

October 30-  
November 8, 2024



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for \$3195.00

# SCYTHIAN- TOUR OF IRELAND

**Hammond Tours Presents:**

## Daily Itinerary

**Day 1, October 30-Wednesday: USA - Ireland**  
Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland (Flight Not Included).

**Day 2, October 31-Thursday: Dublin Airport- Dublin.**  
Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your **Driver/Guide**. **The group will depart the airport at 10:00AM.** We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year-old city. We will then enjoy a tour of the Guinness Brewery. We will then be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. Check into our hotel LATE AFTERNOON. Dinner is on your own, suggestions will be provided. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel**

**Day 3, November 1-Friday: Dublin-Belfast**  
Leaving Dublin, we begin our adventures by driving north to the bustling town of Drogheda; nearby are the slaughter fields of the Battle of the Boyne (1690), hear how the Irish Jacobite was crushed and William of Orange became the inspiration for Northern Ireland's 'Marching Season'. Cross the border at Newry, viewing the British Military Fortifications in the Celtic Mythology steeped mountains of south Armagh. Then it's on to intriguing and beautiful Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic and once the second richest city in the British Empire. We enjoy a panoramic tour. After checking into your hotel, you are free to explore on your own.  
**Overnight Europa Hotel Belfast**

### Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers (1 group transfer on arrival & departure) and sightseeing.
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Eight (8 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Dublin-	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** <a href="http://www.camdencourthotel.com">www.camdencourthotel.com</a>
Belfast-	Europa Hotel- 2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.hastingshotel.com">www.hastingshotel.com</a>
Donegal-	Lough Eske Castle- 2 Nights ***** <a href="http://www.lougheskecastlehotel.com">www.lougheskecastlehotel.com</a>
Westport-	Castlecourt Hotel- 2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.castlecourt.ie">www.castlecourt.ie</a>
OR Westport	Plaza Hotel- 2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.westportplazahotel.ie">www.westportplazahotel.ie</a>
Dublin-	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** <a href="http://www.camdencourthotel.com">www.camdencourthotel.com</a>

- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, Three Dinners: 2 Lough Eske Castle & 1 Westport
- Admissions to Guinness Storehouse, Giants Causeway, Derry Walled in City Tour, Donegal Castle & Kylemore Abbey
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

### NOT INCLUDED:

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

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**Day 4, November 2-Saturday: Belfast- Giants Causeway.**

Morning departure from Belfast we travel north through the majestic Glens of Antrim. We travel along the spectacular coastline and on to the Giants Causeway. The phenomenal wonder of hexagonal columns expanding out to the North Atlantic is said to have been built by legendary Irish Folk Hero, Finn MacCool as “a pathway to Scotland” to see his beloved. We will also stop (view only) the Carrick-a-Rede bridge, one of Northern Ireland’s most loved attractions. Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, Carrick-a-Rede Island (home to a single building - a fisherman's cottage). Suspended almost 100ft (30m) above sea level, the rope bridge was first erected by salmon fishermen 350 years ago Crossing the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge **Overnight at the Europa Hotel.**

**Day 5, November 3- Sunday: Belfast- Derry- Lough Eske Castle**

After breakfast, we depart Belfast and make our way to 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 the Lough Eske Castle for overnight. A five-star castle located on a secluded estate just outside Donegal Town, Lough Eske Castle has a rich history dating back to the 1400’s. **Dinner & Overnight Lough Eske Castle.**

**Day 6, November 4 –Monday: Donegal.**

This morning after breakfast we travel to Glenveagh National Park, with a stop at Glenveagh Castle. This castle was modelled on Scotland’s Balmoral Castle. Henry McIlhenny made it a characterful home with liberal reminders of his passion for deerstalking. In fact, a few rooms lack a representation – or the taxidermied remains – of a stag. The most eye-catching of the flamboyantly decorated rooms are in the round tower, including the tartan-and-antler-encrusted music room and the pink candy-striped room demanded by Greta Garbo whenever she stayed here. The exotic gardens are similarly spectacular, boasting terraces, an Italian garden, a walled kitchen garden and the Belgian Walk, built by Belgian soldiers who stayed here during WWI. Their cultured charm is in marked contrast to the wildly beautiful landscape that unfolds the area. **Overnight at Lough Eske Castle Hotel.**

**Day 7, November 5- Tuesday: Donegal- Westport.**

After breakfast we depart Donegal and travel south, first stopping at Sligo, home of William Butler Yeats. Sligo is noted for good shopping, thriving art galleries and theatre. All of which is set amongst the backdrop of Benbulbin, a distinctive flat-topped mountain. We then continue to Knock. The Story of Knock began on the 21st August 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. The apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. From this miraculous occurrence Knock has grown to the status of an internationally recognized Marian Shrine. We make our way to Westport. This bright and vibrant town is a photogenic Georgian town with tree-lined streets, and a great vibe. With fine restaurants and pubs renowned for their music, it's a hugely popular place yet has never sold its soul to tourism. **Overnight Westport (Castlecourt Hotel or Westport Plaza)**

**Day 8, November 6-Wednesday: Donegal- Westport.**

After enjoying breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to tour The Connemara National Park. Connemara, (Conmaicnemara – the tribe of Cormac by the sea), white sandy 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. We then will stop to tour Kylemore Abbey. Nestled in the heart of Connemara, on the Wild Atlantic Way, Kylemore Abbey is a haven of history, beauty, and serenity. Home to a Benedictine order of Nuns for the past 100 years, Kylemore Abbey welcomes visitors from all over the world each year to embrace the magic of the magnificent 1,000-acre estate. **Overnight Westport (Castlecourt Hotel or Westport Plaza)**

**Day 9, November 7 –Thursday: Westport- Dublin.**

After a hearty Irish breakfast, we leave Westport and make our way to Dublin. We continue to Athlone in the center of Ireland In 1120 the Connaught king built the first of six successive wicker or wooden bridges, and in 1129 a castle to defend it. Bridge and castle were destroyed on behalf of the Meath kingdom and rebuilt by the Connaught kings' successively over the next forty years. In 1168 the Annals of the Four Masters record a residence in Athlone for the King of Connaught. The Cluniac priory was founded on the west bank in 1150. We continue our way to Dublin. This evening in Dublin you may want to make your way to Grafton St. Dublin's most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton St, 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 Camden Court Hotel.**

**Day 10, November 8 – Friday: Dublin - USA**

After breakfast we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition, we wish you a “Safe Home”.



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