



February 20-27, 2010

\$1699.00 PER PERSON
(plus \$245.00 US departure tax*)

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Enjoy LIVE As They Play On Their Tour of Ireland

<p>Day 1 February 20 Saturday</p>	<p>USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p>Day 2 February 21 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast (on own expense). We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year old city. We then see statue filled <i>O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square.</i> Our group will then enjoy a visit to the Guinness Brewery. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel LATE AFTERNOON. This evening we enjoy a Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 3 February 22 Monday</p>	<p>Dublin-Trim Castle-Dublin. After breakfast we depart Dublin (optional tour) traveling a very short distance to Trim Castle in County Meath. THIS IS A ½ DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR. Trim Castle is an Anglo Norman Castle constructed over a thirty year period beginning in 1176 AD, making it probably the oldest Castle in Ireland, certainly one of the largest. It was built by Hugh de Lacy and his son Walter. Hugh de Lacy was granted the Liberty of Meath by King Henry II in 1176 in an attempt to curb the expansionist policies of Richard de Clare (Strongbow). Location of the movie Braveheart! We return to Dublin where we have the afternoon on our own. Dinner is on your own. Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel. BAND PLAYS; VENUE TBA</p>
<p>Day 4 February 23 Tuesday</p>	<p>Dublin-Donegal. After breakfast we depart and travel north. It is onto Drogheda. Drogheda is associated with an extraordinary number of significant events in the history of Ireland - The Battle of the Boyne, St Oliver Plunkett, Poynings Law, Cromwell's Siege and the surrender of the Irish Chieftains to the English King. We continue along Lough Erne via County Cavan. There are 12 recorded portal tomb sites in Cavan, mostly in the Burren. Derived from the Irish name 'Cabhann', a hollow, Cavan was once part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. Numerous stone circles and megalithic tombs in the county are remnants of Cavan's rich archaeological heritage. We make our way to Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. It location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates back to the 1600's. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is Standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, and some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling's Dragoons and Fusiliers fought along side one another at Waterloo. It was in 1790's that the Fermanagh Militia was established, to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. We stop in Enniskillen and also visit the Belleek Pottery, makers of Fine Parian China known the world over since the mid 1800's. It is onto Bundoran, the gateway to the North. Time to visit this quaint little town. We finish up the day travelling to Donegal. The town is set in a valley girdled by Barnesmore Mountains and Donegal Bay and overlooking the town can be seen the remains of several earthen forts. Today, Donegal Town is the center of activity for South County Donegal. The town center, known as "The Diamond" is where the Killybegs, Ballyshannon and Ballybofey Roads converge and it is here that you are likely to meet almost anybody; usually with a smile on their face and a few ready words. We enjoy dinner and overnight at The Abbey Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 5 February 24 Wednesday</p>	<p>Donegal-Derry-Donegal Castle-Donegal. Today after breakfast we depart our hotel and travel north to Derry in Northern Ireland. To really experience Derry's history, we stroll along the parapet walkways as we do the "Walled in City Tour". The history of this area and the fact that Derry is one of the last fully intact walled in cities left in all of Europe makes this a must for every visitor. We will then tour the Tower Museum, chronicling the history of Derry. The building, originally constructed in 1615, has now been updated to one of the finest examples of Irish culture. Free time in Derry Town this afternoon to wander the cobblestone streets and visit the pubs and shops. Returning to Donegal we visit Donegal Castle. The castle is first mentioned in 1544 in connection with wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600 it had been taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. Red Hugh O'Donnell attacked the castle unsuccessfully in 1601, but shortly afterwards the castle was granted by the Crown to Rory O'Donnell In the Williamite wars it was captured by Donough Og MacSweeney but was taken by the English again shortly afterwards. It was extensively repaired by Hart at the end of the 18th century and inhabited by his family until 1843, after which it was deserted. There may have been an early Christian monastery in the valley where, according to tradition, St. Columbkille banished demons who enveloped the valley in a fog. The most conspicuous remains are the pillars decorated with cross-motifs and geometric designs, which are now the centers, or 'stations' of the pilgrimage which takes place on the Saint's feast day on 9 June. The pillars are spread over an area in the valley 3.5 miles long, and the pilgrimage takes as many hours to complete. We return to our hotel for overnight. Dinner is on your own this evening. Suggestions provided. Overnight The Abbey Hotel. BAND PLAYS; VENUE TBA</p>
<p>Day 6 February 25 Thursday</p>	<p>Donegal-Sligo-Westport-Galway. After breakfast we travel south stopping at Sligo where famous author William Butler Yeats is buried. We continue through County Mayo to Westport. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland's Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. One of the few planned towns in the Country, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt. It has become one of Ireland's established tourism centers, with many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall, running parallel to the Carrowbeg River. We continue where we take in the magnificent views of the Connemara region, Ireland's treasure of wild, natural beauty where Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel via Kylemore Abbey, monastic home of the Benedictine Nuns and Clifden before continuing to Galway for overnight at city centered Imperial Hotel.</p>

Day 7 February 26 Friday	Galway. Today after breakfast you are free to enjoy youthful bustling Galway City. After a full Irish Breakfast we enjoy an optional tour of The Aran Islands. Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands and is the most developed in terms of tourist facilities. There are about 900 inhabitants on Inis Mór making it by far the most populated of the islands. The main village on the island is Kilronan, which has a quite large harbour that accommodates a vast amount of tourist travel to the island. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. Those not taking the tour have a free day to explore Galway city. We return to Galway where we have plenty of time for browsing or shopping before enjoying a Farewell Dinner and overnight at our hotel. Overnight Imperial Hotel. BAND PLAYS; VENUE TBA
Day 8 February 27 Saturday	Galway-Shannon-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to Shannon Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Shannon has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way we wish you "Safe Home."

Your Tour Package Includes The Following:

- Round-trip air from NYC to Ireland
- 6 Nights First Class Hotels as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
Donegal	The Abbey Hotel-2 Nights *** www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com
Galway	The Imperial Hotel-2 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 in Donegal, 1 in Galway
- Admission to Guinness Storehouse, Donegal Castle
- Walled in City Derry Tour
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout
- Service of Hammond Tours Escorts
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

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 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your FEBRUARY 20-27, 2010 (SCO0210)

I enclose \$ _____

Payment due in full with this form.

Name (as on passport) _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ email: _____

Other passengers traveling with me _____

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/Double(1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

OPTIONAL TRIM CASTLE TOUR: \$15.00 _____ YES OPTIONAL ARAN ISLAND TOUR: \$69.00 _____ Yes

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

Cancellation Insurance Per Person: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: ___ No: ___ (must be paid with deposit)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$549.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

We Accept Visa, Mastercard & American Express. There is a 3% Charge for this service. No service charges on initial \$250.00 deposit *Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change

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