

October 8-14, 2023



\$1899.00

Per Person (sharing)

LAND ONLY

GRAHAM & ZIG'S SPECTACULAR

IRELAND ADVENTURE

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 8 – Sunday: USA – Ireland

Depart USA for the overnight flight to Ireland.

Day 2, October 9 – Monday: Dublin Airport- Giants Causeway- Belfast. This morning we arrive at Dublin Airport by 10:00 am where we meet our driver/ guide. We travel north through the historic town of Drogheda in the county Louth, where Cromwell killed “every tenth man”. Then past the border city of Dundalk with a view of *Cu Chulainn’s Castle* to the right. Next is Newry-Town with a stunning view of the *Mountains of Mourne* [the Dark Mournes] “...that sweep down to the sea...”. We coach through some of the most Irish of landscapes, past Balymena - *Baile Meánach*, toward the “*The Green Glens of Antrim – that are heaven to me*”. Then onward along the spectacular Irish Sea coastline to the *Giant’s Causeway*; one of Ireland’s most scenic of seaside attractions, not yet teeming with tourists. The phenomenal wonder of hexagonal columns expanding out to the North Atlantic is said to have been built by legendary Irish Folk Hero, Finn MacCool as “a pathway to Scotland” to see his beloved. **Overnight at the Europa Hotel.**

Day 3, October 10 – Tuesday: Donegal.

Belfast- Donegal. After a hearty Irish-breakfast, we depart Belfast and cruise through the county Antrim and the “*Sperrin Area of Natural Beauty*”, past Derry, and make our way to the county Donegal. We will visit the fishing village of Killybegs, “...where the boys of Killybegs come rolling home...”. Donegal is a special place! It is Irish in every sense, still not yet overrun with tourists that one sees in Killarney, Blarney *et al.*

Soon we come to *Wild Atlantic Way* showcasing Rathlin O’Byrne Island and *Glen Colmcille*. Unparalleled sea cliffs; bays; beaches; Irish villages; and then - *Slieve Liag* [League]. Your breath will be stolen and your heart rebooted by the “Cliffs.”

For those of us that have been to the *Cliffs of Moher* can attest, nothing comes close to the *Slieve Liag Cliffs* – all without the thousands of hikers and selfie-takers. Rising 2000 feet from the Atlantic, one of the highest sea cliffs in Europe, are twice as high as the *Cliffs of Moher*. View across Donegal Bay to the counties Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo, and the broad the Atlantic as far as the eye can see.

“You’re as welcome as the flowers in May to dear old Donegal”. **Overnight at the Abbey Hotel Donegal.**

Itinerary continued on next page.

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers, sightseeing and services of professional Irish driver.
 - Accommodations for 5 nights
(as follows or similar in standard rooms)
*Belfast-Europa Hotel- 1 Night *****
www.europahotelbelfast.com
*Donegal- Abbey Hotel- 1 Night *****
www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com
*Galway- Ardilaun Hotel- 2 Nights *****
www.theardilaun.ie
*Limerick- The Clayton Hotel- 1 Night *****
www.claytonhotels.com
 - Admissions to *Giants Causeway*
 - Admission to *Slieve league*
 - Admission to *Bunratty Folf Park & Castle*
 - Full Irish breakfast daily except the day of arrival
 - Dinner at Galway Hotel
 - Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
 - Porterage of 1 suitcase per person
(plus 1 carry-on bag)
 - All driver’s expenses (except tip to the Driver/Guide)
 - Hotel taxes
- NOT INCLUDED:**
- Any items of a personal nature
 - Dinners and items not mentioned as included.
 - Sightseeing not indicated as included.

Day 4, October 11 – Wednesday: Galway

Post an Irish breakfast we leave Donegal and make our way to Cong in the county Mayo. We cruise by Benbulbin, then along Connemara's ramparts and wild wind-scared landscape where the clearance cottage ruins are still exposed.

Cong has it all. The "QUIET MAN" setting of *Innisfree* where Irish families world-wide know almost every line and song. Ashford Castle and grounds are the most renowned of Irish Castles with manicured gardens, fly-fishing, the red deer, and the Cong ancient forest and Guinness Tower - all within easy walking distance.

The Abbey Ruins are particularly beautiful; contrasted by famine landmarks. *Ireland: A Terrible Beauty* is on full display. A pint or two, then onto Galway City—*whack-for-a-tour-a-loura-loura-lie*. Dinner in Galway, then the craic will be mighty!

Dinner & Overnight at The Ardilaun Hotel Galway.

Day 5, October 12 – Thursday: Galway

Today enjoy a free day in Galway. Arty, bohemian Galway is renowned for its many pleasures and sights. Museums, Spanish Arch and quarter, brightly painted pubs (many many pubs 😊) heave with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers.

Steeped in history, the remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling authentic Aran knit-wool sweaters, and authentic handcrafted Claddagh rings. Our hotel is 10 minutes from the city center and the coach will be available to take everyone into town and back to the hotel.

Overnight at the Ardilaun Hotel Galway.

Day 6, October 13 – Friday: Limerick

After breakfast we head south along some beautiful Irish farmland and rolling landscapes. Just too many ruins and castles to mention. As you will observe, this will not be your typical Irish tourist-trip. It was carefully designed to forego madding crowds and line-ups. But it is just impossible to not visit the acclaimed 15th century iconic Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Probably the most complete and authentic castle in Ireland.

The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. Take a tour of this iconic fortress; hear and see how the lords and ladies of this castle lived; hear stories of battles and bravery and enjoy stunning views across the idyllic Clare countryside. Set on 26 acres of unspoiled Clare countryside, Bunratty Folk

The park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. Just as famous [to some 😊] is *Durty Nellie's* pub where you may find some of our gaggle 😊 .

Across from our hotel is another famous pub: DOLAN'S. "Last-night craic" is in order.

Overnight at the Clayton Hotel Limerick.

Day 7, October 14 – Saturday: Ireland – US. Today we will make our way to Shannon Airport for your flight home.



Reservation Application

Graham & Zig's Spectacular Irish Adventure

October 8-14, 2023

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 8-14, 2023, Graham & Zig's Ireland Adventure Tour (GGB2023)

Enclosed is a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250 per person)

Deposit Due: ASAP to hold seats

2nd Deposit of \$550 due by June 17, 2023.

FINAL DUE: July 8, 2023

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Companion Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type - Twin (2 beds): _____ Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

Single Supplement: \$529.00 (Limited number available) Yes: _____

(You must pay single rate if not traveling with a companion. Please advise if you need a roommate.)

Land only: \$1749.00 Yes: _____

CC#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CC Signature: _____ Sec Code: _____

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS
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