



GRAHAM & ZIG'S EMERALD ISLE, OCTOBER 4-11, 2025

\$2369.00 *PER PERSON* SHARING A ROOM.

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 5 - Sunday: Shannon – Killarney.

The Tour begins at Shannon Airport! After clearing customs, travelers arriving from the US/ Canada, along with anyone coming in early are united and met by your Hammond Tours Irish Driver/ Guide. **You need to arrive at Shannon Airport by 10:00AM.** Next stop – the world-famous *Cliffs of Moher*. The Cliffs offer breathtaking panoramic views of the ocean, the Aran Islands, and Galway Bay. Our picturesque drive to the quintessential Irish town of Killarney will expose the Wild Atlantic Way's rugged coastline. Once settled in at the **Killarney International Hotel**, we will enjoy ourselves at our first group evening dinner.

Day 2, October 6 - Monday: Killarney.

After a hearty Irish breakfast today, we will leisurely make our way around the “*Ring of Dingle*”. Be prepared to experience some breathtaking and historic sights through Ireland's most magnificent and rugged landscapes. “*The Road to Kerry*” gradually winds its way toward the stunning Dingle Peninsula, offering dramatic views of rugged coastline and the sparkling Atlantic Ocean in the distance. *Slea Head* is a prominent location on the Dingle Peninsula. It's known for its breathtaking views, rugged coastline, historical islands, cliffs, beaches, and ancient ruins. *Slea Head* drive, a circular route around the peninsula, takes us to some of Eire's most striking viewpoints and landmarks. “Red-haired Mary's Town of Dingle” is a colourful sight to behold. Moreover, its many traditional pubs ☺. The harbour is spotted with fishing boats, and its narrow streets are filled with traditional stone buildings and unique shops. The town has a friendly, welcoming vibe with plenty of live music and ‘pub craic’. We then make our way back to Killarney with a stop at the historic Ross Castle stronghold in Killarney National Park.

Overnight at the **Killarney International Hotel**.

PS: Killarney has many great trad pubs, and there's one downstairs in our hotel. ☺

Day 3, October 7 - Tuesday: Killarney - Cork.

After breakfast we say goodbye to Killarney and make our way to the County Cork along some dazzling Irish-crofter countryside. Cobh (pron: Cove) is an astonishing mountainside town that sweeps down to the sea - around St. Colman's medieval cathedral. Our admission to the Cobh Heritage Center offers a captivating insight into the rich maritime history of the area. Chances are your post-great famine forbears left from this quay – never to see Ireland again.

Visitors can explore exhibitions that detail the stories of the millions of Irish women and men who departed for the US and Canada with a special focus on the ill-fated *Titanic*, which made its final stop at Cobh (then Queenstown) in 1912. The center also highlights Cobh's naval history including its importance as a military port. Through interactive displays, historical artifacts, and multimedia presentations, the *Cobh Heritage Centre* paints a poignant picture of the town's deep connections to both Irish history and sad migration.

This afternoon after lunch we will visit enjoy a visit to the renowned *Middleton Distillery* which offers a captivating journey into the world of Irish whiskey production. Located in the scenic countryside, the distillery is home to some of Ireland's most famous whiskey brands, including *Jameson*, *Redbreast*, and *Powers*. The tour takes you through the distillation process, from the mashing of barley to the aging of whiskey in oak casks, with expert guides sharing insights into the history, craftsmanship, and innovation behind these iconic spirits. Visitors can explore the impressive copper pot stills, learn about the importance of terroir and maturation, and enjoy tastings of the distillery's finest products. The experience is both educational and sensory, allowing guests to appreciate the skill and passion that goes into every bottle of whiskey. The tour concludes with a visit to the tasting room, where you can savor a variety of whiskeys and discover the nuances of each one in a relaxed, welcoming setting. A short drive to Cork's magnificent city, and pubs ☺.

Dinner & Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork.

Day 4, October 8 - Wednesday: Cork – Mizen Head Peninsula.

After breakfast we begin our day with a scenic traipse to *Mizen Head*, a dramatic and picturesque location at the southwestern tip of Ireland. It's a strange paradox indeed that one of Eire's most picturesque locations still enjoys limited tourism. It is Europe's most westerly land-point renowned for its stunning coastal views and rugged cliffs. *Mizen Head* is one of the most famous natural landmarks on the Wild Atlantic Way. The site is home to the *Mizen Head Signal Station* which was originally built in the 19th century to guide ships safely along the treacherous waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Visitors can explore the signal station and its museum, which provides insight into the area's maritime history and the role the station played in ensuring the safety of sailors. A highlight of the visit is walking across the *Mizen Head Foot Bridge* that spans a deep gorge, offering spectacular views of the sea and cliffs below. Returning to Cork we will make a stop in Kinsale, which is a charming coastal town located in County Cork, Ireland, known for its picturesque harbor, vibrant colour-filled streets, rich history, and awesome pubs ☺. The town exudes a laid-back yet lively atmosphere along cobbled streets and historic buildings. Then it is back to Cork City.

Overnight at The Imperial Hotel Cork.

Day 5, October 9 - Thursday: Cork - Dublin.

“...Hunt the hare and turn'er down the rocky road to Dublin whack-fol-a-lee-ra...”.

Not a ...long way to Tipperary...we journey to the *Rock of Cashel* one of Ireland's most iconic historical sites. The Rock is a stunning hilltop complex of medieval buildings that overlooks the lush green plains of Tipperary below: "St. Patrick's prayer-stained Rock" Ireland's Patron Saint is said to have converted the local King Aengus to Christianity by using a bell to drive away the king's pagan beliefs. The site is a remarkable collection of ruins, including a large round tower, a Cathedral, a Cormac's Chapel with exquisite frescoes, a high Celtic-cross, all set against a backdrop of sweeping vistas. The *Rock of Cashel* has been a site of royal power and religious significance for centuries, offering visitors not only a glimpse into Eire's medieval past but also breathtaking views of the surrounding valley. Its atmospheric beauty and historical importance make it a must-visit destination for those interested in Ireland's heritage.

A pint-stop stop, or lunch, then we make our way to *Glendalough*. A picturesque and historic glen located in County Wicklow. The name "*Glendalough*" translates to "glen of the two lakes," which is fitting given the stunning landscape. The glen is nestled within the *Wicklow Mountains*, known for its dramatic scenery, rolling hills, dense ancient woodlands, and clear waters. The area is best known for its monastic settlement founded in the 6th century by St. Kevin, which is a major historical and spiritual site. It is a step back in time, round tower, chapel ruins, and various other structures. These ruins are set against the backdrop of lush green landscapes and two serene Upper and Lower Lakes, which add to the tranquil beauty of the place. Then onto Dublin.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel, and the attached and famous “Bleeding Horse Pub” ☺

Day 6, October 10 - Friday: Dublin's fair city – alive-va-liv'o.

Today you will have a free day to explore “*Dubh Lin*’ (Dublin). It is suggested that the Hop on Hop Off bus pass covers a lot with ease - while experiencing Eire's capital city main attractions, Trinity College, the Guinness Storehouse, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Dublin Castle at your own pace. The buses are equipped with audio guides in multiple languages, providing informative commentary about the city's history and culture as you travel. Some places you may also want to visit; St. Patrick's Cathedral, Kilmainham Goal, Dublin Castle to name a few. So much to see and do....

Overnight at the Camden Court.

Day 7, October 11- Saturday: Dublin Airport.

Today we are privately transported to the Dublin Airport for your flight home. Still time for duty free shopping or a final Guinness. Graham and Zig give you fair warning; you will be lured back to the Emerald Isle in your dreams, thoughts, song, and splendour, forever.

“Ireland, a Terrible Beauty” ~ Leon Uris.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- Deluxe motorcoach with Irish driver/ guide from pickup at Shannon Airport on October 5th until drop-off Dublin Airport on October 10th.
- 1 group transfer on October 11 from Camden Court to Dublin Airport.
- Six (6 Nights) in quality Irish accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Killarney - Killarney International Hotel - 2 Nights **** www.killarneyinternational.com
 - Cork - Imperial Hotel Cork - 2 Nights **** www.imperialhotelcork.com
 - Dublin - Camden Court Hotel - 2 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival.
- Two Dinners: 1 Killarney 1 Cork.
- Paid Admissions to:
 - Cliffs of Moher,
 - Mizen Head Visitor Center,
 - Middleton Distillery,
 - Cobh Heritage Center,
 - Rock of Cashel,
 - Glendalough.
- Fully escorted sightseeing as *per* itinerary.
- Republic of Ireland / hotel taxes throughout (except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

Not included: Any meals not listed as included; any admissions to sightseeing not stated; or, any items of a personal nature. Please tip to your driver guide on the last day.

Reservation Application

Graham & Zig's Emerald Isle (GZ2025)

October 4 - 11, 2025

Go to www.hammondtraveltours.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 \$859.00. Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 5/4/2025 and your final payment is due 6/4//2025. Reminders will be sent.

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