. |
| Day 6  
| October 16  
| Wednesday  |
| Killarney-Cliffs of Moher-Galway | After a full Irish breakfast, we depart Killarney and head to Newmarket stopping along the way at the Cliffs of Moher. We take a tour of Ireland’s stony place - the Burren (Bhoireann). It is home to rare alpine plants, delicate wonders that grow in the thin soil and crevices - gentians, orchids and maidenhair ferns amongst others. The survival of both alpine and Mediterranean plants in this unusual habitat continues to arouse and to delight its visitors. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses and a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating from the 12th century, Corcomroe. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Continue on and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs, a spectacular natural phenomenon, rise 660 feet above the Atlantic. O’Brien’s Tower is the best location from which to view the Cliffs. From this vantage point one can see the Aran Islands as well as the Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains to the north in Connemara. As you depart, 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 make our way to Galway for our overnight. **Overnight at The Meyrick Hotel Galway.** |

| Day 7  
| October 17  
| Thursday  |
| Connemara Peninsula | After breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel at 930 am. Before stopping in Clifton there might be an interest in Dan O’Hara’s Farm. The farm models pre-famine Conditions and cleverly reconstructs ancient dwellings and fortifications. The grounds also hold a megalithic tomb and a dolmen. 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, (An Clochan). 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 cafes. From here travel the Sky Road, an exhilarating circular drive west of Clifden. Leave the town and as you pass the Abbeyglen Castle Hotel (on your left) turn and look beyond the hotel and back towards Clifden. The 12 Bens provide a wonderful backdrop to the town and along with the two church spires give Clifden its distinctive skyline. Further along the road is a gateway leading to the ruins of the old D’Arcy mansion, Clifden Castle. These ruins overlook the sea and can be reached by going on a ten-minute walk down a farm track. Once a Gothic Mansion, the D’Arcy’s lived here until 1850 when the estate was sold to the Eyre Family who lived here at intervals until the castle fell into ruin in the early 20th century. Along the high road you will pass the ruins of the old coastguard station (on your left) and, as the road rises, there are breathtaking views of the islands (Inish Turk and Turbot), and the surrounding coastline. At the summit of the Sky Road peninsula there is a car park. As you descend and continue the road you will eventually, along Streamstown Bay, there is a Connemara Marble quarry. Heading north along the coast, **Kylemore Abbey** will 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. Ireland’s only fjord looms next at the Harbor. **Overnight at The Meyrick Hotel Galway.** |

| Day 8  
| October 18  
| Friday  |
| Galway-Sligo-Donegal | After breakfast we depart Galway and travel to Sligo where famous author William Butler Yeats is buried. It is onto Donegal. The town is set in a valley girdled by Barnesmore Mountains and Donegal Bay and overlooking the town can be seen the remains of several earthen forts. Today, Donegal Town is the center of activity for South County Donegal. The town center, known as “The Diamond” is where the Killybogs, Ballyshannon and Ballybofey Roads converge and it is here that you are likely to meet almost anybody; usually with a smile on their face and a few ready words. **Overnight at The Central Hotel Donegal.** |

| Day 9  
| October 19  
| Saturday  |
| Donegal-Westport-Derry-Belfast | After breakfast we make our way to Westport. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland’s Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall, running parallel to the Carrowbeg River which gives Westport a stunning backdrop. Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt. It has become one of Ireland’s established tourism centers, with many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall, running parallel to the Carrowbeg River. We then continue onto Derry. To really experience Derry’s history, we stroll along the parapet walkways as we do the “Walled in City Tour”. The history of this area and the fact that Derry is one of the last fully intact walled in cities left in all of Europe makes this a must for every visitor. We then make our way to Belfast, where you take a tour of the famed Titanic Museum. **Overnight at The Jury’s Hotel Belfast.** |

| Day 10  
| October 20  
| Sunday  |
| Belfast-Glens of Antrim-Giant’s Causeway-Belfast | Today we experience one of Ireland’s magnificent scenic routes. The Coast Road takes us through the Nine Glens of Antrim, which offers wonderful views of mountains, valleys and the coastline. Our first stop is the oldest licensed distillery in the world, Bushmills, where we savor a sample of this renowned amber liquid. We then travel the coast to visit the **Giant’s Causeway**. This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava. Legend also has it that the Giant’s Causeway was built by the ancient giant, Fionn Mac Cumhail. We then return to Belfast via Ballymena. **Overnight at The Jury’s Hotel Belfast.** |

| Day 11  
| October 21  
| Monday  |
| Belfast-Dublin | After Breakfast depart Belfast and travel south. Stop firstly at Monasterboice a famed monastic site. The Boyne Valley will be your next stop with a visit to Knowth. Knowth is a 5,000-year-old Neolithic passage tomb. This spectacular site, older than the pyramids of Egypt, consists of two long passages to an inner chamber, entirely made of stone, and constructed so well that they are accessible 5,000 years later. The passages are designed so that the inner chamber is lit by the sunrise on a few specific days of the year. After this you can enjoy some leisure time in Malahide. We continue to Clontarf Castle. Farewell dinner and entertainment tonight by our host, Greg Tamblyn. **Overnight and Farewell dinner at The Clontarf Castle Hotel Dublin.** |

| Day 12  
| October 22  
| Tuesday  |
| Dublin-Dublin Airport | This morning we meet our professional Irish Driver Guide and are transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home. We bid our driver farewell who has become like a member of our family. In true Irish tradition, we wish you a “safe home” |
Your Distinguished Chauffeur Tour Includes:

- **Round Trip Airfare from JFK to Dublin** (Air Schedule to be announced 90 days prior to departure) if purchased through Hammond Tours
- Professional Blue-Badged Certified Irish Driver Guide with Luxury Coach from Day 1 October 11th arrive Dublin Airport until Day 12 October 22nd arrive Dublin Airport
- Accommodations for 11 Nights as follows or similar in standard rooms:
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- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- 2 (TWO) Dinners w/Entertainment from our host, Greg Tamblyn, a Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- Admissions Included: Epic Museum Dublin, Guinness Brewery, Book of Kells, Jameson Brewery, Glendalough, Kilkenny Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, Walled in City Tour Derry, Titanic Museum, Giants’ Causeway, Boyne Valley Visitors Center with Inside Visit to Knowth
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person (plus one carry-on bag)
- All Driver’s Expenses
- Hotel tips and taxes (Except to Driver/Guide)

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- Any items of a personal nature.
- Dinners and items not mentioned as included
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Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 11-22, 2019

I enclose a deposit of $ _________ ($250.00 per person) Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats **FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 11, 2019**

Name (as on passport) ____________________________ D.O.B. __________________

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Tel: (home): _______________(work): ________ Email: ____________________

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds) _____Double (1 Bed): __________

Single Supplement: $989.00 _______YES

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