

February 6-13, 2021



\$2119

Per Person (sharing)
\$499 Departure Tax*

**Land Only Tour Available for
\$1769**

JOIN SEAN MCGUINNESS

of "THE DUBLIN CITY RAMBLERS" on his TOUR OF IRELAND

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, February 6 – Saturday: USA - Ireland

Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment are served shortly after take-off.

Day 2, February 7 – Sunday: Dublin

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year-old city. You will see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons and 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 the late 70's and finally Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. We will then be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. Dinner is on your own. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel**

Day 3, February 8 – Monday: Dublin - Killarney

Today after breakfast we journey to Killarney. We are all very proud of our vibrant 'little' town and the incredibly beautiful surrounding countryside which makes Killarney a very special place indeed. Brim full of history, heritage, activities, and world class hospitality, Killarney is one of the most picturesque towns in all of Ireland.

Itinerary continued on next page

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from NYC 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 6 nights (as follows or similar in standard rooms)
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
 - International Hotel, Killarney (2 Nights) ****
 - Kilkenny Rivercourt Hotel, Kilkenny (2 Nights) ****
 - Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (1 Night) ****
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
- 2 dinners in Kilkenny and Killarney
- Musical performances by Sean McGuinness (details to come as we get closer to the tour date)
- Admissions to Glendalough, Rock of Cashel and Walking tour of Waterford
- 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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The landscape is nothing short of spectacular and comes with a stunning drive into town. **Dinner and overnight at the Killarney International Hotel**

Day 4, February 9 – Tuesday: Killarney

After breakfast we enjoy a full day tour of “The Ring”. There is an unspoiled nature to Ireland’s most beautiful region and the Ring of Kerry provides many unforgettable memories as it passes through the many picturesque villages such as Glenbeigh, Waterville and Sneem and returns via Ladies’ View and the famous Lakes of Killarney. Time permitting you might also enjoy an hour of horseback riding at the Killarney Stables. Be sure and visit one of the three Lakes of Killarney; Lough Leane, The Upper Lake and The Lower Lake which is near the town. Upon arrival there is an optional visit to Muckross House and Gardens. Muckross House was built for Henry Herbert and his wife, the watercolorist Mary Balfour Herbert. This was actually the fourth house that successive generations of the Herbert family had occupied at Muckross over a period of almost two hundred years. After visiting the 19th century Manor Home and splendid gardens we enjoy a jaunting cart ride through Killarney National Park en route back to our Killarney hotel.

Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel

Day 5, February 10 – Wednesday: Killarney - Kilkenny

After a full Irish breakfast we make our way to Blarney Castle, (admission to the castle is not included) which 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. There will be 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. Next we make our way to the Rock of Cashel. The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland’s most spectacular historic sites: a prominent green hill, banded with limestone outcrops, rising from a grassy plain and bristling with ancient fortifications. Sturdy walls circle an enclosure containing a complete round tower, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral and the finest 12th-century Romanesque chapel in Ireland, home to some of the land’s oldest frescoes. **Dinner and overnight at the Kilkenny**

Rivercourt Hotel

Day 6, February 11 – Thursday: Kilkenny

After breakfast we continue on to Waterford to do a walking tour and to see the Waterford Viking Triangle which is part of the cultural and heritage area in Waterford City. It is so called because of the 1000-year-old Viking walls which once surrounded it. Perhaps the most famous building in the triangle is Reginald’s Tower (which contains the Viking Museum). It the oldest urban civic building in the country, situated on the Quays/The Mall, in Waterford. It has performed various functions over the years and today is a civic museum. The triangle is also the site of the Medieval Museum and the Bishop’s Palace Museum, collectively known as Waterford Museum of Treasures. After lunch our journey continues to Kilkenny. Along the way is Kilkenny Castle, rising above the River Nore. Kilkenny Castle is one of Ireland’s most visited heritage sites. Stronghold of the powerful Butler family, it has a history dating back to the 12th century, though much of its present look dates from Victorian times. **Overnight at the Kilkenny Rivercourt**

Day 7, February 12 – Friday: Kilkenny - Dublin

After our Irish breakfast at our hotel we head north. We travel through Wicklow, a wild pleasure garden of coastline, woodland and daunting mountains through which runs the country's most popular walking trail. Stretching 127km from Dublin's southern suburbs to the rolling fields of County Carlow, the Wicklow Way leads walkers along disused military supply lines, old bog roads and forest trails. Along the way you can explore monastic ruins, handsome gardens and some magnificent 18th-century mansions. Along the way we will also see Glendalough, monastic settlement of St. Kevin in the 6th century. The substantial remains of this important monastic settlement are certainly impressive, but an added draw is the splendid setting: two dark and mysterious lakes tucked into a long, glacial valley fringed by forest. It is, despite its immense popularity, a deeply tranquil and spiritual place, and you will have little difficulty in understanding why those solitude-seeking monks came here in the first place. Then it is onto Dublin.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel**Day 8, February 13 – Saturday: Dublin - USA**

Today you will be transported to Dublin Airport for your flight home.



Reservation Application

Sean McGuinness' Tour of Ireland

February 6-13, 2021

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your February 6-13, 2021 Sean McGuinness' Tour of Ireland (SM21)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by July 10, 2020

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: October 6, 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: \$599 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

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

Land only: \$1769 Yes: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICIPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL

(There are no deviations on group flights, if deviating dates please select Land Only and you can purchase your own airfare direct from airline. We also cannot select seats on group air blocks.)

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