

September 12-19, 2020



\$2375

Per Person (sharing)
\$499 Departure Tax*

**Land Only Tour Available
for \$1899**

ALTAN'S TOUR OF IRELAND – THE GAP OF DREAMS TOUR

Hammond Tours Presents:

Tour Includes:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, September 12 – Saturday: USA - Dublin

Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland.

Day 2, September 13 – Sunday: Dublin - Galway

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. We begin our journey by traveling west 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. The bridge and castle were destroyed on behalf of the Meath kingdom and rebuilt by the Connaught Kings' successively over the next forty years. Then we make our way to Galway. Arty, bohemian Galway is one of Ireland's most engaging cities. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while restaurants and cafes offer front-row seats for observing buskers and street theatre. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling handcrafted Claddagh rings, books and musical instruments, bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill, on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters. Enjoy some time on your own in Galway this afternoon.

Overnight at the Imperial Hotel

Day 3, September 14 – Monday: Galway - Westport

This morning after breakfast we leave Galway and travel to the Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs are an astonishing impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203m, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly

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- Roundtrip airfare from NYC Area (Flight Schedule 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 6 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Imperial Hotel, Galway (1 Night) ***
 - Castlecourt Hotel, Westport (1 Night) ****
 - Sligo Southern Hotel, Sligo (1 Night) ****
 - An Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel, Gaoth Dabhair (1 Night) ****
 - Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen (1 Night) *****
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 2 dinners in Gaoth Dabhair and Westport
- Musical performances by Altan (details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
- Admissions to the Cliff of Moher, Slieve League and Ceide Fields
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage 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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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. Then onto Westport, few towns in Ireland can match Westport's charisma and continental flavor. Cheerful and multi-colored shopfronts jostle for attention with an attractive selection of pubs, cafés and restaurants. Little wonder it has become one of Ireland's most popular and cosmopolitan holiday destinations. Heading north along the coast, Kylemore Abbey may be next. This extraordinary neo-gothic abbey looms at the base of the hill at Kylemore Lake. The highlight is the recently restored Gothic chapel, a cathedral in miniature with a plain, simple cemetery on one side and a lavish Victorian garden on the other. This is another often photographed vista from Ireland.

Overnight at the Castlecourt Hotel

Day 4, September 15 – Tuesday: Westport - Achill Island - Sligo

After breakfast we travel to Achill Island. Achill is a large mountainous island connected to the mainland by bridge. The island's magnificent cliff scenery, sandy beaches and hospitality ensure a steady and successful tourist trade. Located on the island's west coast is Doon Kilmore, one of Ireland's most elaborate promontory forts. From there we make our way to Ceide Fields, this otherwise barren site, 8km northwest of Ballycastle, is considered the world's most extensive Stone Age monument. Stone-walled fields, houses and megalithic tombs – about half a million tonnes of stone – have been found so far, the legacy of a 5000-year-old farming community. The visitor centre, in a glass pyramid overlooking the site, gives a fascinating glimpse into these times. We then make our way to Sligo. **Overnight at the Sligo Southern Hotel**

Day 5, September 16 – Wednesday: Sligo - Slieve League - Gaoth Dobhair

We depart Sligo and travel via the fishing village of Killybeggs to Slieve League. We visit the Sea Cliffs. Standing at the viewing point on Slieve League in Donegal Ireland an amazing sea vista and landscape open before you. From here we can see across Donegal Bay to counties Letrim, Sligo and Mayo, out to the west is the Atlantic Ocean as far as the eye can see. North west is Rathlin O' Byrne island and Glencolmcille and here beside you of course are the magnificent cliffs of Slieve League. Rising almost 2000 feet from the Atlantic, one of the highest sea cliffs in Europe and twice as high as the Cliffs of Moher. We then continue to your hotel in Gaoth Dobhair. **Dinner and overnight at the An Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel**

Day 6, September 17 – Thursday: Gaoth Dobhair - Enniskillen

After breakfast we travel south. We make our way to Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. Its location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates back to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Cole's Monument. Cole's Monument was built in the memory of Cole who was one of Wellington's Generals at Waterloo. He is standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought alongside one another at Waterloo. It was in 1790's that the Fermanagh Militia was established, to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. **Overnight at the Lough Erne Resort**

Day 7, September 18 – Friday: Enniskillen - Dublin

Today after breakfast we start out for Dublin. Along the way we will travel through Cavan. Cavan is a remote paradise for boaters, anglers,

walkers and cyclists. Known as the 'Lake Country', there's supposedly a lake for every day of the year (including leap years). Between them is a gentle landscape of meandering streams, bogs and drumlins, enjoy the views that appear unexpectedly around each bend. Continuing on to Dublin. Enjoy some time this afternoon walking the streets are a busy fusion of both past and present – a 1,000-year-old mix that has inspired writers, visitors and political firebrands alike. From the city's Viking roots by the banks of the river Liffey, to its atmospheric medieval churches along gracious Georgian streets, walk these streets and you'll be taking a journey through history.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel

Day 8, September 19 – Saturday: Dublin - USA

Today we are privately transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home.



Reservation Application

Altan's Tour of Ireland – The Gap of Dreams Tour September 12-19, 2020

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your September 12-19, 2020 Altan's Gap of Dreams Ireland Tour (ALT2020)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by April 8, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 8, 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: \$1899 Yes: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

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