

OCTOBER 20-29, 2023

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# whiskey lovers' TOUR OF IRELAND



with music from **HUGH MORRISON, BETH PATTERSON, THE BEHAN BROTHERS, and MARK CLAVEY**

Join us as we explore Ireland through the lens of, and pay homage to, what was once the most popular drink in the world – *Uisce Beatha*, “the water of life”. And in the meantime, take in the splendor and magnificence of some of Ireland’s most famous sites. You know you’ve been wanting *and waiting* to do this! And you don’t have to be a whiskey-lover to love this tour! And neither do your friends!

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| TRAV DAY | Oct 20<br>Friday    | USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment are served shortly after take-off.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DAY 1    | Oct 21<br>Saturday  | <b>Shannon-Foynes-Tralee.</b> Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where after clearing customs we meet our Professional Irish Driver/Guide and Hammond Tours Escort. We head to nearby Bunratty Castle for a sit-down breakfast, and then it’s off to the <b>Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum</b> to discover the era of transatlantic passenger flights, the invention of Irish Coffee, and the maritime history of the majestic River Shannon. From there, we drive to Tralee where the rest of the day is yours to explore the town. <b>“Meet-and-Greet” Dinner and overnight at the Rose Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| DAY 2    | Oct 22<br>Sunday    | <b>Dingle.</b> After a lazy breakfast, we depart for the Dingle Peninsula – with its rolling hills, sandy beaches, and craggy cliffs. We arrive at the splendid little storybook town of Dingle and home to <b>Dingle Distillery</b> . Growing out of the Porterhouse Brewing Company, their first distillery opened in 2012 in the old sawmills on the Milltown Road. After lunch in Dingle, we’re on our way to Sleah Head, where we’ll see beehive-style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, overlooking the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. Then we return to Tralee to turn you loose on the town. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Rose Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DAY 3    | Oct 23<br>Monday    | <b>Midleton-Cork.</b> After breakfast we bid adieu to Tralee and make our way to Midleton, famous for its Midleton College, founded in 1596, and the <b>Midleton Distillery</b> , founded in 1825, Ireland’s premiere distiller of whiskey. We enjoy a tour of our second distillery which concludes in the Jameson Bar with an Irish Whiskey tasting session where you may have the opportunity of becoming a qualified Irish Whiskey Taster with a presentation diploma! From there, it’s on to Cork City where you’ll have the rest of the day to take in its sights. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| DAY 4    | Oct 24<br>Tuesday   | <b>Cashel.</b> Our morning departure from Cork takes us north and east until we arrive at and visit the majestic <b>Rock of Cashel</b> . With its well-preserved ecclesiastical remains, the Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland’s most spectacular landmarks, towering high above the surrounding plain and dominating the land route southward. The large Cathedral, ancient round tower and very early Romanesque Cormac’s Chapel, perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, bore silent witness to many stirring events in Irish History – St Patrick converted Munster’s King Aenghus here in the 5th century, and Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century. We’ll have lunch in Cashel, and then return to cork. The rest of the day belongs to you. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DAY 5    | Oct 25<br>Wednesday | <b>Kilkenny.</b> We take our final leave of Cork and hit the road for a drive along the Celtic Sea to Waterford, and then north to the city of Kilkenny, the “Marble City”, to visit the must-see destination for any tour of Ireland – <b>Kilkenny Castle</b> . From the vibrant parks and gardens surrounding the castle to the meticulous renderings and restorations throughout its halls, Kilkenny Castle offers plenty of incredible sights for its visitors. The ancestral home of the Butlers, the Earls and Dukes of Ormonde, the castle was first built in 1192 and restored to its 18 <sup>th</sup> -century splendor beginning in 1967. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the River Court Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DAY 6    | Oct 26<br>Thursday  | <b>Kilbeggan-Athlone.</b> We head cross-country this morning, northward through Portlaoise and Tullamore until we reach Kilbeggan (from <i>Cill Bheagáin</i> , “the church of St Bécán”). Once there, we visit the <b>Kilbeggan Distillery</b> – the oldest licensed distillery of its kind in Ireland. Founded in 1757, our third distillery spent the next 200 years making a whiskey beloved the world over. When tough times ground its gears to a halt, the town came together to save the whiskey that built the town. After lunch, we putter around County Westmeath, taking in the rich history of this geographic center of Ireland! After a few hours of sightseeing, we make our way back to Kilkenny. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the River Court Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DAY 7    | Oct 27<br>Friday    | <b>Glendalough-Dublin.</b> After an early breakfast, we say goodbye to Kilkenny and venture through Carlow and Kildare and into the Wicklow Valley to visit <b>Glendalough</b> , the home of St Kevin, surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where time has stood still. We’ll see the round tower and ruined churches of the 6th-century monastery and hear an explanation of the history of the settlement. Then we make our way to Ireland’s 1,000-year-old city of Dublin. Once there we visit the <b>Irish Whiskey Museum</b> – where we’ll take a journey back through time to learn the origins of Irish whiskey, its rise to glory and its dramatic fall and its rebirth. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DAY 8    | Oct 28<br>Saturday  | <b>Dublin.</b> An early breakfast precedes a 12-minute walk to the heart of Dublin’s historic Liberties where, in the center of the Golden Triangle and against the backdrop of a city steeped in whiskey history, the <b>Teeling Whiskey Distillery</b> opened its doors in 2015 as the first new distillery in Dublin for over 125 years. The rest of the day is yours to see Dublin. Try the Hop-On/Hop-Off Dublin Bus Pass. You’ll be sure to see the beautiful St Patrick’s Cathedral, the magnificent Dublin Castle, the history-laden G.P.O. on O’Connell Street, Kilmainham Gaol, the famous Phoenix Park, and Trinity College – home to the Book of Kells. Don’t miss St James’ Gate and the Guinness Storehouse. Be sure to visit Dublin’s oldest Pub this afternoon, the Brazen Head. Take a stroll along Ormond Quay. Enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. If you haven’t had enough of whiskey by this time, check out the Pearse Lyons Distillery built into St James’ Church, the Roe & Co Distillery, or the Dublin Liberties Distillery... all of them between a 5-minute and 20-minute walk from the hotel. <b>“Parting Glass” Dinner and overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.</b> |
| TRAV DAY | Oct 29<br>Sunday    | <b>Dublin-Dublin Airport-USA.</b> 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 Package Includes the Following:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver/Guide
- 8 Nights' accommodations as follows (or similar):

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Hotel</u>                             |                                                                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tralee          | Rose Hotel – 2 Nights ****               | <a href="http://therosehotel.com">therosehotel.com</a>                                         |
| Cork            | Imperial Hotel – 2 Nights ****           | <a href="http://imperialhotelcork.com">imperialhotelcork.com</a>                               |
| Kilkenny        | River Court Hotel – 2 Nights ****        | <a href="http://rivercourthotel.com">rivercourthotel.com</a>                                   |
| Dublin          | Radisson Blu Royal Hotel – 2 Nights **** | <a href="http://radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-dublin">radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-dublin</a> |

- Full Irish Breakfast daily (except the day of arrival)
- Two Dinners: 1 at the Rose Hotel, 1 at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel
- Admission to: the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, the Dingle Distillery, the Midleton Distillery, the Rock of Cashel, Kilkenny Castle, the Kilbeggan Distillery, Glendalough, the Irish Whiskey Museum, and the Teeling Distillery
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ARRANGE YOUR OWN AIR TRAVEL.**  
**(Your arrangements MUST have you arriving at Shannon Airport no later than 9:00 AM on October 21, 2023).**

*Please note: If arranging your own air travel is unworkable, you may elect to be part of the Group Air Travel that Hammond Tours will arrange, round-trip from the NYC-area to Shannon Airport. The carrier, cost, and itinerary will be confirmed on or about June 20, 2023.*

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## RESERVATION APPLICATION

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 20-29, 2023 Whiskey Lovers' Tour of Ireland (MC102023)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person).      Initial deposit due: **ASAP to reserve seats**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$550.00 due: April 20, 2023.**      **FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 20, 2023**

Name (as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name (as on passport): \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds): \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 Bed): \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling single, please indicate if you: Would like your own room: \_\_\_\_\_ Would like a roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must pay a single supplement (\$799) if not traveling with a companion. (Limited number available.)**

*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 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$700.00 per person will apply. 89 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.*

*Please note: Hammond Tours and Tullamore are not responsible for any loss, damages, or injuries that may happen while on the tour.*

**We STRONGLY recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. Please contact [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) to purchase insurance.**  
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*Please call us if making deposits/payments by credit-card. We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express.*

**Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change.**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS.**

Send application and check (made payable to Hammond Tours) to:

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