

April 10-19, 2021



**\$2774.00**

Per Person (sharing)  
\$499 Departure Tax\*

**Land Only Tour Available  
for \$2424**

## SCYTHIAN – THE GRAND IRISH TOUR

**Hammond Tours Presents:**

### Daily Itinerary

**Day 1, April 10 – Saturday: USA - Ireland**

Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served while in flight.

**Day 2, April 11 – Sunday: Dublin**

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport, we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first full Irish breakfast (on own expense). 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, April 12 – Monday: Dublin – Lough Eske Castle**

Today after breakfast, we make our way to Lough Eske Castle. Powerful 14<sup>th</sup> century clans of Donegal, the O'Donnell's had their seat here, wealthy landowners ruled from here and Edwardian glamour was played out. In 1861 the new Lough Eske Castle, as we know it today, was built on the site of the old Brooke Mansion. Always a place for entertaining international guests since 1861, Lough Eske Castle remains full of warm Donegal hospitality today as it did over 150 years ago. **Dinner and Overnight at Lough Eske Castle.**

*Itinerary continued on next page*

### Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC to Ireland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
  - Deluxe motor coach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish driver and guide
  - Accommodations for 8 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
    - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) \*\*\*\*
    - Lough Eske Castle, Donegal (2 Nights)\*\*\*\*\*
    - Imperial Hotel, Galway (2 Nights) \*\*\*
    - The Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney (2 Nights) \*\*\*\*
    - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) \*\*\*\*
  - Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
  - 3 hotel dinners in (2 Donegal), 1(1 Galway)
  - Musical performances by Scythian (details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
  - Admissions to Guinness Storehouse, Glenveagh National Park, 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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**Day 4, April 13 – Tuesday: 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, few rooms lack a representation – or the taxidermized 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 enfolds the area. **Dinner & Overnight at Lough Eske Castle Hotel.**

**Day 5, April 14 – Wednesday: Donegal-Sligo-Galway .** After breakfast we depart Donegal and travel south first stopping at Sligo, home of William Butler Yeats. 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. Traveling south we head into Galway City. This youthful bustling town has uniqueness unto itself. **Overnight at The Imperial Hotel Galway.**

**Day 6, April 15 – Thursday: Galway(Aran Island Optional Tour)** This morning after breakfast you may choose to enjoy an optional tour of the Aran Islands. Easily visible from the coast of counties Galway and Clare along the Wild Atlantic Way, the rocky, wind-buffeted Aran Islands have a desolate beauty that draws countless day-trippers. Inishmore (Irish: Inis Mór) is the largest island and home to the only town, Kilronan. Inishmaan (Inis Meáin) preserves its age-old traditions and evokes a sense of timelessness. It is Well known internationally with over 50 different monuments of Christian, pre-Christian and Celtic mythological heritage. There is not far you can go before being somewhere where there is something of historical interest and little reason to question its importance in modern Irish Culture. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. For those of you that choose not to do the tour you have the day free to explore Galway on your own. **Dinner & Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway**

**Day 7, April 16 – Friday: Galway-Cliffs of Moher-Killarney**

Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place – The Burren, 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 ascetic beauty. Continuing to the Cliffs of Moher are astonishing 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 will travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you will see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca,

Lahinch. We then arrive in Killarney. **Overnight Killarney Towers Hotel.**

**Day 8, April 17 – Saturday: 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Killarney Towers Hotel**

**Day 9, April 18 – Sunday: Killarney-Dublin** After breakfast we depart for Dublin. On arrival we take a panoramic tour of the city. You will be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons, The G.P.O. on O'Connell Street 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 late 70's and finally a stop at with an optional inside visit to Trinity College to view the 8<sup>th</sup> century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. You might enjoy just walking the grounds This afternoon some free time to explore. You may want to see Dublin's most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton St, the bustling heart of the city centre. You will 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 10, April 19 – Monday: 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".



# Reservation Application

## SCYTHIAN – The Grand Irish Tour

### April 10-19, 2021

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your April 10-19, 2021 Scythian Grand Irish Tour (SCY041921)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$450 due by November 10, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 10, 2021

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: \$799 (Limited number available) Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Land only: \$2349 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CC Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL ARAN ISLAND TOUR: \$65 per person which you would pay when in Ireland.**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS**  
**AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

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