October 17-24, 2027

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JOIN LARRY KIRWAN ON A TOUR OF IRELAND!

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 17 – Sunday: USA – Ireland Overnight flight from US to Dublin Ireland. Though we strongly suggest **traveling the day before, or earlier,** and spending the night of October 17th in Dublin to allow for a fresh start on Day 2, October 18th, in Ireland.

Day 2, October 18 – Monday: Dublin – Limerick – Killarney. The Tour begins at Dublin Airport! Travelers arriving from the US, along with the great majority already in Dublin, are 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 passing through Counties Kildare, Offaly, Laois, Tipperary and into Limerick City on the banks of the "broad majestic Shannon". Founded by the Vikings, the Normans conquered Limerick and built **King John's Castle** in 1210 which we'll tour and learn about Oliver Cromwell and King William of Orange who besieged it. A Treaty signed by William and Patrick Sarsfield in 1691 guaranteed religious freedom to the Irish but was soon broken, leading to two centuries of strife. From Limerick we'll head into the Kingdom of Kerry and its jewel **Killarney** where we'll have our **welcome dinner** and **Overnight at The Killarney Plaza**.

Day 3, October 19 – Tuesday: Killarney. This year we want to explore the gorgeous countryside of the Killarney area, and who better to guide us than local man **Patrick Foley**. We'll begin with the **Gap of Dunloe/Black Valley** and legendary **Kate Kearney's Cottage**. Amid towering hills and a sweeping river, you're transported to another century. Then from the **Aghadoe** viewing point we'll get a breathtaking overview of Ireland's most beautiful National Park. We'll travel by **jaunting cars** to dramatic **Ross Castle** then stroll along glorious **Lough Leane**. On to the lovely **Torc Waterfall** before a visit to Tudor designed **Muckross House and Gardens** (visited by Queen Victoria). Your choice of restaurants for dinner in cosmopolitan Killarney, and no doubt we'll meet at such pubs as Murphy's, O'Donoghue's, The Dunloe and others with traditional Irish Music. **Overnight The Killarney Plaza**.

Day 4, October 20 – Wednesday: Killarney – Kenmare – Glengariff – Bantry – Clonakilty – Cork City
We'll take the scenic route to Cork City through some of the most beautiful countryside in Ireland. We'll pass through **Kenmare** (Neidín in the song) on our way to the stunning **Caha Pass** and on into Glengariff in County Cork, where we'll visit stately **Bantry House and Gardens**. On to Clonakilty where I wrote **Big Fellah** for Black 47, featured in Sons of Anarchy; we'll explore the life of **Michael Collins** and visit his birthplace at Woodfield, Sam's Cross, a one-storied stone cottage, burned down by the Black & Tans in 1921. Onwards to Cork, the only Irish city Crushers have never visited. On the banks of the Lee, it was Rory Gallagher's hometown, we'll take in some music after we check into the legendary **Imperial Hotel** where **Michael Collins** spent his last night. **Overnight & Dinner Imperial Hotel Cork City.**

Day 5, October 21 – Thursday: Cork City – Kinsale – Cork. We'll stay relatively close to the city to luxuriate in our hotel whose visitors have included Frederick Douglass, Charles Dickens, Princess Grace of Monaco. Cork's main shopping districts are close by, while Rory Gallagher's Taste played their first gig within. But we will visit colorful **Kinsale**, and **Charles Fort** which guards the harbor. **Kinsale** is the gourmet capital of Ireland and you'll lunch in one of its 60 restaurants. Then back to Cork City to toast each other at the **Franciscan Well Brewery & Brew Pub**. Who would have guessed Friars could make a decent pint? Wonders never cease in Cork. Watch out for the ghosts of Rory Gallagher and Michael Collins in the pubs and clubs we'll suggest to you after dinner. **Overnight Imperial Hotel Cork**.

Day 6, October 22 – Friday: Cork City – Cashel – Dublin
Farewell to Rebel Cork and on to Tipperary. We've never visited the **Rock of Cashel** before but this fortress/monastic settlement once hosted St. Patrick, so let's explore. The view alone is spectacular. Then off to Dublin and a brief tour of the now vibrant high-tech Quays and the ancient City Center to give you a lay of the land before we check into our hotel. Enjoy your night on the town! How about a play at **The Abbey Theatre** or Smock Alley. Dublin's pubs are legendary, some of my favorites are The Stag's Head, Neary's, Mulligans of Poolbeg St., The Long Hall, and The Palace. For Irish Trad Music don't miss The Cobblestone, O'Donoghue's, The Brazen Head, or just follow your nose. It's hard to go wrong. **Overnight at Camden Court Dublin.**

Day 7, October 23 – Friday: Dublin City.
On our last full day in Dublin, consider visiting **Kilmainham Jail Museum**. A moving experience that will encompass much of Ireland's turbulent history. Book online well before you leave for Ireland. Today is a free day and we'll provide free day passes for the **Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tours** of Dublin. Go where you will but trips are offered to Kilmainham Jail, Guinness Storehouse, Book of Kells - Trinity College, National Museum of Ireland, National Gallery, etc. Don't forget Dublin's beautiful parks, St. Stephen's Green, Merrion Square, etc. A confidential tip – for stylish tweeds and linens, try family owned Kevin & Howlin 31 Nassau St. At 2:30pm I'll be at the **International Bar** on Wicklow Street to take a 1916 Rebellion Walking Tour with my old friend, **Lorcan Collins**, Dublin's premier history guide. It's not part of the Hammond Tour schedule, just show up with 20 Euros (a big discount) and get a unique historical tour of his city from a real "Dub." (Tour varies each year.) Farewell dinner at the Camden Court and American Wake following at **The Bleeding Horse** next door – a James Joyce local. **Dinner & Overnight at Camden Court Hotel, Dublin.**

Day 8, October 24 – Saturday: Dublin – USA. Those traveling home or further afield will be transported by bus to **Dublin Airport** where we'll say goodbye to our Driver Guides. There will be time for some last-minute duty-free shopping and, perhaps, a last pint of Guinness. This is a sketch of what you'll see and do on our long days and nights of fun and laughter that will leave you with warm memories and **friends for life**. But I do promise that this trip to Ireland will nourish your soul and add immeasurably to your life!

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

Transportation & Services

- **Professional Irish Driver Guide(s)** from October 18 at 8AM until departure October 24, 2027
- **Touring by Deluxe Touring Motorcoach**
- **Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide**
- **Porterage**

Accommodations — Six (6) Nights, as follows or similar

Killarney – Killarney Plaza Hotel ★★★★ www.killarneyplaza.com — 2 Nights (October 18 & 19)
Cork – Imperial Hotel ★★★★ www.imperialhotelcork.com — 2 Nights (October 20 & 21)
Dublin – Camden Court Hotel ★★★★ www.camdencourthotel.com — 2 Nights (October 22 & 23)

Meals

- **Full Irish Breakfast Daily** (except day of arrival)
- **Three Hotel Dinners:** Killarney (Oct 18), Cork (Oct 20) & Dublin (Oct 23)

Admissions Included

King John's Castle • Jaunting Car • Muckross House & Gardens • Bantry House & Gardens • Charles Fort • Franciscan Well Brewery & Brew Pub • Rock of Cashel • Michael Collins Guide • 24-Hour Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass

Extras

- **Professional Portfolio of Travel E-Documents**
- An essay by Larry Kirwan on the history of the various areas we will travel to
- Kirwan will also suggest a reading list that will include history, fiction, and poetry to heighten the travel experience

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Items of a personal nature
- Meals not specified as included
- Sightseeing not indicated as included
- Gratuities for your Driver-Guide (at the discretion of the traveler)

Reservation Application

Larry Kirwan Tour of Ireland
(LK2027)
October 17-24, 2027

Go to www.hammondtours.com to complete your reservation application.

The non-refundable deposit is $250.00 per person is required to place a deposit.
If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of $999.00.
Your second payment of $400.00 per person is due 4/17/2027 and your final payment is due 7/17/2027. Reminders will be sent.

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