

## JIGJAM'S TOUR OF IRELAND



## FEBRUARY 2-9, 2026 \$2499.00 PER PERSON SHARING A ROOM.

### **Hammond Tours Presents:**

### Day 1, February 2, Monday: Dublin Airport. Tour begins at Dublin Airport!

After clearing customs, travelers arriving from the US, along with anyone coming in early are united and met by your Hammond Tours Irish Driver Guides. You need to arrive at Dublin Airport by 10:00AM. We then will start traveling west heading towards Westport. Along the way we will make a stop in Athlone, located in the heart of Ireland along the River Shannon, the town is a lively and historic town that offers a mix of cultural heritage and modern attractions. As one of the oldest towns in Ireland, it always houses the historic Irish pub, renowned for its cozy atmosphere and rich heritage, Sean's Pub. Established in 1699, it claims to be Ireland's oldest pub and has retained much of its traditional charm, with a warm interior featuring wooden beams, old-world décor, and a welcoming, laid-back vibe. The pub offers a fantastic selection of drinks, including locally sourced craft beers and classic Irish whiskey, making it a great spot to enjoy a pint. Then we make our way to Westport for overnight. Dinner & Overnight at the Westport Plaza Hotel.

### Day 2, February 3- Tuesday: Westport.

Today we will start our day with a visit to Achill Island, which is a breathtakingly beautiful and rugged destination. Known for its dramatic landscapes, the island is home to towering cliffs, sandy beaches, and windswept hills, offering a truly wild and unspoiled natural environment. The island is connected to the mainland by a bridge, making it easily accessible. Achill's beaches, such as Keem Bay and Golden Strand, are perfect for peaceful walks while the island's hiking trails lead you through its scenic mountains, including the Slieve Mor peak, which offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and surrounding areas. The Deserted Village on Achill Island is a hauntingly beautiful and historically significant site located at the foot of Slievemore mountain. This remote collection of stone cottages offers a glimpse into the harsh realities of rural life in Ireland during the 19th century. The village is abandoned, with only the crumbling ruins of homes and farms remaining, standing against the backdrop of rugged hills and the wild Atlantic coastline. Back to Westport for overnight. **Overnight at the Westport Plaza Hotel.** 

#### Day 3, February 4- Wednesday: Westport-Galway

Today we leave Westport and make our way to Galway. The drive takes you through rolling countryside, charming villages, and past tranquil lakes, offering plenty of picturesque views along the way. From Westport, you head south, passing through the lively town of Clifden and the rugged landscapes of Connemara. This region renowned for its dramatic and untouched natural beauty. The area is characterized by rugged mountains, rolling green hills, vast boglands, sparkling lakes, and a wild, windswept coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. The striking Twelve Bens Mountain range and the tranquil shores of Lough Corrib provide stunning backdrops to the picturesque villages scattered throughout the region. Connemara is also known for its Gaelic-speaking communities, adding a rich cultural layer to the landscape. Then it onto Galway and free time to explore Galway this afternoon. **Overnight at the Galmont Hotel.** 

#### Day 4, February 5- Thursday: Galway- Killarney.

Traveling from Galway to Killarney is a scenic road trip that takes you through the heart of Ireland's stunning countryside. The journey offers a mix of breathtaking landscapes, charming towns, and historic landmarks. Leaving Galway, you'll drive through the Burren, which is a unique and otherworldly landscape that stretches over 250 square kilometers. It is known for its distinctive karst limestone terrain, where vast stretches of exposed rock create a seemingly barren, yet ecologically rich, environment. The surface is covered in intricate patterns of cracks, called "clints" and "grikes," which add to the landscape's striking appearance. From there we will make our way to Doolin, a picturesque village located on the County Clare coast, is a charming and laid-back destination, famous for its traditional Irish atmosphere and proximity to the Cliffs of Moher. The village is small but full of character, with colorful cottages, cozy pubs, and a welcoming community. the coastal road that leads to the Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs themselves are a stunning sight, rising dramatically above the Atlantic Ocean, offering spectacular panoramic views that are hard to beat. After taking in the breathtaking scenery, you continue on to Galway, a vibrant city known for its lively atmosphere and rich cultural heritage. The entire drive, with its combination of dramatic coastal beauty and rural charm, is a perfect way to experience the heart of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Then onto Killarney. **Dinner & Overnight at Killarney International Hotel.** 

#### Day 5, February 6, Friday: Killarney.

Today after breakfast we will begin our journey to Dingle, which is a captivating drive through some of Ireland's most scenic landscapes, offering a perfect blend of rugged coastlines, rolling hills, and charming villages. The journey takes you along the renowned Wild Atlantic Way. As you leave Killarney, you'll pass through the lush green countryside of County Kerry, with the towering Slieve Mish Mountains in the distance. Along the way, you'll encounter picturesque towns like Killorglin, known for its traditional Puck Fair, and Inch, where you can stop to admire its long sandy beach. The road eventually leads you into Dingle, a vibrant and colorful town nestled by the sea. Dingle itself is a delightful place to explore, with its lively harbor, charming pubs, and local shops. It's also a gateway to the stunning Dingle Peninsula, where you can visit breathtaking natural landmarks like Slea Head and the Gallarus Oratory. The drive and the destination combine to offer a perfect taste of the beauty and culture of Ireland's southwest. Once back in killarney we will experience the jaunting carts, which is a delightful way to experience the natural beauty and charm of the area. These traditional horse-drawn carts, driven by a knowledgeable "jarvey," offer a relaxed and scenic tour through Killarney National Park. As you sit back and enjoy the ride, you'll be surrounded by lush, verdant landscapes, with towering trees, tranquil lakes, and rolling hills. **Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel.** 

#### Day 7, February 7, Satuday: Killarney-Tipperary.

Today on our way to Killarney we will make a stop in Cork at the Cobh Heritage center which offers a fascinating journey through Ireland's rich maritime history, particularly its connection to emigration and the Titanic. Housed in a beautifully restored Victorian railway station, the centre features immersive exhibits that highlight the millions of Irish people who left the country during the 19th and 20th centuries, many of whom departed from Cobh. One of the main highlights is the "Emigrant Experience" exhibit, where visitors can trace their own family's emigration story. The center also delves into Cobh's role as the final port of call for the ill-fated Titanic, with artifacts and stories about its passengers. Through its interactive displays, historical photos, and detailed accounts, the Cobh Heritage Centre provides a poignant and educational insight into the town's history and its role in Irish migration and maritime events. This afternoon we will visit Midleton Distillery one of Ireland's most renowned whiskey distilleries, famous for producing some of the country's finest spirits, including Jameson, Redbreast, and Green Spot. Situated in a picturesque, historic setting, the distillery offers a fascinating look into the art of whiskey-making. We will take the guided tour that walks you through the whiskey production process, from the mashing and fermentation stages to the distillation and aging process. Still time to make a stop in Drangan for a few pints, Gavin's home town. **Overnight at Horse & Jockey Hotel Tipperary.** 

#### Day 8, February 8, Sunday: Tipperary-Tullamore.

This morning after breakfast we will head to the Rock of Cashel, perched dramatically on a limestone hill in County Tipperary, is one of Ireland's most iconic and historically significant landmarks. Often referred to as St. Patrick's Rock, it is a stunning collection of medieval buildings, including a round tower, Cormac's Chapel, a cathedral, and a high cross, all set against a backdrop of sweeping countryside views. The site is steeped in legend, as it is believed to be where St. Patrick converted the King of Munster to Christianity by using a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. The ruins, with their intricate stone carvings and soaring architecture, are a testament to Ireland's rich religious and cultural history. On our way we make stops in both Kilcormac (Daithi hometown) & Durrow (Jamie's home town). **Overnight at Bridge House Hotel.** 

#### Day 9, February 9, Monday: Dublin Airport.

Today we will be transferred to Dublin Airport for our flight home.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle & Guide February 2 arrive Dublin until February 8 arrive
  Tullamore and sightseeing.
- One Group transfer to airport for departure.
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) Accommodations as follows or similar:

**Location Hotel** 

Westport- Westport Plaza Hotel- 2 Night \*\*\*\* www.westportplazahotel.ie (Feb 2 & 3)

Galway- Galmont Hotel- 1 Night \*\*\*\* www.thegalmont.com (Feb 4)

Killarney- Killarney International Hotel- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.killarneyinternational.com (Feb 5 & 6)

Tipperary- Horse and Jockey Hotel- 1 Night \*\*\*\* www.horseandjockeyhotel.com (Feb 7)

Tullamore- Bridge House Hotel- 1 Night \*\*\*\* www.bridgehoteltullamore.ie (Feb 8)

- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival,
- Dinners: 1 Westport & 1 Killarney
- Admissions to Cliffs of Mohor, Killarney Jaunting Cart Ride, Cobh Heritage Centre, Midleton Distillery & Rock of Cashel
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal
- Driver/Guide)

#### Not Included:

- Flights to and from Ireland
- Any meals not mentioned.
- Admission cost to any additional sightseeing not listed in inclusions
- Any items of a personal nature.

## **Reservation Application**

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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 \$659.00. Your second payment of \$350.00 per person is due 8/2/2025 and your final payment is due 10/2/2025. Reminders will be sent.

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