

October 20-28, 2023

\$2344.00 PER PERSON SHARING

LAND ONLY PRICE- GROUP AIRFARE WILL BE
OFFERED IN JUNE 2023

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 20 Friday	USA-Dublin
Day 2 October 21 Saturday	Dublin-Belfast. Arrive Dublin where after clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guides. Tour will start at Dublin Airport at 10:00AM. Leaving Dublin, we begin our adventures by driving north to the bustling town of Drogheda; nearby are the slaughter fields of the Battle of the Boyne(1690), hear how the Irish Jacobite was crushed and William of Orange became the inspiration for Northern Ireland's 'Marching Season'. Cross the border at Newry, viewing the British Military Fortifications in the Celtic Mythology steeped mountains of south Armagh. Then it's on to intriguing and beautiful Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic and once the second richest city in the British Empire. We enjoy a panoramic tour. You then will have the option to visit the Titanic Museum (Optional). After checking into your hotel you are free to explore on your own. Overnight Europa Hotel Belfast.
Day 3 October 22 Sunday	Belfast-Giant's-Causeway-Derry. This morning we experience one of Ireland's most magnificent scenic routes. It's onto the Giant's Causeway (included). This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava. Legend also has it that the Giant's Causeway was built by the ancient giant, Fionn Mac Cumhail. Climb the Shepherd's Steps and hike along the cliff-top trail to get a bird's eye view of the beautiful causeway coast. We then make our way to Derry. Overnight City Hotel Derry.
Day 4 October 23 Monday	Derry – Gaoth Dabhair. After breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel. Today we will head north to Fanad Head. The second most northerly point in Donegal, Fanad Head thrusts out into the Atlantic to the east of Rosguill. The peninsula curls around the watery expanses of Mulroy Bay to the west, Lough Swilly to the east, the latter edged with high cliffs and sandy beaches. We then make our way to Glenveagh National Park. Glenveagh National Park (included) - covers 14000 hectares of mountains, lakes, glens and woods with a resident red deer herd. The Visitor Centre houses exhibitions, an audio-visual show and a restaurant. Glenveagh castle is surrounded by some of the finest gardens in Ireland as well as the highest mountain in Donegal, Mt. Errigal. We then make our way to Gaoth Dabhair for the night. Gaoth Dabhair is a very special place for the band as well as traditional Irish Music. This is the heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht, where Altan evolved as a band! Dinner & Overnight at Au Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel.
Day 5 October 24 Tuesday	Gaoth Dabhair- 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 Moyà Brennan were born, some of the most important musicians in the Irish music scene. Dinner & Overnight at Au Chuiirt Gweedore Court Hotel.
Day 6 October 25 Wednesday	Gaoth Dabhair- Slieve League- Solis Lough Eske Castle. We depart Gaoth Dabhair 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 Leitrim, 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. Next stop is at Donegal Castle (included) . The castle is first mentioned in 1544 in connection with wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600 it had been taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601 We then make our way to the Solis Lough Eske Castle for overnight. A five-star castle located on a secluded estate just outside Donegal Town, Lough Eske Castle has a rich history dating back to the 1400's. Dinner & Overnight Solis Lough Eske Castle.

<p>Day 7 October 26 Thursday</p>	<p>Donegal- Enniskillen. After breakfast we depart and 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 to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is Standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, and some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought along-side 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. Dinner & Overnight at Lough Erne Resort.</p>
<p>Day 8 October 27 Friday</p>	<p>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 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.</p>
<p>Day 9 October 28 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin- Dublin Airport. Today we are privately transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home.</p>

Your Tour Includes:

- **Deluxe motor coach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing**
 - **Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
 - **Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**
 - Belfast- Europa Hotel- 1 Night **** www.hstingshotels.com**
 - Derry- City Hotel Derry- 1 Night **** www.cityhotelderry.com**
 - Gaoth Dabhair- An Chuir Hotel- 2 NightS **** www.anchuirhotel.com**
 - Donegal- Lough Eske Castle- 1 Night ***** www.lougheskecastle.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 Belfast, 2 in Gaoth Dabhair, 1 at Lough Eske, 1 at Lough Erne**
 - **Admission to Giants Causeway, Slieve League, Glenveagh National Park & Donegal Castle**
 - **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.***

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 20-28, 2023, Ireland Tour (**ALT2023**)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

2nd Deposit of \$550.00 due May 20, 2023

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 20, 2023

Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B. _____

Companion Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ email: _____

Other passengers traveling with me _____

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

**YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION.
PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE**

Cancellation Insurance is available through Travel Guard (www.travelguard.com) or Allianz (www.allianztravelinsurance.com)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$699.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express.

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 15 PARTICIPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

(If Paying by Check, Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours

If Paying by Credit Card, please email operations@hammondtraveltours.com for a secure credit card link)

Send check and application to:

HAMMOND TOURS

34 Wedgewood Lane

Voorheesville, NY 12186

TEL: 518-765-2056 or 1-866-486-8772 (toll-free) Email: operations@hammondtraveltours.com