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BHOYS EXCELLENT ADVENTURE OF IRELAND

<p>Day 1 Saturday August 10</p>	<p>USA to Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner is served aloft.</p>
<p>Day 2 Sunday August 11</p>	<p>Shannon-Galway. Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Professional Irish Driver/Guide. We then continue to Galway. In the 1400's, there began in Galway the rule of the 'Tribes', as the leading fourteen families were called. Their names were <i>Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt</i>. These families managed a flourishing international trade particularly with Spain. The city still bears the marks of this trade with the Spanish Arch, built in 1594, and Spanish Parade embellishing the old part of the town. Galway has retained much of its small town character is now home to many artists, writers, and artisans. Galway is the unofficial art capital of Ireland. Time today to browse "Shop Street" as well as the lively pubs that dot the city. Overnight Jury's Inn Galway.</p>
<p>Day 3 Monday August 12</p>	<p>Aran Islands. 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 quite 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. Overnight Jury's Inn Galway.</p>
<p>Day 4 Tuesday August 13</p>	<p>Connemara Tour: After enjoying breakfast we depart Galway. Today we take in the magnificent views of the Connemara region, Ireland's treasure of wild, natural beauty where, in some places, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden. Situated on the west coast of Ireland against the backdrop of the 12 Ben Mountains and beautiful rugged coastline, the town is known locally as the Capital of Connemara. Clifden is a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. The Sky Road in Clifden is one of the best tourist attractions in the entire Connemara region. The circular route is 11km long and takes you out west from Clifden. Simply put, the scenery along the Sky Road is stunning. Very few places in Ireland can match the rugged beauty and range of scenery that can be seen from the Sky Road. We then join the main road and our journey takes us via Leenane to Westport taking in more of the most exalted scenery Ireland has to offer. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland's Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. One of the few planned towns in the Country, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt. Westport has many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall. Overnight Hotel Westport.</p>
<p>Day 5 Wednesday August 14</p>	<p>Westport-Strokestown-Roscommon. After breakfast our journey continues to Strokestown. The famine museum at Strokestown Park House is a moving display concerned with the Great Famine of the 1840's, which cost over a million lives and sent another million from the country. Onto Roscommon. Roscommon comes from the Irish <i>Ros</i> meaning a wooded, gentle height and <i>Comán</i>, the name of the county's famous saint and the first bishop of the sea. Rathcroghan was home to the Kings of Connacht and then to the High Kings of Ireland. Dinner and overnight at the Abbey Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 6 Thursday August 15</p>	<p>Burren Tour. Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place - the Burren (<i>Bhoireann</i>). It is home to rare alpine plants, delicate wonders that grow in the thin soil and crevices - gentians, orchids and maidenhair ferns amongst others. The survival of both alpine and Mediterranean plants in this unusual habitat continues to arouse and to delight its visitors. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses and a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating from the 12th century, Corcomroe. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Continue on and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs, a spectacular natural phenomenon, rise 660 feet above the Atlantic. O'Brien's Tower is the best location from which to view the Cliffs. From this vantage point one can see the Aran Islands as well as The Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains to the north in 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 continue to Doolin with a visit to a Pub. Doolin is the unofficial Music Capital of Ireland. Overnight Clarion Hotel Limerick</p>
<p>Day 7 Friday</p>	<p>Limerick-Cashel-Limerick. After breakfast we enjoy a panoramic tour of Limerick, Ireland's 3rd largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote Angela's Ashes. Limerick is an area steeped in history. The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th</p>

August 16	century a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as "City of the Broken Treaty", due to the treaty which was signed surrendering the city to William. King John's Castle is a fortified 13th century Castle on 'King's Island' in the heart of medieval Limerick. The castle overlooking the river Shannon opens an exciting window on the lives and stories of the people through political upheaval, war and famine. Archaeological excavations open to the public roll back the mists of time to pre-Norman houses which predate the castle by 100 years, as well as siege mines, garrison and soldiers quarters and sallyport all found under the level of the present courtyard. The castle itself features an imaginative exhibition spanning the castle's history We travel north to Cashel. We visit the impressive Rock of Cashel . The Rock of Cashel, with its well preserved ecclesiastical remains, is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks, rising above the surrounding plain and dominating the land route southward. The large Cathedral, ancient round tower and the very early Romanesque Cormac's Chapel , perched on a dramatic outcrop of rock, were silent witnesses to many of the stirring events of Irish History; St. Patrick converted the local King Aenghus, here in the 5th century; Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland on this spot in the early 11th Century. Overnight Clarion Hotel Limerick.
Day 8 Saturday August 17	Limerick-USA. Morning departure for our departure Airport and our flight home. Arrive home the same day!

YOUR VACATION INCLUDES:

- Round-trip air from New York Area to Ireland (Flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Six (6) Nights Three & Four Star Hotels with private bath
- Full Irish Breakfast daily
- ONE Dinner: 1 Dinner Abbey Hotel
- Professional Irish Driver/Guide throughout
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Admissions to Aran Islands with tour, Cliffs of Moher, Rock of Cashel
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

HOTELS OR SIMILAR

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Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your AUGUST Tour of Ireland (GGB081013)
 I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due March 15, 2013
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 15, 2013

Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B _____
 Address: _____

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