

**October 19-26, 2019**

LAND ONLY: \$ 1599.00

**\$1949.00 PERPERSON**

(plus \$499.00 Departure taxes)

***Graham and Zig's***



***GREAT IRISH ADVENTURE!***

<p><b>Day 1</b> <b>October 19</b> <b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>USA to Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served aloft and there's booze too!</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> <b>October 20</b> <b>Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Dublin-Galway.</b> Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish Driver/Guide. We first make our way to a venue for breakfast (at own expense) and there is Irish Coffee too! We then continue to Galway. Arty, bohemian Galway is renowned for its pleasures. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers. Steeped in history, for sure, but the city buzzes with a contemporary and cultured vibe as students make up a quarter of the population. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling Aran sweaters, handcrafted Claddagh rings and stacks of second-hand and new books. Bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill, on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters. Galway is often referred to as the 'most Irish' of Ireland's cities, it's the only one where you're likely to hear Irish spoken in the streets, shops and pubs. Time this afternoon to go out of your city center hotel and walk the cobble stone streets. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at the beautiful Galway Bay Hotel.</b> <i>(the best in the region...and watch the sun go down on Galway Bay)</i></p>
<p><b>Day 3</b> <b>October 21</b> <b>Monday</b></p>	<p><b>Aran Island (optional) but highly recommended!</b> After a full Irish Breakfast, we enjoy a tour of The Aran Islands. Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands and is the most developed in terms of tourist facilities. There are about 900 inhabitants on Inis Mór making it by far the most populated of the islands. The main village on the island is Kilronan, which has a large harbour that accommodates a vast amount of tourist travel to the island. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. We return to Galway. Those not taking the Aran Islands tour will have a free day in Galway. <b>Overnight Galway Bay Hotel...</b><i>if you ever go across the sea to Ireland, and maybe at the closing of the day...</i></p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>October 22</b> <b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p><b>Galway- Cliffs of Moher- Killarney.</b> Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place – The Burren, You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. This is not the green Ireland of postcards. But there are wildflowers in spring, giving the 560-sq-km Burren brilliant, if ephemeral, color amid its ascetic beauty, where Cromwell complained, "that there was neither a tree to hang an Irishman nor water enough to drown one". Continuing on to the Cliffs of Moher are astonishing impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203m, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob-smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. On a clear day you'll channel Barbra Streisand as you can see forever; the Aran Islands stand etched on the waters of Galway Bay, and beyond lie the hills of Connemara. As you leave the cliffs, you'll travel through the little village of Liscannor and just across the bay, you'll see the beautiful seaside village and golfers' mecca, Lahinch. We then arrive in Killarney. <b>Overnight Killarney International Hotel.</b> <i>The emerald, the shamrock, the blarney, where you can buy all these wonderful things, then you can buy, Killarney.</i></p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>October 23</b> <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Killarney- Dingle- Killarney.</b> After breakfast we depart for the "Ring of Dingle". We begin 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 bee hive 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 western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. <b>Overnight Killarney International Hotel</b></p>
<p><b>Day 6</b> <b>October 24</b> <b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Killarney-Cork.</b> We enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning. Our next stop, <b>Blarney Castle</b>, (admission to the castle is not included) is home to the blarney stone, If you need proof of the power of a good yarn, then join the queue to get into this 15th-century castle, one of Ireland's most popular tourist attractions. They're here, of course, to plant their lips on the <b>Blarney Stone</b>, which supposedly gives one the gift of gab. The Blarney Stone is perched at the top of a steep climb up claustrophobic spiral staircases. On the battlements, you bend backwards over a long, long drop (with safety grill and attendant to prevent tragedy) to kiss the stone; Time to visit and shop the famous woolen mills. This shop shouldn't disappoint, with a particularly wide range of cut crystal, porcelain presents and its trademark woolly things. Then it's onto <b>Cobh</b>- the last spot thousands of Irish saw on their way to America post the Famine. a charming waterfront town on a glittering estuary, dotted with brightly coloured houses and overlooked by a splendid cathedral. We can then visit the <b>Cobh Heritage Center</b>. Learn about Irish Emigration story, trace your ancestors, hear about the ill-fated Titanic and the Lusitania, and immerse yourself in Irish naval and military history. The howl of the storm almost knocks you off-balance, as you feel your right on the deck of the Titanic. Housed in the old train station This beautiful, informative and sometimes emotive cultural Centre is situated within Cobh's beautifully restored Victorian railway station, a building with its own historic story. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Cork.</b> <i>A short walk to any number of pubs with traditional entrainment.</i></p>

<b>Day 7 October 25 Friday</b>	<b>Cork-Dublin.</b> After breakfast we depart Cork. We start our journey traveling via “The Rock of Cashel”, both prayer stained and blood stained, where legend has it St. Patrick crowned the High Kings of Ireland in the 5 <sup>th</sup> century. We continue to the Medieval City of Kilkenny, where we enjoy a visit to <b>Kilkenny Castle</b> which has been completely refurbished in recent years. The impressive Victorian building was erected in the mid-19th century when it served as a home to the Hackett family. We make our way through the spectacular “Wicklow Mountains” to visit <b>Glendalough</b> , the 6 <sup>th</sup> century monastic home of St. Kevin, surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where once again time has stood still. Here we see the round tower and ruined churches of the 6th century monastery and stop at the visitor center for an explanation of the history of the settlement or enjoy an Irish Coffee in the pub. Then onto Dublin where we check into our hotel and you have some free time. You may choose to visit Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world famous brew. Make sure to visit Dublin’s oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head, or the Temple Bar, or O’Donnaghe in Dublin’s fair city. <b>Overnight Camden Court Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 9 October 26 Sunday</b>	<b>Dublin-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you “Safe Home”.

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Six (6 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hotel</b>
Galway	Galway Bay Hotel- 2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.galwaybayhotel.net">www.galwaybayhotel.net</a>
Killarney	Killarney International Hotel- 2 Nights **** <a href="http://www.killarneyinternational.com">www.killarneyinternational.com</a>
Cork	Imperial Hotel Cork- 1 Night **** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelcork.com">www.imperialhotelcork.com</a>
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** <a href="http://www.camdencourthotel.com">www.camdencourthotel.com</a>
- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, One Dinners: 1 Galway
- Admissions to Cliffs of Moher & Cobh Heritage
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

**Cancellation Penalties:** If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$700.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. **We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family, (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.) Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor’s note) saying that traveler cannot attend trip, would also be covered.** Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned are not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Glengarry Bhoys are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.

**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your October 19-26, 2019 Ireland Tour (GGB2019)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$550.00 due by May 19, 2019, Final Payment Due: July 19, 2019**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 Bed): \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE**

**Cancellation Insurance per Person: Contact [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)**

**Aran Island Tour \$65.00**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$499.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) YES**

*We Accept Visa, MasterCard & American Express. No service charges*

**\*Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS**

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