October 6-16, 2025





Land Only Tour Available for \$3295.00

Kevin McKrell's Tour of Ireland

Hammond Tours Presents:

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, October 6: Monday: Shannon Airport- Galway.

Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. The group will depart the airport at 10:00AM. We make our way north traveling to Galway. Our first stop will be at Rathbaun Sheep Farm, in the Heart of Co. Galway!! Established as one of Ireland's premier farm experiences, Rathbaun Farm welcomes visitors with a "warm Irish welcome" and a wonderful insight into farming life both past and present. You will become enchanted by its 250 year old thatched cottage, turf fire and original stonewalls. This afternoon after lunch we will enjoy the Cliffs of Moher Cruise. Not only will you get stunning views of the cliffs but also enjoy the dramatic scenery and potentially spot wildlife such as seabirds and, occasionally, dolphins or other marine life. Then arrive Arty, bohemian Galway with it's brightly painted pubs with live music.

Dinner & Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway. Tonight, a music session with Kevin.

Day 2 October 7-Tuesday: Galway.

Today we visit Inis Mór, Aran Island, after a full Irish breakfast, we travel along the edge of legendary Galway Bay with beautiful Connemara in the hinterland and do a tour of the main Aran Island, Inis Mór. We leave by ferry from Rossaveal and land at Kilronan on Inis Mór. There we'll spend the day in the midst of Gaelic culture. We'll visit Dún Aonghasa, a semi- circular stone fort 300 feet above the crashing Atlantic originally settled over 3,500 years ago. No one knows who the settlers were or what befell them: this lends the site an air of mystery. We'll be ferried around by minibus, so you'll get to see the length and breadth of this bilingual Gaelic Island. For those you not interested in Aran Islands, you can enjoy a free day in Galway.

Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway.

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

Professional Irish Driver Guide(s) from October 6 at 10AM until departure October 16, 2025. Ten (10) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:

Property Location

Galway - Imperial Hotel- 2 Nights ***

www.imperialhotelgalway.ie

Westport- Castlecourt Hotel- 2 Night ****

www.castlecourthotel.ie

Donegal- Central Hotel- 2 Nights *** www.centralhoteldonegal.com

Belfast- Europa Hotel- 2 Nights ****

www.europahotelbelfast.com

Dublin- Camden Court Hotel-2 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com

Full Irish Breakfast Daily

Three Hotel Dinners: Galway, Westport &

Admissions as follows: Cliffs of Moher Cruise. Roundtrip Aran Island ferry with tour on Island, Slieve League Cliffs, Walled in City Tour of Derry, Giants Causeway, 24 hour Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass.

Touring By Deluxe Touring Motorcoach Services of Professional Irish Driver and Guide-Tip to the driver not included.expect gratuity to

driver/quide **Professional Portfolio of Travel EDocuments NOT INCLUDED:**

Any items of a personal nature

Dinners and items not mentioned as included. Sightseeing not indicated as included.

Day 3, October 8-Wednesday: Galway-Westport.

Leaving Galway behind, we'll travel northward, passing through quaint villages and rolling green hillsides. We head to Connemara and our first stop today will be Celtic Crystal. As one of the last surviving Irish Crystal factories, a visit to Connemara Celtic Crystal is a unique and memorable experience. Learn about their story and designs and watch how skilled master cutters bring them to life. We then make our way to Cong for lunch and then onto our final destination, Westport. The town features a picturesque center with Georgian architecture, colorful buildings, and a variety of shops, cafes, and restaurants. It's known for its friendly atmosphere and lively local scene. Dinner & Overnight at the Castlecourt Hotel. Tonight, a music session with Kevin.

Day 4, October 9-Thursday: Westport.

After breakfast, we meet our driver guide and continue our journey with a drive along Achill Island. This scenic drive along the western coast of Achill Island offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean, rugged cliffs, and remote beaches. The drive provides some of the island's most dramatic and picturesque views. This route takes you through the heart of the island, from the village of Keel to the village of Dooagh. It offers a mix of coastal views and inland landscapes. On our way back to Westport we will stop for a photo opportunity at Crough Patrick, also known as "The Reek," is a prominent mountain which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. Back to Westport this afternoon for some free time. Tonight, we will head to Molly Molloy's for a session with Kevin. Overnight at the Castlecourt Hotel.

Day 5 October 10 Friday: Westport- Donegal.

Today we leave Westport and make our way to Donegal. Our first stop today will be at the Museum of Country Life, which is located in County Mayo, Ireland, is a fascinating destination that offers a deep dive into the traditional rural life of Ireland. The museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts that showcase the daily life and culture of rural Ireland from the 1850s to the 1950s. We will stop in Sligo for lunch before making our way to Donegal for overnight. Dinner & Overnight at the Central Hotel Donegal. Tonight, a music session with Kevin.

Day 6, October 11- Saturday: Donegal.

This morning, we travel to Slieve League, which is renowned for its dramatic and awe-inspiring sea cliffs located in County Donegal. They are among the highest sea cliffs in Europe, offering breathtaking views The cliffs of Slieve League rise to nearly 601 meters (1,972 feet) above the Atlantic Ocean, making them some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe. The views from the cliffs are spectacular, with expansive vistas over the rugged coastline and out to the Atlantic Ocean. This afternoon you will have some free time in Donegal. Overnight at the Central Hotel Donegal. Tonight, a music session with Kevin.

Day 7, October 12- Sunday: Donegal- Belfast.

After enjoying breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and make our way to Belfast. On our we will stop in Derry for a "Walled in City Tour". Our knowledgeable guide, Ronan McNamara, provides a deep dive into the rich history and cultural heritage of the city, focusing on its famous city walls. Derry is renowned for its well-preserved 17th-century city walls, which are among the best examples of defensive walls in Europe. The tour will include a walk along these walls, providing a panoramic view of the city and insights into their historical significance. Our guide, Ronan McNamara is known for his detailed and engaging storytelling, bringing historical events to life. You will have free time in Belfast this afternoon. **Overnight at the Europa Hotel.**

Day 8 October 13- Monday: Belfast.

Morning departure from Belfast we travel north through the majestic Glens of Antrim. We travel along the spectacular coastline and on to the Giants Causeway. 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. We will also stop (view only) the Carrick-a-Rede bridge, one of Northern Ireland's most loved attractions. Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, Carrick-a-Rede Island (home to a single building - a fisherman's cottage). Suspended almost 100ft (30m) above sea level. Then back to Belfast for a free afternoon. **Overnight at the Europa Hotel.**

Day 9 October 14- Tuesday: Belfast- Dublin.

Today we leave Belfast and make our way to Dublin. Driving South to the bustling medieval town of Drogheda. Rich in heritage yet young at heart, the largest town in Ireland still has a village feel. Then onto Dublin. Once at our hotel you may want do a little exploring in Dublin, such as Grafton St. for a little shopping and maybe a pint. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.**

Day 10 October 15-Wednesday: Dublin.

Today included in your tour is the Hop On/Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. You'll be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where bullet-holes remain to this day. Visit the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; and finally, Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, the Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the monks produced them all those centuries ago. Also included today is a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. **Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.**

Day 11 October 16: Dublin Airport.

After breakfast we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition, we wish you a "Safe Home". Still time for duty free shopping at Dublin Airport.



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The nonrefundable deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to secure your spot.

The second payment of \$550.00 per person is due 04/05/2025.

The final payment is due 07/05/2025. Reminders will be sent.

If you want a single room, there is an additional single supplement charge of \$895.00.

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