

November 1-8, 2020



\$2199

Per Person (sharing)
\$499 Departure Tax*

**Land Only
Tour Available
for \$1829**

JOIN THE STEEL CITY ROVERS ON THEIR TOUR OF IRELAND

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, November 1 – Friday: USA - Ireland

Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.

Day 2, November 2 – Saturday: Dublin

Arrive Dublin Airport 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. Then onto Guinness Storehouse® which is arguably one of Dublin's most iconic attractions and is hugely popular with visitors to the capital. Guinness® is synonymous with Ireland so when you're in Dublin, you can't leave without a trip to Guinness Storehouse®. Learn through the seven-story experience how the world-famous drink is made and then sample it for yourself at the end in the panoramic Gravity Bar. 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

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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 Killarney International Hotel, Killarney (2 Nights) ****
 - Imperial Hotel, Galway (2 Nights) ****
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
 - Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
 - 2 dinners in Killarney and Galway
 - Musical performances by the Steel City Rovers
(details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
 - Admissions to Guinness Storehouse, Cobh Heritage Center and the Cliffs of Moher
 - 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 included

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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, November 3 – Sunday: Dublin - Killarney

We enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning. Traveling south we travel through Kildare, where some of Ireland's best grazing farmland has made County Kildare (Cill Dara) prime agricultural real estate, especially for the horse-racing set. The county is dotted with stud farms where champion racehorses are reared and trained as a matter of course. Our next stop, Blarney Castle 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. There is also time to visit and shop the famous woolen mills. This shop shouldn't disappoint, with a particularly wide range of cut crystal, porcelain presents and its trademark woolly things. Then it's onto Cobh, a charming waterfront town on a glittering estuary, dotted with brightly-colored houses and overlooked by a splendid cathedral. We can then visit the Cobh Heritage Centre to learn about the Irish Emigration story, trace your ancestors, hear about the ill-fated Titanic and the Lusitania, and immerse yourself in Irish naval and military history. The howl of the storm almost knocks you off-balance, as you feel you are right on the deck of the Titanic. This beautiful, informative and sometimes emotive cultural centre is situated within Cobh's beautifully restored Victorian railway station, a building with its own historic story. Onward to our destination Killarney. **Dinner and overnight at the Killarney International Hotel**

Day 4, November 4 – Monday: 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 beehive-style huts, originally inhabited by 12th 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. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel**

Day 5, November 5 – Tuesday: Killarney - Galway

Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place – The Burren, where 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 radiant beauty. Continuing to the Cliffs of Moher which are stupefying, 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. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel**

Day 6, November 6 – Wednesday: Galway (Aran Island optional)

After a full Irish breakfast, we enjoy a tour of the Aran Islands. Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands and is the most developed in terms of tourist facilities. There are about 900 inhabitants on Inis Mór making it by far the most populated of the islands. The main village on the island is Kilronan, which has a quite large harbor that accommodates a vast amount of tourist travel to the island. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. We return to Galway. Those not taking the Aran Islands tour will have a free day in Galway. **Dinner and overnight at the Imperial Hotel**

Day 7, November 7 – Thursday: Galway - Dublin

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we leave Galway and make our way to Dublin stopping along the way at Clonmacnoise. With a nearby ruined castle for company, the setting is quite sublime at Clonmacnoise – one of Ireland's holiest and most significant monastic sites. Right alongside the River Shannon, an enticing air of sacred mystery pervades the remains, with its wealth of early church architecture, some of Ireland's finest high crosses and most ancient round towers, all arrayed closely together within the confines of a walled field. We continue on our way to Dublin and this evening you may want to make your way to Grafton Street. 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, November 8 – Friday: Dublin - USA

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



Reservation Application

Steel City Rovers Tour of Ireland

November 1-8, 2020

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your November 1-8, 2020 Steel City Rovers Tour of Ireland (SCR2020)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by May 1, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 1, 2020

Name (as on passport): _____ DOB: _____

Companion 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: \$499 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

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

Land only: \$1829 Yes: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

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