

Hammond Tours Presents:

BOXING BANJO'S TOUR OF IRELAND OCTOBER 24-31, 2026

\$2745.00 PER PERSON SHARING A ROOM. LAND ONLY



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Day 1, October 24, Saturday: Dublin- Galway

The Tour begins at Dublin Airport! Please be scheduled to arrive by 10AM. After clearing customs, travelers arriving from the US, along with anyone coming in early are met by your Hammond Tours Irish Driver Guides. We begin our travels by making our way to Galway. The journey from Dublin to Galway is a vibrant cross-section of Ireland's charm. As you depart Dublin, the rolling green countryside slowly unfolds, dotted with quaint villages like Kinnegad and the picturesque town of Athlone at the heart of Ireland, nestled along the River Shannon. We continue west, the landscape becomes more rugged and untamed, signaling your approach to the Atlantic coast. Galway itself is a lively, bohemian city brimming with character—Latin Quarter's cobbled streets echo with traditional music, and the colorful façades of shopfronts add to the festive air. Dinner & Overnight at The Galmont Hotel.

Day 2, October 25, Sunday: Galway

Today our travels will take us to visit the famous Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs are one of Ireland's most iconic and awe-inspiring natural wonders, rising dramatically along the western coast of County Clare. The cliffs offer breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding rugged landscape. The cliffs are home to a variety of seabirds, including puffins, razorbills, and guillemots, making them a haven for birdwatchers. On clear days, visitors can see as far as the Aran Islands and the Maumturk Mountains in County Galway. The cliffs are part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, a UNESCO Global Geopark, and are renowned not only for their natural beauty but also for their cultural significance. Then we will head to Doolin and stop for lunch. Doolin which is a small coastal village on Ireland's wild Atlantic shore, best known as a gateway to both the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Islands. Despite its size, it pulses with

traditional Irish music that spills out from charming pubs each evening, drawing travelers and locals alike. This afternoon we will head back to Galway for some free time to explore. **Overnight at The Galmont Hotel. The band will perform this evening.**

Day 3, October 26, Monday: Galway-Westport.

Today after breakfast we will leave Galway and head to Westport via Clifton. Clifden is a picturesque town nestled in the heart of Connemara, often dubbed the "Capital of Connemara" for its central role in this rugged, breathtaking region of western Ireland. Surrounded by rolling hills, tranquil lakes, and dramatic coastline, Clifden is a haven for nature lovers and artists alike. Its vibrant town center is brimming with lively pubs, cozy cafes for a stop for lunch, all with a backdrop of mountains and open skies that seem to stretch endlessly. From here will head next to Kylemore Abbey, which is a stunning Benedictine monastery. Originally built in the late 19th century as Kylemore Castle by Mitchell Henry, a wealthy doctor and politician, the estate was transformed into an abbey in 1920 by Benedictine nuns fleeing war-torn Belgium. Surrounded by rugged mountains and mirrored in the still waters of Lough Pollacapall, the abbey is renowned for its Gothic Revival architecture, tranquil atmosphere, and beautifully restored Victorian walled gardens. Visitors can explore the neo-Gothic church, wander through woodland trails, and learn about the rich history of the nuns who have lived, taught, and prayed there for over a century. Then it is onto Westport. **Dinner & Overnight at The Castlecourt Hotel Westport.**

Day 4, October 27, Tuesday: Westport

Today we will start our day with a trip to Achill island. Visiting the island is like stepping into a windswept dreamscape where nature reigns supreme. Located off the west coast of Ireland in County Mayo, it's the country's largest island and is connected to the mainland by the Michael Davitt Bridge. The island offers a mix of towering sea cliffs, golden Blue Flag beaches, and heather-covered hills that roll toward the Atlantic. Keem Bay, often hailed as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, is a must-see, while the haunting ruins of the Deserted Village on Slievemore add a touch of mystery. Whether you're cycling the Great Western Greenway, hiking to Croaghaun's dramatic cliffs, or simply soaking in the ever-changing skies, Achill Island delivers a raw, untamed beauty that lingers long after you leave. Leaving achill island we will make a stop at Lynott's Pub in Cashel, which is a tiny, stone-walled gem that claims the title of Ireland's smallest pub. With seating for barely a dozen, no TV, no food, and a roaring peat fire, it's a throwback to simpler times. Locals and visitors gather here for storytelling, traditional music, and the kind of pint that tastes better when shared in good company. Then we head back to Westport. **Overnight at The Castlecourt Hotel Westport. The band will perform at Matt Molloy's this evening.**

Day 5, October 28, Wednesday: Westport-Donegal

Today we leave Westport for Donegal, our first stop today will be at Castlebar, Michael & Darragh's hometown. Castlebar, nestled in County Mayo is a vibrant town with a rich historical tapestry and a modern pulse. Today, the town is known for its cultural attractions like the Linenhall Arts Centre and the National Museum of Ireland — Country Life, as well as scenic spots such as Lough Lannagh and the Castlebar Greenway. From here we will make our way to Swinford, Joseph's hometown. With a stop at Padraig Horkans Pub where the Pub will give the visitors a guided tour of his unique pub and attached grocery store. He will cut fresh ham for sandwiches on request to be enjoyed alongside a pint of Guinness in his famed pub. A unique opportunity not to be missed. Then it is onto Donegal and our stay in a castle. Dinner & Overnight at Lough Eske Castle Hotel.

Day 6, October 29, Thursday: Donegal

This morning we will start our day with a visit to Donegal Castle, which stands proudly in the heart of Donegal Town, overlooking the River Eske with centuries of history etched into its stone walls. Built in the 15th century by Red Hugh O'Donnell, the powerful chieftain of the O'Donnell clan, the castle served as a stronghold for one of Ireland's most influential Gaelic families. Its original rectangular keep was later expanded with a Jacobean-style wing by English captain Sir Basil Brooke in the early 1600s, following the Flight of the Earls. The castle's architecture blends medieval fortification with Renaissance elegance, featuring a grand fireplace, spiral staircases, and intricately carved stonework. This afternoon we will return to Donegal for some free time. **Overnight at Lough Eske Castle Hotel. Tonight there will be an acoustic session by the band.**

Day 7, October 30, Friday: Donegal- Dublin.

Today we say goodbye to Donegal and make our way to Dublin. Once in Dublin we will make our way to Temple Bar area, which is a lively cultural quarter in the heart of Dublin, known for its cobbled streets, vibrant nightlife, and artistic spirit. Nestled along the south bank of the River Liffey, it's a hub for music, galleries, and street performances, drawing both locals and tourists into its energetic embrace. The area is dotted with traditional pubs, including the iconic Temple Bar Pub. And then time for a visit to Guinness for a tour and a taste. **Overnight at The Camden Court Hotel. The band will perform in Dublin tonight.**

Day 8, October 31, Saturday: Dublin Airport

Today you will have an early morning transport to Dublin airport for your flight home. Still time to do duty free shopping.

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle & Guide October 24 arrive Dublin Airport until October 31 arrive Dublin and sightseeing.
- One Group transfer to airport for departure.
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location Hotel

Galway- Galmont Hotel- 2 Nights **** https://www.thegalmont.com/en/ (Oct 24 & 25)

Westport- Castlecourt Hotel- 2 Night **** https://www.castlecourthotel.ie/ (Oct 26 & 27)

Donegal- Lough Eske Castle Hotel- 2 Nights ***** https://www.lougheskecastlehotel.com/ (Oct 28 & 29)

Dublin- Camden Court Hotel- 1 Night **** https://www.camdencourthotel.com/en/ (Oct 30)

- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival,
- Dinners: 1 Galway, 1 Westport & 1 Lough Eske
- Admissions to Cliffs of Mohor, Kylemore Abbey, Donegal Castle, Guinness Storehouse
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
 Not Included:
- Any sightseeing charges not mentioned as included.
- · Any items of a personal nature
- Tip to your driver guide.

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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 \$550.00 per person is due 05/24/2026 and your final payment is due 08/24/2026 Reminders will be sent.

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