

October 14-21, 2011

\$1599.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$285.00 US departure tax)

The Glengarry Bhoys!



Tour Ireland

<p>Day 1 Friday October 14</p>	<p>USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p>Day 2 Saturday October 15</p>	<p>Dublin. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast (on own expense). We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year old city. We then see statue filled <i>O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square.</i> Our group will then enjoy a visit to the Guinness Brewery. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>Day 3 Sunday October 16</p>	<p>Dublin-Avoca-Waterford-Cork. After breakfast we meet Driver/Guide in the lobby of the hotel. We continue through County Wicklow with a stop at Glendalough. This is the 6th century monastic home of St. Kevin surrounded by beautiful mountains and gardens where once again time has stood still. We arrive at through Arklow and the beautiful Vale of Avoca. The popular TV Show, Ballykissangel was filmed on location here. Many fine woolens and other Irish finery can be found at the famous Avoca Woolen Mills. We continue through Waterford, a medieval town. Waterford City was founded by Viking traders in 914 and it has an exciting medieval flavor and riverside bustle. The city has a strong maritime tradition and looks forward to the return of the Tall Ships Race in 2012. We then travel along the coast, "The Irish Riviera" through Dungarven & Youghal and Dungarven to Cork. We then enjoy a panoramic tour of Cork City, home to several magnificent churches including St. Ann's and St. Finbar's cathedral. Cork City is the second largest city in Ireland and takes its name from the Irish word Corcaigh meaning "marshy place". The ancestral home of America's automobile pioneer, Henry Ford is located here. Overnight River Lee Hotel. Dinner at our hotel this evening</p>
<p>Day 4 Monday October 17</p>	<p>Cork-Cobh-Kinsale-Cork. After breakfast we travel to Cobh and the Cobh Heritage Center. This moving exhibit depicts emigration from Ireland during the Great Famine of the mid 1800's. It is onto Kinsale. Kinsale in County Cork is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of the south-west coast of Ireland. Famous for its beautiful yachting, sea angling, gourmet restaurants and golf. Charles Fort, a popular attraction was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and has five bastions. The two seaward bastions, the Devil's and the Charles' were for defending the harbor and both are casemated - that is, they have gun embrasures inside as well as on top of the walls. Desmond Castle, (French Prison) Cork Street, Kinsale, built as a custom house by the Earl of Desmond c. AD 1500. Desmond Castle has had a colorful history, ranging from Spanish occupation in 1601 to use as a prison for captured American sailors during the American War of Independence. Known locally as 'The French Prison' after a tragic fire in which 54 prisoners, mainly French seamen, died in 1747. The castle was also used as a borough jail from 1791 to the onset of the Great Famine when it was used as an auxiliary workhouse tending to the starving populace. Time to explore this area. We return to Cork. Overnight River Lee Hotel</p>
<p>Day 5 Tuesday October 18</p>	<p>Cork-Blarney-Killarney. Morning departure from Cork. Our next stop, Blarney Castle, is home to the blarney stone, which legend has it bequeaths the "gift of eloquence" to all who kisses it. Time to shop at the woolen mills or stop in Christy's Pub for a Pint! Our journey takes us east over the Kerry and Cork Mountains to Macroom where we pause for a short visit. This is the main market town for the Gaelic speaking region to the west. Macroom Castle dates from the 13th century and was the seat of the McCarthys of Muskerry. Oliver Cromwell granted it to Admiral Sir William Penn whose namesake son spent much of his childhood here and later founded the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sites of interest in the town reflect its strong religious and educational history. Killarney was a monastic settlement from the 5th or 6th Century and house settlement began here from around 1500. Explore colorful laneways, a fine cathedral and experience the ambience of busy streets in the town centre. Nestled amidst deep, lake filled valleys with astounding sights such as the famous Ladies' View (Named after Queen Victoria's Ladies' in Waiting) and the MacGillicuddy Reeks - Ireland's largest mountain range, home of Carrauntoohil the country's largest peak. We arrive Killarney for overnight at The Killarney International Hotel. Dinner at our hotel this evening.</p>

Day 6 Wednesday October 19	Dingle. 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 bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th 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. This evening, you will enjoy dinner at a traditional Killarney restaurant suggested by your Guide, after which we suggest you may partake of lively Irish music in one of the many Killarney Pubs. Overnight Killarney at The Killarney International Hotel. Dinner is on your own.
Day 7 Thursday October 20	Killarney-Cliffs of Moher-Bunratty. After breakfast we travel north through picturesque Adare with its thatched roof cottages still in use today. We make our way to County Clare and the rugged Burren to The Majestic Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs rise 700 feet and stretch out along the Atlantic Coastline for five miles. We continue to Bunratty where upon arrival we bid farewell to our driver/guide who now seems like a member of our family. Time to perhaps visit 900 year old Bunratty Castle and adjacent Folk Park. Be sure to visit "Durdy Nellie's" Pub. This 300 year old establishment is a real treat for all with impromptu singsongs and great food. Overnight Bunratty Castle Hotel. Optional Medieval Banquet at Bunratty this evening.
Day 8 Friday October 21	Bunratty-Shannon. Morning departure by Private Transfer for nearby Shannon Airport. Arrive with plenty of time for last minute duty-free shopping before boarding your flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition we wish you a "Safe Home".

Your Tour Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland
- 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:

Location	Hotel
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
Cork	River Lee Hotel-2 Nights **** www.doylecollection.com
Killarney	Killarney International Hotel-2 Nights *** www.killarneyinternational.com
Bunratty	Bunratty Castle Hotel-1 Night *** www.bunrattycastlehotel.com
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 Killarney, 1 Galway
- Admission to Guinness Storehouse
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcases per person
- Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
- Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally executed

Cancellation Penalties: Cancellation Penalties: (LAND) 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 June 119 to 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$750.00 per person will apply. 89 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 14-21, 2011 Tour of Ireland (GGB101411)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due April 30, 2011, FINAL PAYMENT DUE: September 1, 2011

Name (as on passport) _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ DOB: _____ EMAIL: _____

Other passengers traveling with me: _____

Room Type: Twin/Double: _____ Single: _____ YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE.

Cancellation Insurance: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: _____ No: _____ (must be paid with deposit)

OPTIONAL MEDIEVAL BANQUET: \$85.00 Per Person; YES: _____

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$399.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE)

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS

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