# October 13-24, 2021



# HOOLEY HOLIDAY IN IRELAND

# 2021 WITH THE FENIANS

# **Hammond Tours Presents:**

## **Daily Itinerary**

**Day 1, October 13 – Wednesday: USA - Ireland** Depart USA for your overnight flight to Ireland.

#### Day 2, October 14 – Thursday: Dublin - Cork

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish driver/guides. We continue on through the Wicklow Mountains to visit Glendalough, the Monastic Settlement of St. Kevin in the 6th century. We travel through the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy an optional visit to Kilkenny Castle which has been completely refurbished in recent years. The 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. **Overnight at the River Lee Hotel in Cork** 

#### Day 3, October 15 - Friday: East Cork Tour

After breakfast we begin our tour of East Cork. Ballycotton is perched on the cliffs overlooking one of the many blue flag beaches in East Cork. This quaint little port is legendary for its sea angling and spectacular cliff walk. Cobh ascends from the sea and splendidly dominates Cork Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. This colorful town has experienced invasion, emigration, transportation and a wealth of maritime adventures. St Colman's Cathedral overlooks the brightly colored town and the inner islands of the harbour, Haulbowline and Spike, are a stunning sight to behold. It was the last port of call of the ill-fated Titanic. Midleton is

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If you have ever traveled on one of our Fenian's tours in the past deduct \$50

# **Tour Includes:**

- Roundtrip airfare from LAX or NY to Ireland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish driver and guide
- Accommodations for 10 nights
- (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
- River Lee Hotel, Cork (3 Nights) \*\*\*\*
  Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney (3 Nights) \*\*\*\*
- Imperial Hotel, Galway (3 Nights) \*\*\*
- Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) \*\*\*\*
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 2 dinners in Cork and Killarney
- Musical performances by the Fenians (details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
- Admissions to the Cliffs of Moher, Glendalough and Midleton Distillery
- 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

OPTIONAL Independent Dublin stay after tour: • See application for details and pricing

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the vibrant centre of East Cork and is in the heart of a rich agricultural hinterland. This bustling nucleus is renowned for its fine food culture and lively pubs. Legend has it that it was here in Ireland that whiskey was invented. Today it is home to the largest potstill in the Aficionados of a particularly fine Irish whiskey will recognize the name Midleton, and the main reason to linger in this bustling market town is to visit the Old Midleton Whiskey Distillery. **Dinner and overnight at the River Lee Hotel in Cork** 

#### Day 4, October 16 - Saturday: Cork - Kinsale - Cork

After breakfast we meet our driver guide and then it is onto Kinsale for some sightseeing. 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. The quaint streets are lined with local shops filled with local artist painting and pottery. Some of the most award-winning restaurants in Ireland are in Kinsale. Why not have lunch today at fishy fish if you like, one of the best restaurants in Kinsale. Plenty of time to explore this artist haven. **Overnight at the River Lee Hotel in Cork** 

#### Day 5, October 17 - Sunday: 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). There's 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. **Overnight at the Killarney Plaza Hotel** 

Day 6, October 18 – Monday: 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 Plaza Hotel** 

#### Day 7, October 19 - Tuesday: Killarney on your own

Today enjoy a day on your own in Killarney. Everything is right outside of your city center hotel. Killarney is considered part of the Wild Atlantic Way due to its colorful 19th century buildings. You may want to enjoy the Irish tradition of a jaunting car ride (horse and carriage) through Killarney and visiting some of the lovely parks. **Dinner and overnight at the Killarney Plaza Hotel** 

#### Day 8, October 20 - Wednesday: Killarney - Galway

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, where 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 which 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 stand etched on the waters of Galway Bay, and beyond lie the hills of Connemara. As you leave the cliffs you'll travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you'll see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel in Galway** 

**Day 9, October 21 – 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 isn't far you can go before being somewhere where there's 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. **Overnight at the Imperial Hotel in Galway** 

Day 10, October 22 – Friday: 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. Known as the capital of Connemara, Clifden is a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. 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. We will also make a stop at the Connemara Marble factory for touring and shopping. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel in Galway

#### Day 11, October 23 - Saturday: 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 Street. Dublin's most famous street is pedestrianized Grafton Street, 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 at the Camden Court Hotel in Dublin

#### Day 12, October 24 - Sunday: Dublin - USA

After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport. On the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you "Safe Home".



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Please reserve seat(s) on your October	13-24, 2021 Feniar	s' Tour of Ireland (FEN2021)
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