October 10-16, 2020

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Per Person (sharing)
$489 Departure Tax*

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JOIN LARRY KIRWAN AS HE PLAYS ON A TOUR OF IRELAND

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 10 – Saturday: USA - Ireland
For those flying with the group, meet at the bar in the Departure Lounge and get to know your fellow travelers. Some will already know each other from previous trips, and all will be made welcome, especially those traveling alone or for the first time. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland and arrive at Shannon Airport.

Day 2, October 11 – Sunday: Shannon - Cliffs of Moher - Burren - Galway
After clearing customs, travelers and those already in Ireland are united and met by your professional Irish Driver Guide and Hammond Tours Group Escort. Leaving the airport, we journey through the lovely Shannon Region past stunning landscapes, Atlantic seascapes, and everywhere the artifacts of Ireland's ancient history. We pass close to Christy Moore's fabled Lisdoonvarna before stopping at the Cliffs of Moher. These sheer wild walls rise from the Atlantic Ocean to a height of nearly 700 feet and are a sight to behold. Some years back we watched a gentle mist come in from the ocean. Within minutes it had enveloped us and dispatched any traces of jet lag. We then pass through the solitary beauty of the Burren, a craggy bed of limestone dotted with tiny plants and flowers that thrive in the mild winters. We'll see ring forts, cairns, holy wells and visit Poulnabrone Dolmen, a portal tomb first used almost 6000 years ago. Then on to the tribal city of Galway (Kirwans were one of the 12 tribes). Galway, chosen as the 2020 European Capital of Culture, is one of the

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Tour Includes:

- **Roundtrip airfare from NYC area airport (Flights announced 90 days prior to departure)**
- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish driver and guide**
- **Accommodations for 5 nights**
  (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
  – The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway (2 Nights) **
  – Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle (1 Night) **
  – Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford (1 Night) **
  – Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) **
- **Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival**
- **1 dinner in Dingle**
- **Larry Kirwan solo performance at discounted price in his hometown of Wexford**
- **An essay by Larry Kirwan on the history of the various areas we will travel to**
- **Larry Kirwan will suggest a reading list of history, fiction and poetry to heighten the experience**
- **Admission to 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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most youthful cities in the EU and is full of craic. It boasts many street performers, bookstores, pubs, cafes and a vibrant nightlife. We'll check in early to the water view Galmont Hotel, leaving time to explore the cobbled streets. Later on, we'll head out to Tigh Neachtain or Tig Coili or one of the other great pubs with traditional Irish music. **Overnight at the Galmont Hotel in Galway**

Day 3, October 12 – Monday: Galway - Rossaveal - Kilronan - Inis Mór, Aran Islands

After a full Irish breakfast, we travel along the edge of legendary Galway Bay with beautiful Connemara in the hinterland and do a tour of the main Aran Island, Inis Mór. It's been 25 years since I spent time there and I'm still haunted by my visit. We leave by ferry from Rossaveal and land at Kilronan on Inis Mór. There we'll spend the day in the midst of Gaelic culture. We'll visit Dún Aonghasa, a semi-circular stone fort 300 feet above the crashing Atlantic originally settled over 3,500 years ago. No one knows who the settlers were or what befell them; this lends the site an air of mystery. We'll be ferried around by minibus, so you'll get to see the length and breadth of this bilingual Gaelic island. We're making this an optional trip (cost $65) as some people may not fancy the 45-minute ferry ride. If the weather is inclement the ferries do not run, and the fare will be refunded. If such is the case, we'll do a tour of the breathtaking Connemara region instead. Those not wishing to tour Inis Mór will have a free day in Galway, once voted the friendliest city in the world. I like visiting St. Nicholas Church situated between medieval Eyre Square and the Spanish Arch. Christopher Columbus worshipped here before setting off for the New World. Cromwell's troops stabled their horses in it and disfigured the faces of all but one of the angels. See if you can find the "smirking" one. For the literary inclined there's no book-store quite like Charlie Byrne's. Stock up on gifts and rare treasures. And watch out for those stunning Galway Girls! **Overnight at the Galmont Hotel in Galway**

Day 4, October 13 – Tuesday: Galway - Dingle

What can I say about the Dingle Peninsula except that it is one of my favorite places in the world! I don't know if it's the scenery, the history, the air, or the particular way that the land greets the sea, but Dingle works wonders on the troubled soul. The town itself is straight out of a storybook with fishing boats dancing in the harbor and 52 tiny brightly painted pubs. But first we'll head for windswept Slea Head. Along the way, we will see megalithic ruins, beehive style huts built by 12th century monks, the mysterious Blasket and Skellig Islands, and panoramic settings from the movies Ryan's Daughter and Star Wars. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments. After our communal dinner we'll retire to the warmth and wonder of the Courthouse Pub for pints and traditional music. Proprietor Tommy O'Sullivan will favor us with his version of Neidín, a big favorite on Celtic Crush. **Dinner and overnight at the Dingle Skellig Hotel**

Day 5, October 14 – Wednesday: Killarney - Wexford

We'll leave early for storied Killarney where we'll check out the lakes and give you some time for shopping and an early lunch. Then on to my hometown of Wexford where the streets positively pulse with history. There'll be an optional tour and you can see where Henry II did penance in Selskar Abbey for the murder of St. Thomas á Beckett. The ancient walls still stand near where Oliver Cromwell slaughtered women and children in the Bull Ring after a traitor opened the West Gate. That night I'll perform at the Wexford Arts Centre (formerly the Town Hall where I began my musical career). Meet many of my old friends and family and join us afterwards for a party in Mary's Bar. Our hotel is a stone's throw from the house I grew up in at 9 Lower George's Street - mentioned often in my memoir, Green Suede Shoes. Visit the historic Quay where my Great-Grandfather, Capt. James Moran sailed off as recounted in my song Floating. Keep an eye out for ghosts, naval and otherwise. **Overnight at the Clayton Whites Hotel in Wexford**

Day 6, October 15 – Thursday: Wexford - Dublin

We'll travel straight to Dublin City to give you time for a full afternoon of shopping and sightseeing. Those who wish may be dropped off at legendary Kilmainham Jail where James Connolly was executed after the 1916 Uprising (we suggest booking ahead online). Or you can visit Trinity College (The Book of Kells), legendary pubs, museums, and beautiful squares and greens. We're back at our favorite hotel next door to James Joyce's local, the Bleeding Horse where we'll have our American Wake (farewell party). Don't count on an early night! **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel**

Day 7, October 16 – Friday: Dublin - USA

It's a short journey to Dublin Airport. We'll have time for some last-minute duty-free shopping and a pint of Guinness, before boarding our flight home. Somewhere along the way, I will have interviewed those willing for an upcoming Celtic Crush show. Remember this is merely a sketch of what you'll see and do. I can't even begin to describe the long days and nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and friends forever. But I do promise that this trip to Ireland will nourish your soul and give you a new lease on life.

Reservation Application

Larry Kirwan Tour of Ireland
October 10-16, 2020

Please reserve_____seat(s) on your October 10-16, 2020 Larry Kirwan Tour of Ireland (BLK2020)

Enclosed is a deposit of $_____($250 per person) **Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats**

2nd Deposit of $550 due by May 10, 2020 **FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 10, 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: $1869 Yes:_____

CC#: Expiration Date:

CC Signature: Sec Code:

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