

October 13-19, 2024

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Join Rick Bedrosian of

Hair Of The Dog on his Tour of Ireland



Day 1 October 13 Sunday	Dublin. Arrive Dublin Airport by 10:00AM, where we will meet our driver guide. We will take a panoramic tour of Dublin City. See all of the historical buildings, you will pass by St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. You will have to check out the Temple Bar Pub area. Be sure to see the famous Red Pub. After touring a bit, we will stop at Guinness Storehouse. It's more than just a brewery. The Guinness Storehouse experience is part brewery tour and part museum, ending with a pint at a rooftop bar overlooking Dublin. Guinness is said to be the top tourist attraction in all of Ireland, and it's fun and interesting whether or not you like Guinness (though, note that my beer-loving friends all say that the Guinness in Ireland tastes WAY better than the Guinness we get in the US!). We will enjoy a tour along with a pint of Guinness, of course. Tonight, we all will have dinner together at your hotel. Dinner & Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 2 October 14 Monday	Dublin- Kinsale. This morning we leave Dublin and head to Kinsale. Our first visit will be to the Cobh Heritage Center. Explore the poignant Emigration & Maritime Story at Cobh. The dramatic exhibition brings to life the origins, history and legacy of Cobh and its role in Irish emigration as well as tales of the ill-fated Titanic and Lusitania. Retrace the steps of 2.5 million adults and children who emigrated from Ireland through Cobh on coffin ships, early steamers and finally on the great ocean liners. Discover the real stories of some of the 6 million emigrants who left Ireland from 1848 to 1950, making Cobh the single most important port of emigration in Ireland. Cobh can be a very moving place to visit. Then it is onto Killarney overnight. Overnight at The Actons Hotel.
Day 3 October 15 Tuesday	Kinsale. Today we will visit Dingle in this picturesque little town. After breakfast at your hotel, we have time to visit Charles Fort, a popular attraction that was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles' were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) was built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. The Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of independence. Known locally as 'The French Prison' after a tragic fire in which 54 prisoners, mainly French seamen, died in 1747. This afternoon we will have the option of enjoying a gourmet Walking Food Tour of Kinsale. Those of you not wishing to take part of the food tour are free to explore Kinsale on your own. Some of Ireland's most award-winning restaurants are in Kinsale and our walking food tour will take us to some of them. As we walk through this beautiful medieval coastal town, you will experience a range of different local foods. You will hear stories about the food and the town. We will be enjoying an adult beverage paired with some of our tastings today. Overnight at The Actons Hotel.
Day 4 October 16 Wednesday	Kinsale- Dingle- Killarney. After breakfast we head to the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunchtime with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Sleat Head. Along the way, we will see beehive style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. We then head to Killarney for overnight. Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel.

Day5 October 17 Thursday	Killarney-Blarney Castle- Killarney. Today we set out for a visit to Blarney Castle, which is home to the blarney stone. If you need proof of the power of a good yarn, then join the queue to get into this 15th-century castle, one of Ireland's most popular tourist attractions. They're here, of course, to plant their lips on the Blarney Stone, which supposedly gives one the gift of gab. The Blarney Stone is perched at the top of a steep climb up claustrophobic spiral staircases. On the battlements, you bend backwards over a long, long drop (with safety grill and attendant to prevent tragedy) to kiss the stone (STONE & CASTLE ARE OPTIONAL); Time to visit and shop the famous woolen mills. This shop shouldn't disappoint, with a particularly wide range of cut crystal, porcelain presents and its trademark woolly things. Save your appetite as this afternoon we will stop at The English Market in Cork. The English Market - so called because it was set up in 1788 by the Protestant or 'English' corporation that then controlled the city (there was once an Irish Market nearby) - is a true gem, with its ornate vaulted ceilings, columns, and polished marble fountain. Scores of vendors set up colorful and photogenic displays of the region's very best local produce, including meat, fish, fruit, cheeses, and takeaway food. This is a must see not just for foodies! Overnight at Killarney International Hotel.
Day6 October 18 Friday	Dingle- Dublin. This morning we leave Dingle and head north towards Dublin. On our way we will make a stop in Wicklow. Around 22 miles south of Dublin on Ireland's east coast, Wicklow is known as the "Garden of Ireland." And with good reason. It's one of the most beautiful regions in the country, offering rolling mountains, a national park, high waterfalls, beautiful sandy beaches, and dramatic, untamed scenery. From there we head into Dublin. Welcome back to Dublin, a city that's as intimate as a village and as friendly as an Irish pub. Framed by mountains, centered on a river and edged by a beautiful bay, the city's streets and alleys are filled with vibrant art, historic buildings, and hip cafes. This afternoon you may want to visit the Jameson Distillery, nestled in the heart of Old Dublin on the site of the original distillery, with its origins dating back to the year 1780. We also get a complimentary whiskey tasting. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
Day 7 October 19 Saturday	Dublin Airport. Today we will make our way to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Always time for a little duty-free shopping. Safe Travels!

Your Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Six (6) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:
- Dublin- The Camden Court Hotel - 1 Night **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Kinsale - The Actons Hotel - 2 Nights **** www.actonshotelkinsale.com
- Killarney- Killarney International Hotel -2 Nights **** www.killarneyinternational.com
- Dublin- The Camden Court Hotel - 1 Night **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Breakfast Daily, 1 dinner in Dublin
- Admissions to Guinness, Cobh, Sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Optional walking Food Tour of Kinsale with local Suzanne Burns \$125.00 per person.
- Rick will accompany Sean McGuinness of the "Dublin City Ramblers", while on tour
- 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

**Go to www.hammondtraveltours.com to complete your reservation application.
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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 \$699.00.

Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 4/30/2024 and your final payment is due 7/1/2024. Reminders will be sent.

(please email operations@hammondtraveltours.com if you want a single room supplement and also if you want optional food tour)

THE TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 20 PARTICPANTS

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