

April 15-23, 2023

\$2499.00 PER PERSON LAND ONLY

(Group air to be offered 8 months before tour)

Join Brendan Doherty on his exclusive Feels Like Home tour of Ireland!



Brendan Doherty is a professional singer songwriter from the South-East corner of Ireland, now based in the USA, who has spent much of his 36-year music career traveling the highways and byways of Ireland as a working professional musician. Join him on this exclusive, personally curated tour, starting in Dublin and slowly making your way together to the Sunny South East – his home place. Visiting breathtaking landscapes, historic sites, and fishing villages during the day, you’ll also step off the beaten track and meet Brendan’s fellow music makers at great bars and music sessions by night. You’ll share song, folklore, and story, raise a glass and a guitar as well, you’ll experience the *real* Ireland, meeting the artists, musicians, and characters that will ensure Ireland forever “Feels Like Home”.

Day 1 Saturday April 15	USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 Sunday April 16	Dublin- Arrive Dublin Airport from your overnight flight. You are met by your driver guide to begin your tour. Leaving the airport, we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast (at own expense). Then onto Dublin Guinness Storehouse, one of Dublin’s most iconic attractions, hugely popular with visitors to the capital. Guinness® is synonymous with Ireland so when you’re in Dublin, you can’t leave without a trip to Guinness Storehouse®. Learn through the seven-story experience how the world-famous drink is made and then sample it for yourself at the end in the panoramic Gravity Bar. You will have the rest of the afternoon free to explore Dublin, relax in your beautiful hotel, and choose a spot for dinner. Overnight The Green Hotel
Day 3 April 17 Monday	Dublin- Waterford- After breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of our hotel for a walking tour (or Bus tour weather dependent) of Dublin with a visit to Trinity College and its famous Library, home to the magnificent Book of Kells. After Lunch our journey makes its way to Wicklow, the wild pleasure garden of Ireland. We will travel over the beautiful Dublin / Wicklow Mountains to Glendalough, and the 5 th century monastic settlement of St. Kevin, and on to the Meeting of the Waters where Thomas Moore was inspired to write his famous song ‘The Vale of Avoca’. A short hop brings us to Avoca village, or ‘Ballykissangel’ as it’s known in the BBC TV series, where we can stop in for a pint in Fitzgeralds Pub. Then on through the rolling countryside arriving at beautiful Faithlegg House Hotel for a special dinner together followed by a sing song / seisiún. Dinner & Overnight Faithlegg Hotel
Day 4 April 18 Tuesday	Waterford. After breakfast you’ll have a little time to explore the beautiful grounds of Faithlegg House, play a round of golf or enjoy the wonderful spa and leisure facilities. Refreshed, you’ll meet local historian Andrew Doherty who will lead you through the stunning surrounding countryside, sharing tales and songs as we go. We will make our way to Jack Meades Bar (Ireland’s only fly over pub!) for lunch and be joined by more local friends sure to entertain! After lunch we will visit Waterford - the Crystal City, and Ireland’s oldest city, founded by the Vikings in the 9 th century. Visit the Waterford Crystal Center. Overnight Faithlegg Hotel
Day 5 April 19 Wednesday	Waterford- After breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of our hotel and head for New Ross, Co. Wexford and the Kennedy Homestead, The Donbrody Famine Ship and visitor center, learning about Ireland’s long history of emigration, and perhaps even tracing your own family heritage and genealogy. After Lunch we will make our way through the beautiful countryside and villages of Co. Wexford and Waterford to the charming fishing village of Dunmore East with its thatched cottages, cliffs and harbor. Enjoy dinner at one of the many award-winning restaurants, followed by a night of local music. Overnight Faithlegg Hotel
Day 6 April 20 Thursday	Waterford- Kilkenny- After breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of our hotel and head towards the medieval city of Kilkenny. On route we will visit the village of Thomastown, known for its ceramic studios, and Jerpoint Abbey founded in the 12 th century. We will visit Grennan Mill Craft School and Studios, seeing the ancient arts and crafts of Ireland being passed on to the next generation of contemporary makers. Then it’s on to Kilkenny. After checking in at your hotel you will be free to explore for the afternoon or meet at the famous Kittler’s Inn for special Irish Dinner and Show (Optional). Afterwards, for the night owls among us, we’ll find a bar in full swing or a quiet corner to have our own wee seisiún together! Overnight River Court

Day 7 April 21 Friday	Kilkenny- After breakfast we will make the short stroll to visit Kilkenny Castle, founded by the Normans in 1195. Later, we will explore some of Kilkenny's other historic sites, many of which have been immortalized in song, including the imposing St. Canice's Cathedral and the Black Abbey Dominican priory, both from the 13th century. Kilkenny is also an arts and crafts hub, and we will spend some time visiting Kilkenny Design Center with its makers' studios, café, gallery and store. We'll also stroll through Kilkenny's winding lanes filled with shops selling pottery, paintings, and jewelry, and enjoy the sound of buskers contributing to the atmosphere of this bustling town. Choose from many of the exceptional restaurants Kilkenny has to offer for dinner, before reconvening for live music and song into the night. Overnight River Court
Day 8 April 22 Saturday	Kilkenny-Dublin. After breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of our hotel and make the short trip to The Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most visited attractions and is a spectacular archaeological site dating back to the 12 th century. A collection of medieval ecclesiastical buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale, and a museum which houses the original Cross of St. Patrick. After lunch we'll make our way to Dublin where after dinner we'll have one last farewell <i>seisiún</i> . Overnight The Green Hotel
Day 9 April 23 Sunday	Dublin Airport- After one more hearty Irish breakfast we make our way to Dublin Airport for our flight home, going our separate ways but knowing that Ireland will forever 'Feel Like Home'

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing.
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:
- Location Hotel
- Dublin The Green Hotel- 1 Night **** www.thegreenhotel.ie (April 16)
- Waterford Faithlegg Hotel- 3 Nights **** www.faithlegg.com (April 17, 18 & 19)
- Kilkenny River Court Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.rivercourt.com (April 20 & 21)
- Dublin The Green Hotel- 1 Night **** www.thegreenhotel.ie (April 22)
- Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival, Two Dinners: 1 Kilkenny River Court & 1 Faithlegg Hotel
- Admissions: Guinness Brewery, Glendalough, Dunbrody Famine Ship, Rock of Cashel, Kilkenny Castle, Portmagee
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

Cancellation Penalties: 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 120 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. Please note, Hammond Tours and Matt Zembo are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

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Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your April 15-23, 2223 Tour of Ireland (DOHERTY2023)

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

2nd Deposit of \$550.00 DUE: November 2, 2022 FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 6, 2023

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

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Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ EMAIL: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type: Twin/Double: _____ Single: _____ **YOU MUST PAY**

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

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$859.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICPANTS

AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL

(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)

Send check and application to:

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