

October 18-26, 2024

\$2525.00 PER PERSON SHARING

LAND ONLY PRICE

The Gap of Dreams Tour !



Altan's Tour of Ireland

The band will play a session every evening at various pubs along the way with local musicians and visitors on the tour!!

Day 1 October 18 Friday	USA-Dublin. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland (Flight Not Included)
Day 2 October 19 Saturday	Dublin-Westport. Arrive Dublin where after clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guides. The tour will start at Dublin Airport at 10:00AM. The route between Dublin and Westport takes you on a journey through the heart of Ireland's scenic countryside, offering a blend of rolling green hills, quaint villages, and stunning coastal vistas. Departing from Dublin, you'll travel westward, passing through charming towns like Mullingar and Longford. As you continue west, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the Nephin Beg mountain range before arriving in the picturesque coastal town of Westport. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in Ireland's rich history and natural beauty, making memories that will last a lifetime. Dinner & Overnight Westport Coast Hotel.
Day 3 October 20 Sunday	Westport- Connemara- Westport. After breakfast, we depart the hotel and tour the Connemara region. Driving through Connemara is like entering a realm of rugged beauty and untamed wilderness. As we navigate the winding roads that snake through this captivating region on the west coast of Ireland, you'll find yourself surrounded by a landscape of stark contrasts. Rolling green hills stretch out as far as the eye can see, punctuated by craggy mountains and shimmering lakes. Sheep graze peacefully on lush pastures, while ancient stone walls crisscross the countryside, remnants of centuries past. The ever-changing weather adds to the drama, with sunlight dancing on the surface of secluded lakes one moment and misty clouds shrouding the mountain peaks the next. Every twist and turn of the road reveals a new vista more breathtaking than the last, inviting you to pause and take in the natural splendor. We return to Westport. Overnight Westport Coast Hotel.
Day 4 October 21 Monday	Westport- Donegal. Leaving Westport behind, we'll travel northward, passing through quaint villages and rolling green hillsides. The road meanders alongside shimmering lakes and tranquil rivers, offering breathtaking views at every turn. As you approach Sligo, the landscape transitions to dramatic mountains and sweeping valleys. Take some time to explore Sligo town, nestled between the majestic Benbulbin and Knocknarea mountains. Rich in history and culture, Sligo is renowned for its connection to the poet W.B. Yeats and its vibrant arts scene. Continuing our journey, you'll traverse the scenic countryside of County Sligo, with its rugged coastline and sandy beaches. The road then leads you into County Donegal, where you'll encounter even more awe-inspiring vistas. From towering sea cliffs to lush forests and cascading waterfalls, Donegal's natural beauty is simply breathtaking. We then make our way to Lough Eske Castle. Dinner & Overnight Lough Eske Castle.
Day 5 October 22 Tuesday	Donegal- Gweedore. Departing Donegal, you'll travel northwest along winding roads that hug the coastline, providing panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. We 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 Glencolmille 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 continue to Gweedore. Dinner & Overnight An Chuiirt Hotel.
Day 6 October 23 Wednesday	Gaoth Dobhair- Today we start out traveling through Gaoth Dobhair passing the mystical Lough Altan, from which the band gets its name nestled in the shadow of beautiful mount Errigal. We then make our way into the Gaeltacht area of Gaoth Dobhair, where Gaelic is the common language and where the band gets its inspiration and music. This is where the band started its thirty-year career playing at sessions in Huidi Beag's pub in nearby Bunbeg and playing concerts at various local events. This is a very important cultural area where the likes of Altan, Enya, Clannad, some of the Bothy Band, Daniel O'Donnell and Moya Brennan were born, some of the most important musicians in the Irish music scene. Dinner & Overnight at Au Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel.
Day 7 October 24 Thursday	Gweedore- Enniskillen. Departing from Gweedore, you'll navigate winding roads that meander through lush green valleys and rolling hills, providing glimpses of traditional Irish life along the way. As you continue your journey, you'll cross the border into Northern Ireland, where the scenery transitions to the tranquil beauty of County Fermanagh. The road leads you through charming

	villages and picturesque countryside, with sparkling lakes and dense forests creating a serene backdrop for your travels. Eventually, you'll arrive at Lough Erne Resort, a luxurious retreat nestled on the shores of Lough Erne. Surrounded by pristine woodland and overlooking the tranquil waters of the lake, the resort offers a peaceful oasis where you can unwind and rejuvenate amidst the natural beauty of the Irish countryside. Dinner and Overnight Lough Erne Resort.
Day 8 October 25 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, enjoying the views that appear unexpectedly around each bend. Continuing 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 Camden Court Hotel.
Day 9 October 26 Saturday	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".

Your Tour Includes:

- **Deluxe motor coach vehicle from October 19th Dublin Airport until arrival in Dublin on October 25th.**
- **One group transfer on departure.**
- **Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
- **Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
 - Westport- Westport Coast Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.westportcoasthotel.ie**
 - Donegal- Lough Eske Castle- 1 Night ***** www.lougheskecastle.com**
 - Gaoth Dabhair- An Chuiirt Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.anchuirthotel.com**
 - Enniskillen- Lough Erne Resort- 1 Night ***** www.loughernerresort.com**
 - Dublin- Camden Court Hotel- 1 Night **** www.camdencourthotel.com**
- **Full Irish Breakfast daily**
- **Five Dinners: 1 in Westport, 2 in Gaoth Dabhair, 1 at Lough Eske, 1 at Lough Erne**
- **Admission to Slieve League Cliffs and Kylemore Abbey**
- **Porterage of one suitcase per person**
- **Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)**

***Cancellation Penalties:** (LAND) If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.*

To make a reservation go to www.hammondtraveltours.com and tours.

The nonrefundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to secure your spot.

The second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 6/18/2024.

The final payment is due 08/18/24. Reminders will be sent.

If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of \$729.00.

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