



# SCYTHIAN IRELAND TOUR NOVEMBER 2-10, 2025

\$2995.00 PER PERSON SHARING A ROOM.

## **Hammond Tours Presents:**

### **Daily Itinerary**

Day 1, November 2-Sunday: Dublin. Today you will arrive to Dublin Airport by 10:00AM to meet up with your driver guide and begin your tour which starts at Guinness. Touring the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin is a truly immersive experience that brings the story of Ireland's most iconic beer to life. Located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery, the tour begins with an introduction to the history of Guinness, tracing its roots back to 1759 when Arthur Guinness first brewed the famous stout. As you wander through the seven-story building, you'll explore interactive exhibits that delve into the brewing process, the ingredients, and the craftsmanship behind the drink. Along the way, you'll learn about the brand's rich heritage, its impact on Irish culture, and its global reach. The highlight of the tour is reaching the Gravity Bar at the top of the Storehouse, where you can enjoy a complimentary pint of Guinness while taking in panoramic views of Dublin's skyline. The experience is both educational and fun, blending history, innovation, and a deep sense of Irish pride, making it a must-do for beer lovers and culture enthusiasts alike. This afternoon you will have some free time to explore. **Overnight at The Camden Court Hotel.** 

Day 2, November 3-Monday: Dublin- Westport. Today we leave Dublin and make our way to Westport. The drive is a wonderful way to experience the diverse landscapes and vibrant cities of Ireland. The journey begins with a smooth drive out of Dublin, passing through the scenic Irish countryside and small towns along the way. When you arrive in Galway, you'll be greeted by its lively atmosphere, cobbled streets, and rich cultural heritage. Take a stroll through the colorful Latin Quarter, grab a coffee in one of the cozy cafes, or enjoy the lively buskers and street performers around Eyre Square. After exploring Galway, you continue your journey towards Westport, which is about an hour and a half away. The drive takes you through the peaceful and rolling hills of County Galway, eventually leading to the stunning views of Clew Bay as you approach Westport. The town itself is charming, with its Georgian architecture, beautiful surroundings, and proximity to Croagh Patrick mountain, making it the perfect end to your journey. The trip offers a wonderful mix of city exploration, cultural immersion, and natural beauty. Dinner & Overnight at The Westport Plaza or The Westport Castlecourt.

- Day 3, November 4- Tuesday: Westport. A trip from Westport to Connemara and Kylemore Abbey offers an unforgettable journey through some of Ireland's most stunning landscapes. Leaving Galway behind, you venture into the wild beauty of Connemara, where the rugged mountains, expansive boglands, and crystal-clear lakes create a sense of untouched wilderness. As you drive along winding roads, you'll be greeted by sweeping views of the Twelve Bens mountain range and the shimmering shores of Killary Harbour. Kylemore Abbey, nestled by the shores of Lough Pollacapall, is a striking sight, with its Gothic architecture surrounded by lush woodlands and gardens. Exploring the abbey and its Victorian walled garden offers a sense of serenity and history. After soaking in the beauty of the area, the return journey to Galway takes you back through this picturesque region, leaving you with memories of the dramatic landscapes and peaceful tranquility of Connemara. Overnight at The Westport Plaza or The Westport Castlecourt.
- Day 4, November 5- Wednesday: Westport- Killarney. Today after breakfast we leave Westport and make our way to Killarney. The drive from Galway to Killarney is a scenic adventure that takes you through the heart of the Irish countryside, with a must-see stop at the Cliffs of Moher. As you leave Galway behind, the road winds through charming towns and green pastures, slowly leading you toward the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Rising dramatically from the Atlantic Ocean, the cliffs offer breathtaking panoramic views of the coastline, with the rugged cliffs stretching for miles and the waves crashing below. After soaking in the awe-inspiring scenery and perhaps taking a stroll along the cliffside paths, you continue your journey towards Killarney, passing through the rolling hills and valleys of County Clare and into County Kerry. The drive offers more stunning landscapes, including glimpses of the lakes and mountains that surround Killarney, making the entire trip a blend of natural beauty and Irish charm. Dinner & Overnight The Killarney Plaza Hotel
- Day 5, November 6- Thursday: Killarney. After breakfast we depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of 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 lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Slea Head. Along the way, we will see beehive style huts, originally inhabited by 12<sup>th</sup> century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in Europe. Then we make our way back to Killarney. **Overnight at The Killarney Plaza Hotel.**
- Day 6, November 7- Friday: Killarney- Kilkenny. Driving from Killarney to Kilkenny with a stop at the Rock of Cashel makes for a memorable journey through the Irish countryside, with plenty of history and scenic beauty along the way. Leaving Killarney, the drive takes you through the rolling hills and quiet villages of County Kerry and County Limerick. As you head toward Cashel, the landscape becomes dotted with lush farmlands and distant hills. The Rock of Cashel, rising majestically on a limestone hill, is an unforgettable stop. The historic site includes medieval ruins like a cathedral, a round tower, and Cormac's Chapel, all offering stunning views over the surrounding countryside. After soaking in the history and the panoramic vistas, you continue your journey to Kilkenny, passing through small towns and charming landscapes. As you approach Kilkenny, you're welcomed by the sight of its medieval streets, ancient castles, and vibrant cultural scene, making this trip a perfect blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. Dinner & Overnight at The Kilkenny River Court Hotel.
- Day 7, November 8- Saturday: Kilkenny. Today we will spend the day exploring Waterford. It's Ireland's oldest city, which offers a fascinating blend of rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant culture. Starting in the heart of the city, you can explore the Waterford Treasures, a series of museums that highlight the city's past, including the Medieval Museum and the Bishop's Palace. The Medieval Museum offers an intriguing look into Waterford's medieval roots, showcasing artifacts like the famous Waterford Charter Roll. The Bishop's Palace, meanwhile, offers a glimpse into 18th-century life in the city, with exhibits on Georgian-era Waterford and the arrival of the Vikings. Beyond the museums, Waterford's charming streets and historic landmarks are perfect for wandering. The city is dotted with beautiful Georgian buildings, including the impressive Reginald's Tower, which stands guard at the quayside and dates back to the 12th century. For a more scenic experience, you can enjoy a walk along the Waterford Greenway, a stunning 46-kilometer trail that runs through lush countryside, viaducts, and along the coastline. Whether you're a history buff, a fan of craft, or simply looking to enjoy the atmosphere of a vibrant, historic Irish city, Waterford has something for everyone. Overnight at The Kilkenny River Court Hotel.
- Day 8, November 9- Sunday: Kilkenny- Dublin. The drive today offers a perfect blend of scenic beauty, history, and tranquility. The journey starts with a peaceful drive through the lush countryside of County Kilkenny and County Carlow, gradually making your way into the rolling hills of the Wicklow Mountains. As you approach Glendalough, the views become increasingly breathtaking, with the green valleys and misty mountains creating a serene atmosphere. Glendalough itself is a beautiful, historic monastic site, set around two picturesque lakes. You can explore the ruins of the 6th-century monastic settlement founded by St. Kevin, including the iconic round tower, ancient churches, and Celtic crosses. The tranquil surroundings and the reflective waters of the lakes provide a perfect backdrop for a leisurely walk, with several walking trails catering to all levels. After soaking in the natural beauty and history of Glendalough, you continue your drive towards Dublin, passing through more stunning landscapes and quaint villages. Overnight at The Camden Court Hotel.
- **Day 9, November 10-Monday: Dublin Airport.** Today we say good bye to Ireland and are transported to Dublin Airport for our flight home.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing, Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Eight (8 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:
- Location Hotel

Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights \*\*\*\* www.camdencourthotel.com (Nov 2) Westport- Castlecourt & Westport Plaza- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.westporthotelgroup.com (Nov

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Killarney- Killarney Plaza Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.killarneyplaza.com (Nov 5 & 6) Kilkenny- River Court Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.rivercourthotel.com (Nov 7 & 8) Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights \*\*\*\* www.camdencourthotel.com (Nov 9)

- Full Irish breakfast dailv
- Three Dinners: 1 Westport, 1 Killarney & 1 Kilkenny (Please note, dinner nights listed subject to change)
- Admissions to Guinness Storehouse, Glendalough, Rock of Cashel, Cliffs of Moher & Kylemore Abbey
- · Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary.
- · Porterage of one suitcase per person.
- Drivers Expenses (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
  Not Included
- Any Items of a personal nature
- Dinners and items not mentioned as included.
- Sightseeing not indicated as included.

## **Reservation Application**

Scythian Tour of Ireland (SCY2025) November 2-10, 2025

Go to www.hammondtours.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 \$799.00. Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 05/02/2025 and your final payment is due 07/02/2025. Reminders will be sent.

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