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HAMMOND TOURS PRESENTS
HOUSE OF HAMILL IRELAND TOUR
APRIL 23-30, 2028
$2,899.00 PER PERSON SHARING A ROOM.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, April 23 – Sunday: Shannon Airport – Salthill – Westport. Welcome to Ireland! After landing at Shannon Airport, your Hammond Tours Irish Driver Guide will meet you in the arrivals hall and the coach departs for the west coast. Our first stop is **Salthill**, the beloved seaside suburb of Galway, for a stroll along the famous Prom and time for lunch with views across Galway Bay. Then we continue north along the Wild Atlantic Way into County Mayo, arriving in the charming town of **Westport** — one of Ireland's most beautiful and lively destinations, nestled beneath the slopes of Croagh Patrick. Check in and settle in before a group welcome dinner this evening. **Dinner & Overnight: CastleCourt Hotel, Westport.**

Day 2, April 24 – Monday: Achill Island. After breakfast, we head out to spectacular **Achill Island** — Ireland's largest island, connected to the mainland by a short bridge and one of the most breathtaking landscapes in the country. Towering sea cliffs, golden beaches, and blanket bog stretch as far as the eye can see. We'll visit the hauntingly beautiful **Keem Bay** — a horseshoe cove of turquoise water framed by dramatic cliffs — and explore the famous **Deserted Village** on the slopes of Slievemore, a silent pre-Famine settlement that speaks volumes about Ireland's past. A magical, unforgettable day on the Wild Atlantic Way. **Overnight: CastleCourt Hotel, Westport.**

Day 3, April 25 – Tuesday: Westport – Joyce Country – Kylemore Abbey – Galway. Departing Westport, we travel through the wild and beautiful **Joyce Country** of Connemara, where the landscape of lakes, bogs, and mountains feels like the very edge of the world. En route we stop at **Joyce Country Sheepdogs** in Shanafaraghaun, Co. Galway, for a private sheepdog herding demonstration — a highly skilled and wonderfully entertaining experience as Border Collies move a flock across the hillside with nothing but whistles and hand signals. We then visit the iconic **Kylemore Abbey**, a magnificent neo-Gothic castle set against a mirror lake and one of Connemara's most iconic sights. We continue on to Galway — arty, bohemian, and full of life — to check in for two nights. **Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Galway.**

Day 4, April 26 – Wednesday: Galway – Cliffs of Moher. Today we make a day trip south into County Clare to one of Ireland's most iconic natural wonders: the **Cliffs of Moher**. Rising over 700 feet above the Atlantic along 8 kilometres of coastline, the cliffs offer views on a clear spring day all the way to the Aran Islands and the mountains of Connemara. Walk the paved pathways, take in the drama from O'Brien's Tower, and feel the Atlantic wind in your face before we return to Galway for the evening. The night is yours to explore the city's legendary pubs, live music scene, and colorful streets. **Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Galway.**

Day 5, April 27 – Thursday: Galway – Bunratty – Shannon Ferry – Dingle. We head south from Galway, stopping at **Bunratty Castle & Folk Park** in County Clare — one of Ireland's most authentic heritage experiences, where a beautifully restored medieval castle is surrounded by a living village of 19th-century buildings and exhibits. From there we continue to Killimer and board the **Shannon Ferry** across the estuary to Tarbert in County Kerry, saving a long inland drive and offering a scenic crossing of Ireland's greatest river. We then make our way along the northern edge of the Dingle Peninsula to the charming town of **Dingle** itself — one of Ireland's most beloved and characterful towns. **Dinner & Overnight: Dingle Skellig Hotel.**

Day 6, April 28 – Friday: Dingle – Slea Head Drive. Today is devoted to the magnificent **Slea Head Drive** — a loop of the Dingle Peninsula that is widely regarded as one of the most spectacular drives in Europe. Along the way you'll encounter ancient **beehive huts** (clocháns) used by early Christian monks, the dramatic headland of Slea Head itself with views out to the Blasket Islands, and a coastline of wild sandy beaches and sea-carved cliffs. The afternoon brings time to explore Dingle town — its colourful pubs, seafood restaurants, and artisan shops. **Overnight: Dingle Skellig Hotel.**

Day 7, April 29 – Saturday: Dingle – Killarney – Ennis. We bid farewell to the Dingle Peninsula and travel east through the spectacular Gap of Dunloe country into **Killarney**, where we stop for lunch in one of Kerry's most famous and welcoming towns, surrounded by the lakes and mountains of Killarney National Park. We then head north through County Limerick and into County Clare, arriving in the elegant market town of **Ennis** for our final night together. The evening brings a farewell group dinner at the historic **Old Ground Hotel** — a landmark of Irish hospitality since 1749. **Dinner & Overnight: Old Ground Hotel, Ennis.**

Day 8, April 30 – Sunday: Ennis – Shannon Airport – Depart. After breakfast, it's a short drive from Ennis to Shannon Airport for your homeward flight. Safe travels — and thank you for sharing this journey through Ireland with House of Hamill and Hammond Tours. Until next time!

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

Transportation & Services

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from April 23 (depart Shannon Airport) through April 29 (arrive Ennis)
- Services of a professional Irish Driver-Guide throughout
- One group departure transfer from Old Ground Ennis to Shannon Airport on departure

Accommodations — 7 Nights First-Class Hotels (or similar)

Westport – CastleCourt Hotel ★★★★ www.castlecourthotel.ie — 2 Nights (Apr 23 & 24)
Galway – Imperial Hotel ★★★ www.imperialhotelgalway.ie — 2 Nights (Apr 25 & 26)
Dingle – Dingle Skellig Hotel ★★★★ www.dingleskellig.com — 2 Nights (Apr 27 & 28)
Ennis – Old Ground Hotel ★★★★ www.oldgroundhotelennis.com — 1 Night (Apr 29)

- Full Irish breakfast daily (except arrival day)
- 3 hotel dinners included (Westport, Dingle & Ennis)
- Fully escorted sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary

Admissions Included:

Joyce Country Sheepdog Demo • Cliffs of Moher • Bunratty Castle & Folk Park • Tarbert Ferry • Kylemore Abbey

NOT INCLUDED

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

Reservation & Payment Information

To reserve your place on this tour, please complete the reservation application at www.hammondtours.com

A non-refundable deposit of $250 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

A single supplement of $949.00 applies for travelers requesting a private room.

Payment Schedule

- Second payment of $550 per person due November 25, 2027
- Final payment due January 24, 2028

Payment reminders will be sent prior to each due date.

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Cancellation Policy

If written cancellation is received:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: $250 per person
- 119–60 days prior: $800 per person
- 59 days or less: 100% cancellation penalty

We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. For coverage options, please visit www.travelguard.com

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