

November 4-13, 2023



Land Only Tour Available
for \$2745.00

SCYTHIAN- THE GRAND IRISH TOUR

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, November 4-Saturday: USA - Ireland
Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland (Flight Not Included).

Day 2, November 5-Sunday: Dublin
Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide at 10:00AM. 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, November 6-Monday: Dublin-Cork
After breakfast we depart Dublin. We travel through the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy a visit to Kilkenny Castle, which has been completely refurbished in recent years. This impressive Victorian building was erected in the mid-19th century when it served as a home to the Hackett family. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Cork City, home to several magnificent churches including St. Ann's and St. Finbar's Cathedral. Cork City is the second largest city in Ireland and takes its name from the Irish word Corcaigh meaning "marshy place". The ancestral home of America's automobile pioneer, Henry Ford is located here. **Dinner and overnight River Lee Cork**

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:
 - Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights ****
www.camdencourthotel.com (Nov 5)
 - Cork- River Lee Hotel- 2 Nights ****
www.doylecollection.com (Nov 6 & 7)
 - Killarney- Killarney Towers Hotel- 2 Nights ****
www.killarneytowers.com (Nov 8 & 9)
 - Galway- The Galmont Hotel- 2 Night ****
www.thegalmont.com (Nov 10 & 11)
 - Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights ****
www.camdencourthotel.com (Nov 12)
- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, Three Dinners: 1 Cork, 1 Killarney & 1 Galway
- Admissions to Guinness Storehouse, Kilkenny Castle & Cliffs of Moher
- 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 7-Tuesday: Cork-Kinsale-Cork

After breakfast we travel south to Kinsale. 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. Charles Fort, a popular attraction was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles' were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) Cork Street, Kinsale, built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. Desmond Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of Independence. Known locally as 'The French Prison' after a tragic fire in which 54 prisoners, mainly French seamen, died in 1747. The castle was also used as a borough jail from 1791 to the onset of the Great Famine when it was used as an auxiliary workhouse tending to the starving populace. Time to explore this area. We return to Cork. **Overnight River Lee Hotel Cork.**

Day 5, November 8- Wednesday: Cork- Killarney. We enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning. Our First 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 (STONE & CASTLE ARE OPTIONAL); 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. Onward to our destination Killarney. **Dinner and overnight Killarney Towers Hotel.**

Day 6, November 9 –Thursday: 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 Slea 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 Towers Hotel.**

Day 7, November 10- Friday: Killarney- Galway. Today after breakfast we depart Killarney and make our way to Bunratty for a group photo. We then 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 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 **Dinner and overnight at the Galmont Hotel.**

Day 8, November 11-Saturday: Galway. Connemara Peninsula 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 sand 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 will also make a stop at the Connemara Marble factory for touring and shopping. Overnight at the Galmont Hotel

Day 9, November 12 – Sunday: Galway-Dublin. After a hearty Irish breakfast, we leave Galway 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 13 – 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 Irish Tour

November 4-13, 2023

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your November 4-13, 2023, Scythian Irish Tour (SCY110622)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$450 due by June 4, 2023 FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 4, 2023

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: \$869 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

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

CC#: _____

Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____

Sec Code: _____

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