

Kevin McKrell's Tour of Ireland

Hosted by Kevin McKrell — Experience Ireland through music, culture, and unforgettable landscapes



October 7-15, 2026

\$2899 per person sharing

HIGHLIGHTS

- **First-Class Hotel Stays in Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney & Galway**
- **Ireland's Most Iconic Sights — Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle & Kylemore Abbey**
- **Jaunting Car Ride through Killarney National Park**
- **Authentic Tastings: Smithwick's Brewery Experience & Jameson Distillery Midleton**
- **Powerful Heritage Visits — Cobh & the Dunbrody Famine Ship**
- **Fully Escorted by a Professional Irish Driver-Guide**

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Welcome to Ireland

Wednesday, October 7 — Dublin to Kilkenny

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport. Please be ready to depart with your driver/guide at 9:00 AM. Travel south into the Wicklow Mountains with a stop at Glendalough, a beautifully preserved monastic settlement set within a glacial valley.

Continue to Kilkenny for a traditional Irish breakfast before arriving in the medieval city. Check in to the River Court Hotel, centrally located along the River Nore. Free time to relax or explore the city's historic streets, shops, and pubs.

Dinner included this evening.

Overnight: River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

Day 2 — Medieval Kilkenny

Thursday, October 8 — Kilkenny

After breakfast, visit Kilkenny Castle, beautifully restored and overlooking the River Nore. Continue to the Smithwick's Experience to learn the story behind Ireland's oldest ale and its Kilkenny brewing heritage.

Afternoon free to explore the Medieval Mile, local shops, and pubs at your leisure.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight: River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

Day 3 — Kilkenny to Cork

Friday, October 9 — Kilkenny to Cork

After breakfast, depart Kilkenny and travel south with a visit to the Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic reproduction of an 1840s emigrant vessel that tells the powerful story of Ireland's Great Famine and mass emigration.

Continue through Ireland's scenic countryside to Cork, the "Rebel City." Upon arrival, check in to the Imperial Hotel, ideally located in the heart of the city center.

Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Cork

Day 4 — Midleton & Cobh

Saturday, October 10 — Cork

After breakfast, travel to the nearby town of Midleton for a visit to the Jameson Distillery, where you'll learn the history and craftsmanship behind Ireland's world-famous whiskey.

Continue to the historic harbor town of Cobh, last port of call for the Titanic. Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre to explore the stories of Irish emigration and maritime history. Enjoy time to stroll the colorful waterfront and cathedral before returning to Cork.

Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Cork

Day 5 — Blarney & Killarney

Sunday, October 11 — Cork to Killarney

After breakfast, depart Cork and travel to Blarney Castle, where you may wish to climb to the top and kiss the legendary Blarney Stone or explore the beautiful gardens.

Continue west to Killarney, gateway to the scenic Ring of Kerry. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park, taking in views of lakes, woodlands, and mountains.

Check in to the Killarney International Hotel, ideally located in the town center.

Dinner included this evening.

Overnight: Killarney International Hotel, Killarney

Day 6 — Dingle Peninsula

Monday, October 12 — Killarney

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion to the spectacular Dingle Peninsula, one of Ireland's most scenic regions. Travel along dramatic coastal roads with views of rugged cliffs, sandy beaches, and the Atlantic Ocean. Spend time in the colorful town of Dingle, known for its lively atmosphere, traditional music, and artisan shops, before returning to Killarney this afternoon.

Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: Killarney International Hotel, Killarney

Day 7 — Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Tuesday, October 13 — Killarney to Galway

After breakfast, depart Killarney and travel north through the scenic countryside of County Clare to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most breathtaking natural wonders. Take time to walk along the cliff paths and enjoy sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Continue to Galway, a vibrant city known for its arts scene, colorful streets, and lively pubs. Check in to the Imperial Hotel, centrally located in the heart of the city.

Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Galway

Day 8 — Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Wednesday, October 14 — Galway

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion through the scenic Connemara region, known for its rugged mountains, sparkling lakes, and unspoiled landscapes.

Visit Kylemore Abbey, a stunning lakeside castle and former Benedictine monastery, and explore its beautiful Victorian walled gardens. Return to Galway this afternoon with time to enjoy the city's lively streets, shops, and pubs.

Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: Imperial Hotel, Galway

Day 9 — Departure Day

Thursday, October 15 — Galway to Shannon Airport

Early morning departure from Galway at 8:00 AM for Shannon Airport. Please ensure your flight departure time allows sufficient time for check-in and security.

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

Transportation & Services

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from October 7 (Dublin Airport departure) through October 14 (arrival in Galway)
- Services of a professional Irish Driver-Guide throughout
- One group departure transfer from Galway to Shannon Airport at 8:00 AM on October 15

ACCOMMODATIONS — 8 NIGHTS FIRST-CLASS HOTELS

- Kilkenny — River Court Hotel ★★★★★ www.rivercourthotel.com — 2 Nights (Oct 7 & 8)
- Cork — Imperial Hotel ★★★★★ www.imperialhotelcork.com — 2 Nights (Oct 9 & 10)
- Killarney — Killarney International Hotel ★★★★★ www.killarneyinternational.com — 2 Nights (Oct 11 & 12)
- Galway — Imperial Hotel ★★★ www.imperialhotelgalway.ie — 2 Nights (Oct 13 & 14)
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two hotel dinners included (Kilkenny & Killarney)
- Fully escorted sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary

Admissions Included

Kilkenny Castle • Smithwick's Brewery Experience • Jameson Distillery Midleton • Cobh Heritage Centre • Blarney Castle • Killarney Jaunting Car Ride • Cliffs of Moher • Kylemore Abbey • Glendalough • Dunbrody Famine Ship

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 traveler's discretion)

Reservation & Payment Information

To reserve your place on this tour, please complete the reservation application at

www.hammondtraveltours.com

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

A **single supplement of \$959** applies for travelers requesting a private room.

Payment Schedule

- Second payment of **\$550 per person due May 15, 2026**
- Final payment due **July 1, 2026**
(Payment reminders will be sent prior to each due date.)

Minimum Participation:


This tour is based on a minimum of **20 participants**

Contact Information

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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

Insurance may cover cancellation due to death, serious illness, or other covered medical circumstances affecting the traveler or immediate family member (with proper documentation). Personal circumstances not listed in the policy are not covered.

Hammond Tours and Kevin McKrell are not responsible for loss, damages, or injuries that may occur while on tour.