

October 13-20, 2024



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LAND ONLY
GROUP AIR FARE AVAILABLE
SUMMER 2024

JOIN THE STEEL CITY ROVERS ON THEIR TOUR OF IRELAND

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 13 – Sunday: USA - Ireland

Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland.

Day 2, October 14– Monday: Dublin

Arrive Dublin Airport by 10:00AM from your overnight flight. You are met by your driver/guide to begin your tour. 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, which is the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square. The group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. You will have the rest of the afternoon free to explore Dublin. You may want to stop and see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street which is the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where the bullet holes remain to this day. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in the late 70's and finally Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, the Book of Kells, still preserved.

Itinerary continued on next page.

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC to Dublin (Flights announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish driver and guide
- Accommodations for 6 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
 - The Imperial Cork (2 Nights) ****
 - The Clayton Limerick Hotel (2 Nights) ****
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 2 dinners, 1 at the Imperial Hotel Cork and The Bunratty Banquet in Bunratty.
- Musical performances by the Steel City Rovers (details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
- Admissions to Midleton Distillery, Bunratty Castle, Glendalough
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person (plus 1 carry-on bag)
- All driver's expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide)
- Hotel taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Any items of a personal nature
- Dinners and items not mentioned as included
- Sightseeing not indicated as incl

As they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel**

Day 3, October 15 Tuesday Dublin- Cork

After breakfast we begin to make our way to Cork. Ballycotton is perched on the cliffs overlooking one of the many blue flag beaches in East Cork. This quaint little port is legendary for its sea angling and spectacular cliff walk. Cobh ascends from the sea and splendidly dominates Cork Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. This colorful town has experienced invasion, emigration, transportation, and a wealth of maritime adventures. St Colman's Cathedral overlooks the brightly colored town and the inner islands of the harbour, Haulbowline and Spike, are a stunning sight to behold. It was the last port of call of the ill-fated Titanic. Midleton is the vibrant centre of East Cork and is in the heart of a rich agricultural hinterland. This bustling nucleus is renowned for its fine food culture and lively pubs. Legend has it that it was here in Ireland that whiskey was invented. Today it is home to the largest pot still in the Aficionados of a particularly fine Irish whiskey will recognize the name Midleton, and the main reason to linger in this bustling market town is to visit the Old Midleton Whiskey Distillery, which we will visit today. **Dinner & Overnight at The Imperial Hotel Cork.**

Day 4, October 16 Wednesday Cork- Kinsale- Cork. After breakfast we meet our driver guide and then it is onto Kinsale for some sightseeing. Kinsale in County Cork is one of the most picturesque, popular, and fashionable resorts of the south-west coast of Ireland. Famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. The quaint streets are lined with local shops filled with local artist painting and pottery, right on the waterfront. Some of the most award-winning restaurants in Ireland are in Kinsale. Why not have lunch today at fishyfish if you like, one of the best restaurants in Kinsale. Plenty of time to explore this artist haven. Then we return to Cork. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork.**

Day 5 October 17 Thursday Cork- Limerick

After breakfast we head south along some beautiful Irish farmland and rolling landscapes. Just too many ruins and castles to mention. As you will observe, this will not be your typical Irish tourist- trip. It was carefully designed to forego madding crowds and line-ups. But it is just impossible to not visit the acclaimed 15th century iconic Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Probably the most complete and authentic castle in Ireland. The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. Take a tour of this iconic fortress; hear and see how the lords and ladies of this castle lived; hear stories of battles and bravery and enjoy stunning views across the idyllic Clare countryside. Set on 26 acres of unspoiled Clare countryside, Bunratty Folk, The park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. Just as famous [to some ☺] is *Durty Nellie's* pub where you may find some of our gaggle ☺ Then it is onto Limerick, the third largest town in the Republic of Ireland, is a captivating place to visit. It's situated in County Limerick, on the crossroad of important roads, and has a rich and fascinating history. Limerick is home to author Frank McCourt who wrote *Angela's Ashes*. Limerick is an area steeped in history. Tonight, we will enjoy the medieval Bunratty banquet. **Overnight at The Clayton Hotel Limerick**

Day 6, October 18 Friday Cork- Limerick

Today after breakfast we head south for a stop in Adare, Once-touted as 'Ireland's prettiest village', Adare's fame centers on its string of thatched cottages built by the 19th-century English landlord, the Earl of Dunraven, for workers constructing Adare Manor. The streets are lined with pretty cottages, house craft shops and fine restaurants; Some lovely places to stop for lunch. Then we will head back to Limerick for some free time this afternoon. **Overnight at The Clayton Hotel Limerick.**

Day 7, October 19, Saturday LIMERICK- DUBLIN

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we leave Limerick and make our way to Dublin stopping along the way at venture through Wicklow Valley to visit Glendalough, the home of St Kevin, surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where time has stood still. We'll see the round tower and ruined churches of the 6th-century monastery and hear an explanation of the history of the settlement. Then we make our way to Ireland's 1,000-year-old city of Dublin. We continue our way to Dublin and this evening you may want to make your way to Grafton Street on your own. Dublin's most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton Street, 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.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel

Day 8, October 20- Friday: Dublin - USA

Today you are transported to Dublin Airport for your flight home.



Reservation Application

Steel City Rovers Tour of Ireland

October 13-20, 2024

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 13-20, 2024, Steel City Rovers Tour of Ireland (SCR2024)

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250 per person)

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by May 1, 2024

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 1, 2024

Name (as on passport): _____ DOB: _____

4Companion Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type - Twin (2 beds): _____ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

Single Supplement: \$599 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

(You must pay single rate if not traveling with a companion. Please advise if you need a roommate.)

Land only: \$ _____ Yes: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

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