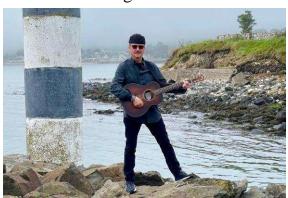
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Join Rick Bedrosian of

Hair Of The Dog on his Tour of Ireland



Day 1 October 12 Sunday **Dublin.** Arrive at Dublin Airport by 10:00 AM where we will be greeted by our driver-guide. We'll begin with a scenic panoramic tour of Dublin City, taking in the city's iconic landmarks and historical buildings. Along the way we'll pass by St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland, and explore the vibrant Temple Bar district, home to the famous Red Pub—don't miss this lively area! Next we'll visit the renowned Jameson Distillery which is one of the top attractions for visitors who want to learn about the world-famous Irish whiskey and its rich history whether you're a whiskey enthusiast or simply curious about Ireland's beloved spirit. You may be able to sample different types of Jameson whiskey such as Jameson Original, Jameson Black Barrel and Jameson Caskmates, which is a series of whiskeys aged in craft beer barrels. The whiskey tasting session is conducted by a trained whiskey experts who explain how to taste whiskey properly including the technique of nosing, tasting and appreciating the complex flavors in each sip. After the tour we'll head back to the hotel to enjoy a delicious group dinner together this evening. **Dinner & Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.**

Day 2 October 13 Monday **Dublin- Kilkenny-** After breakfast today we will make our way to Kilkenny. Our first stop will be Kilkenny Castle. The Castle, one of Ireland's most iconic landmarks, offers a captivating mix of history, architecture and natural beauty. The imposing structure is a stunning example of medieval architecture with a blend of Norman and Victorian styles. It's surrounded by impressive fortifications including four corner towers, crenellated walls and a large central courtyard. The beautifully restored gardens and parkland around the castle are a highlight. The landscaped gardens feature formal gardens, rolling lawns and tree-lined paths. The River Nore runs nearby, providing scenic views from the castle grounds. The central courtyard is a beautiful open space surrounded by the castle's impressive stone walls. It's a great place to take in the scale of the building and its historical significance. Kilkenny Castle hosts various exhibitions and displays, some dedicated to the history of the castle, the Butlers and the town of Kilkenny. Then it is onto our hotel. **Dinner & Overnight at The Kilkenny River Court Hotel.**

Day 3 October 14 Tuesday Kilkenny- Today we will venture out to explore Kilkenny. One of the stops today will be St. Canice's Cathedral which is one of Ireland's most important medieval churches and is a must-visit for anyone exploring the city's rich history. The Cathedral is an excellent example of Gothic architecture with its towering spire (the second tallest in Ireland) visible from various points around Kilkenny. The cathedral was originally built in the 13th century and its exterior showcases intricate stonework, pointed arches and large windows. The cathedral is located near the city's historic center set amidst a quiet graveyard that adds to its atmospheric historic charm. The interior of the cathedral is beautiful and steeped in history, with a spacious nave and several side chapels. It contains a mix of medieval and later Victorian elements. This afternoon we will visit Smithwick's Distillery which is a historic site and one of the oldest and most iconic names in Irish brewing. Smithwick's has been crafting its famous beer for over 300 years and a visit to the distillery offers a fascinating insight into the legacy of one of Ireland's most beloved brews. The Smithwick's Distillery tour is an immersive, interactive tour that takes visitors on a journey through the history of the brewery and the brewing process. The tour combines a mix of storytelling, multimedia displays and hands-on exhibits to explain how Smithwick's beers have been crafted through the ages. Visitors can learn about the traditional brewing methods, the key ingredients that go into creating Smithwick's distinctive flavor (like water, hops, barley, and yeast) and the innovation that has helped keep the brand relevant through centuries. **Overnight at the Kilkenny River Court Hotel.**

Day 4 **Kilkenny Galway-** Today we will make our way to Galway. Along the way we will stop at The Rock of Cashel which is one of October 15 Ireland's most stunning and historically significant landmarks, offering breathtaking views, ancient architecture and a deep Wednesday connection to Ireland's past. Perched on a limestone hill in County Tipperary, the Rock of Cashel is a dramatic fortress complex that has been a place of royal, religious and historical significance for over 1,000 years. Its elevated position offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside including the Golden Vale—a lush, fertile area that has been central to Irish agriculture for centuries. One of the highlight features of the Rock of Cashel is Cormac's Chapel, a small but beautifully designed Romanesque church built in the 12th century. Its intricate carved stonework, arched windows and roof frescoes make it a significant architectural gem. Inside you'll see medieval murals depicting biblical scenes, some of the finest examples of early Christian art in Ireland. We then will continue on to Galway. Overnight at The Imperial Hotel Galway. Day $\overline{5}$ Galway, Today you'll have free time to explore the vibrant city of Galway at your own pace. Step outside your hotel and wander October 16 through the lively streets where you'll find an eclectic mix of pubs, shops and charming local stores. Let the street musicians Thursday serenade you as you soak in the vibrant atmosphere of this coastal gem. This afternoon, for those who signed up for the food tour, prepare for a delectable 3-hour walking journey through Galway's culinary scene, guided by passionate locals. You'll sample an array of delicious produce from fresh oysters and artisan cheeses to sushi, crab and indulgent doughnuts and strawberry tarts. The tour offers a unique opportunity to taste Galway's diverse gourmet offerings while learning about the passionate producers behind them. You'll visit a range of incredible stops, from traditional family-run businesses and creative beer projects to artisan chocolatiers and innovative young entrepreneurs—all dedicated to showcasing the best of Irish food. This is a one-of-a-kind experience that truly highlights Galway as one of Ireland's culinary treasures. Don't miss it! Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway. Day 6 Galway- Dublin. Today we will leave Galway and make our way through the midlands to return to Dublin. Dublin, the vibrant October 17 capital of Ireland, offers a wealth of historical, cultural and artistic experiences for visitors. Whether you're interested in history, Friday literature, music, or simply soaking up the local atmosphere, Dublin has something for everyone. Dublin's lively cultural quarter is filled with cobbled streets, colorful pubs, art galleries, restaurants and street performers. It's the perfect place to soak up Dublin's bohemian atmosphere and enjoy a pint of Irish stout or a traditional Irish meal. The area is also home to the Temple Bar Food Market, the Irish Film Institute and various live music venues. Overnight at the Camden Court. Day 7 **Dublin Airport.** Today we are privately transported to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Still time for duty free shopping. October 18 Saturday

- Your tour will include the following:
- Six (6) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:
- **Dublin- The Camden Court Hotel 1 Night **** www.camdencourthotel.comm**
- Kilkenny- The River Court Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.rivercourthotel.com
- Galway- The Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
- Dublin- The Camden Court Hotel 1 Night **** www.camdencourthotel.comm
- Breakfast Daily, 1 dinner in Dublin, 1 dinner in Kilkenny
- Admissions Included: Jameson Distillery, Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice Cathedral,
- Smithwick's Distillery, Rock of Cashel
- Optional walking Food Tour of Galway, \$100 per person
- Performances by Rick Bedrosian
- Touring By Deluxe Touring Motor coach with a professional driver guide
- Taxes and Service Charges except gratuity to driver/guide
- If you need help with booking your flights, Hammond Tours will be happy to assist you.
- Cancellation Penalties: 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 20 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.) Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor's note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned is not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Rick Bedrosian are not responsible for any loss, damage or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

RESERVATION APPLICATION (RB2025)

Go to www.hammondtours.com to complete vour reservation application. The nonrefundable 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 \$799.00. Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 4/30/2025 and your final payment is due 7/1/2025. Reminders will be sent.

> THE TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 15 PARTICPANTS **Questions? Contact HAMMOND TOURS 34** Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, NY 12186 TEL: 518-765-2056 or 1-866-486-8772 (tollfree)

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