

October 19-26, 2024



JOIN LARRY KIRWAN ON A TOUR OF IRELAND!

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 19 – Saturday: USA – Ireland Overnight flight from the US to Dublin Ireland. Though we strongly suggest traveling the day before, or earlier, and spending the night of October 19th in Dublin to allow for a fresh start on Day 2, October 20th, in Ireland.

Day 2, October 20– Sunday: Dublin – Cliffs of Moher – Galway. The Tour Begins at the airport! After clearing customs, travelers arriving from the US, along with the great majority already in Dublin, are united and met by your Hammond Tours Irish Driver Guides at 8am. Check in with Patrick Foley and Bob Reed at Terminal 2 (Arrivals) underneath the “Golden Knot” Sculpture. **The Tour leaves Dublin Airport at 9am.** You will see 7 of Ireland’s 32 counties - Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Tipperary, Limerick and Clare as we travel across Ireland to The Cliffs of Moher. These sheer wild walls rise from the Atlantic Ocean to a height of nearly 700 feet and are a sight to behold. Some years back we watched a gentle mist come in from the ocean. Within minutes it had enveloped us and dispatched any traces of jet lag. We then pass through the solitary beauty of The Burren, a craggy bed of limestone dotted with tiny plants and flowers that thrive in the mild winters. We’ll see ring forts, cairns, holy wells and tombs that date back thousands of years. Then on to the tribal city of Galway (Kirwans were one of the original 12 tribes)! Galway is one of the most youthful cities in Europe and is full of craic. It boasts many street performers, bookshops, pubs, cafes and a vibrant nightlife. We’ll check in to the water-view Galmont Hotel. That evening we’ll gather for our Welcome Dinner at The Galmont. Later on, we’ll head out to Tigh Neachtain or Tig Coili or one of the other great pubs with traditional Irish music. **Welcome Dinner & Overnight at the Galmont Hotel in Galway**

Day 3, October 21: Monday- Galway - Rossaveal - Inis Mór, Aran Islands After a full Irish breakfast, we travel along the edge of legendary Galway Bay with beautiful Connemara in the hinterland and do a tour of the main Aran Island, Inis Mór. We leave by ferry from Rossaveal and land at Kilronan on Inis Mór. There we’ll spend the day in the midst of Gaelic culture. We’ll visit Dún Aonghasa, a semi- circular stone fort 300 feet above the crashing Atlantic originally settled over 3,500 years ago. No one knows who the settlers were or what befell them; this lends the site an air of mystery. We’ll be ferried around by minibus, so you’ll get to see the length and breadth of this bilingual Gaelic

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island. (If the weather is inclement and the ferries do not run, then we’ll do a tour of the breathtaking Connemara region instead.) Galway was once voted the friendliest city in the world and there’s so much to see. I like visiting St. Nicholas Church situated between medieval Eyre Square and the Spanish Arch. A little known fact is that Christopher Columbus worshipped here before setting off for the New World. For the literary inclined there’s no bookshop quite like Charlie Byrne’s. Stock up on gifts and rare treasures, and keep an eye out for the Galway Girl! Galway was once home of Steve Earle, The Waterboys, and The Saw Doctors **Overnight at the Galmont Hotel.**

Tour Includes:

- Professional Irish Driver Guide(s) from October 20 at 8:00AM until departure October 26, 2024.
 - Six (6) Nights’ Accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Galway- Galmont Hotel- 2 Nights ****
www.thegalmont.com
 - Killarney- Killarney Plaza -2 Nights ****
www.killarneyplaza.com
 - Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights ****
www.camdencourthotel.com
 - Full Irish Breakfast Daily (except day of arrival)
 - Two Hotel Dinners: Galway & Dublin
- Admissions as follows: Cliffs of Moher, Roundtrip Aran Island Ferry with tour of Island, 24 Hour Dublin Hop On Hop Off Bus Pass**
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach**
- Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide**
- Taxes and Service Charges except gratuity to driver/guide**
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
 - Portage of 1 suitcase per person (plus 1 carry-on bag)
 - All driver’s expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide) **NOT INCLUDED:**
 - Any items of a personal nature
 - Dinners and items not mentioned as included
 - Sightseeing not indicated as included

Day 4, October 22- Tuesday: Galway – Adare – Killarney

We'll leave Galway in the province of Connaught and travel through Munster and the counties of Clare and Limerick. We'll take a break in Adare, often called "the prettiest village in Ireland." Nearby Desmond Castle was built by the Fitzgerald family in the 13th Century. Then on through the Kingdom of Kerry to Killarney and one of my favorite walks in the world – from the legendary Kate Kearney's Cottage up the Gap of Dunloe and the Black Valley. With towering hills all around and a sweeping river, you're transported to another century. Killarney is justly famous for its scenery and from the Aghadoe viewing point we'll get a breathtaking overview of Ireland's most beautiful National Park. Then down to dramatic Ross Castle and a stroll along glorious Lough Leane. We'll check into our hotel which is walking distance to Murphy's, O'Donoghue's, the Dunloe Pub and others with traditional music, not forgetting the choice restaurants that local man, Patrick Foley, will recommend. **Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.**

Day 5, October 23- Wednesday: Killarney – Dingle - Killarney

In the morning we'll take in some more sights around Killarney, including a walk to the lovely Torc Waterfall at the foot of Torc Mountain. Then a stroll around the Tudor designed Muckross House and Gardens (visited by Queen Victoria and later owned by The Guinness family.) You could spend a full day here but we have more important business – the Dingle Peninsula! It's one of my favorite places on this planet! I don't know if it's the scenery, the history, the air, or the particular way that the land greets the sea, but Dingle works wonders on the troubled soul. The town itself is straight out of a storybook with fishing boats dancing in the harbor and scores of brightly painted pubs, some of which you'll visit. But first we'll head for windswept Sleat Head. On Dingle we'll see megalithic ruins, beehive style huts built by 12th century monks, the mysterious Blasket and Skellig Islands, and panoramic settings from the movies Ryan's Daughter and Star Wars. Then back to Killarney by way of Tralee, famous for its Rose. Then dinner on your own and more of Killarney's unique night life. **Overnight Killarney Plaza Hotel.**

Day 6, October 24-Thursday: Killarney – Cashel – Kilkenny – Dublin

We'll regretfully leave the Kingdom of Kerry and travel through North Cork and into Tipperary for a photo-stop at The Rock of Cashel (Cashel of the Kings). This stunning castle was the scene of much warfare down the centuries, and was sacked by Cromwell's forces, still much of its glory remains. Then on to the medieval city of Kilkenny which was such a hit with our travelers in 2023. We'll have a long stop for lunch and sightseeing, among other attractions the magnificent Castle and its grounds, St. Canice's and St. Mary's Cathedrals, Kytler's Inn, Smithwicks Brewery, and a hive of ancient streets and alleyways that would do justice to a Harry Potter movie. But Dublin is calling and we'll do a brief tour of the Quays and City Center so you'll know where you are after we check into our hotel. Then off into the night with you! Some of my favorite pubs are Neary's, Davy Byrne's and McDaid's (Brendan Behan's literary hangout). And for Traditional Music, The Cobblestone, O'Donoghue's (home of The Dubliners), The Palace Bar, The Brazen Head, but also ask our driver/guides, especially Dubliner Bob Reed for his adroit dinner and pub suggestions. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin**

Day 7, October 25- Friday: Dublin

This will be a free day and we'll provide you with day passes for the Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tours of Dublin. Just go where you will; there are trips offered to Kilmainham Jail, Guinness Storehouse, Book of Kells - Trinity College, National Museum of Ireland, National Gallery, etc. But do spend some time in some of Dublin's beautiful parks, St. Stephen's Green, Merrion Square or Phoenix Park, and for a big treat why not partake of afternoon tea in the Lord Mayor's Room at The Shelbourne Hotel (reservations & a jacket needed). The Chester Beatty Library in Dublin Castle is a well-kept secret with many treasures therein. If you fancy a visit to Kilmainham Jail do book online well before our visit – and likewise with my friend Lorcan Collins' 1916 Rebellion Walking Tour. Regardless, come back to the Camden Court in time for our farewell dinner, after which we shall all repair next door to The Bleeding Horse for our celebratory American Wake. **Dinner and Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.**

Day 8, October 26- Saturday: Dublin – USA

Those traveling back to the USA will be transported by bus to **Dublin Airport** where you'll say goodbye to our Irish Driver Guides and Hammond Tours Group Escorts. Do remember to "remember" these two amazing gentlemen Patrick Foley and Bob Reed, as they are both founts of knowledge and will make many valuable dining, drinking, and sightseeing suggestions to you in the course of your trip. This is merely a sketch of what you'll see and do, as Ireland is always full of surprises. I can't even begin to describe the long nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and **friends for life**. But I do know that this trip to Ireland will nourish your soul and add greatly to your life!!



Reservation Application

Larry Kirwan Tour of Ireland

October 19-26, 2024

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 19-26, 2024, Larry Kirwan Tour of Ireland (BLK2024)

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

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by May 19, 2024

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 19, 2024

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: \$699 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

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

Yes: _____

CC#: _____

Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____

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