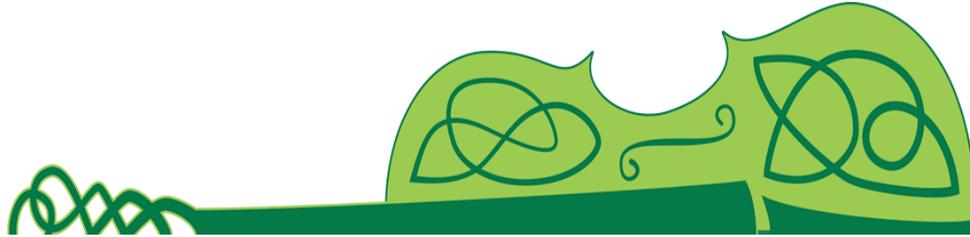


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GLENGARRY BHOYS



Ceili-Tour Eire 2017

<p>Day 1 October 14 Saturday</p>	<p>USA to Dublin.</p> <p>Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Movies galore, booze galore and upon breaking through the clouds one gets a view of Johnny Cash's <i>"40 Shades of Green"</i>.</p> <p>Dinner is served aloft.</p>
<p>Day 2 October 15 Sunday</p>	<p>"Dublin's Fair City"</p> <p>Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you will be greeted by your certified Irish Driver /Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue (pub) where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast (own expense). We journey into Dublin Town and enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000 year old <i>"Dublin of the Rare Old Times"</i>.</p> <p>Into view is the statue lined O'Connell Street, The General Post Office—scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, Trinity College, the Liffey, as well as Georgian Square. We will then be dropped off on Nassau Street downtown, for some free browsing time (aka. pub time) ...<i>a-live-a-live-o...</i>! Dublin is like no other European Capital City: one feels the history and culture around every corner. Check into our hotel, late afternoon.</p> <p>Dinner is on your own, suggestions will be provided, but you can't go wrong with pub' n' grub. Overnight Dublin at The Camden Court—one of Dublin's premier Hotels and also home of the famous <i>"Bleeding Horse Pub"</i>....</p>
<p>Day 3 October 16 Monday</p>	<p>Dublin – Glendalough - Cork.</p> <p>After breakfast we depart Dublin and travel south through the scenic Wicklow Mountains to visit historic Glendalough, the Monastic Settlement of St. Kevin in the 6th century. 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 an Irish-coffee ;) . A haven for photography, and early Irish Christian history exploration.</p> <p>A short drive finds us before the Medieval Castle-City of Kilkenny where we pause for a visit (or, pub-stop). Kilkenny is also home of the world-famous Kilkenny Brewery— who knew? We then proceed south-west into County Cork; unique accents; unique architecture; and home-base of many Irish rebellions.</p> <p>Cork, Ireland's "Second City"; boasts of Cork University; medieval downtown alleys/ pubs/ and shops where one can drink-up a panoramic tour of this Ancient-City and view several magnificent churches including St. Ann's and</p>

	<p>St. Finbar's cathedral. "<i>Mile Failte</i>" to "<i>Corcaigh</i>" meaning "marshy place" ancestral home to many famous historic personalities such as America's automobile pioneer, Henry Ford. Be sure to check some of the many trad-music pubs all within walking distance of your hotel.</p> <p>Overnight River Lee Cork, one of Cork's best downtown hotels.</p>
<p>Day 4 October 17 Tuesday</p>	<p>Cork - Blarney - Killarney</p> <p>Morning departure from Cork City through some of the best country scenery in all of Ireland, has us traveling to Blarney Castle: Home to the Blarney Stone, a "must-stop" which legend has it bequeaths the "gift of eloquence" to all who kisses it. The Blarney grounds, Castle, and gardens are legendary. Selfie-haven right here!!</p> <p>Time to shop at the Woolen Mills for Irish-knit sweaters etc..., or, stop in Christy's Pub for a pint '<i>oor twa</i>'! Our journey then takes us east over the breathtaking "Cork and Kerry Mountains",</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"...whack-fol-the-daddy-o, there's whiskey in the jar..."</i></p> <p>Onward thereafter to Macroom where we pause for a short visit, or, a pub-stop. Macroom is the main market town of the "gaeltachdt"—the gaelic speaking and fighting "<i>McCarthy's of Muskerry</i>". Oliver Cromwell, (no friend of the Irish) granted the castle to the loyalist Admiral Sir William Penn whose namesake son spent much of his childhood here, and later founded the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p><i>Failte</i> to Historic Killarney—Ireland's Gem! Massed Burial sites of the "Famine"; Ross Castle; Muckcross Friary/ruins; Killarney National Park, to mention but a few sites...</p> <p>Dinner & Overnight at the Killarney International Hotel. This Grand Hotel is within walking distance to many trad-pubs and shops. Right outside your accommodations are many "horse and trap" buggy rides that will take you on a scenic tour of the Killarney countryside past the "<i>Lakes of Killarney</i>", and the "<i>Hills of Killarney</i>".</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"...how can you buy two blue Irish eyes, how can you buy Killarney..."</i></p>
<p>Day 5 October 18 Wednesday</p>	<p>Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Galway</p> <p>After a full Irish Breakfast we bid adieu to Killarney town and its onward into breathtaking County Clare. We journey past Limerick and gaze at the majestic west-Ireland Atlantic coastline—sadly gazed at by many Irish immigrants as they set sail for the Americas.</p> <p>Cliffs of Moher—the "<i>the real First Wonder-of-the-World</i>"—(Oscar Wilde)</p> <p>We journey into the wilds of the Irish west; wind-swept terrain; stone fences; blowing clothes-lines; St. Brigid's Well; O'Brien's Folly; single lane roads; sheep herds dangerously grazing by the road-side; remnants of Irish cottages form the "clearances" and famine; and then, THE CLIFFS!</p> <p>"O'Brien's Tower" is the best location from which to view the 700 ft. Cliffs. From this vantage point one can see the Aran Islands as well as The "<i>Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains</i>" to the north in Connemara. There are no words to adequately describe the crashing shoreline of Moher. It will leave an indelible mark on your soul, which will beckon your Irish spirit back again and again!</p> <p>The Burren—Oliver Cromwell's themed, "<i>To Hell or to Connaught</i>"</p> <p>We continue into the rugged Burren, Ireland's stony place (Bhoireann). The Burren, 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. It is here where Cromwell's rage against the wild-Irish left his now infamous quote that the Burren was a place where;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"there isn't a tree to hang a man, water to drown a man nor soil to bury a man"</i></p>

	<p>You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Onward through Ireland’s rugged Burren landscape to youthful bustling Galway City.</p> <p>Galway Bay. Galway City. Claddagh. Home to the “<i>Kings of Connacht</i>”. Galway (meaning, rocky river).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...you can watch the moon rise over Claddagh, and see the sun go down on Galway Bay...”</p> <p>Galway, the region hardest hit by the “Black 47 Famine”, dates back to the 1400’s, where the rule of the 'Tribes' began, as the leading fourteen families were called. Their names were Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt. Galway city—home of the “craic”, small cobbled-streets with pubs and shops ‘o’plenty: Time today to browse “Shop Street” and the many lively trad-pubs that dot the city.</p> <p>Overnight at Galway’s reputable Imperial Hotel, in the heart of this most magnificent of Irish cities. Walking distance to everything including the Latin Quarter and “Spanish Arch”—home to the “Black Irish”;(denoting the black hair colour of the doomed Aramada descendants that crashed on the Galway coast).</p> <p>Dinner is on us at the Imperial Hotel, and did someone say ceili?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“<i>Galway lingers on the palate forever</i>” – W.B. Yeats.</p>
<p>Day 6 October 19 Thursday</p>	<p>Galway City, or, the Arans—<i>Inishmore</i></p> <p>Optional free day to just chill and absorb this fabulous town, or elect for the speed ferry to “Inis Mor” of the Aran Islands (extra fee \$65. USD, but soooooooo worth it).</p> <p>This day-trip is not for the faint of heart. It last the whole day, so do not go unless you are up to it. On the Island of Inishmore, the way of life is as it has been since the 19th century. A hike up to the most impressive of all the ancient Celtic fortresses in Ireland is “Dun Aengus”. Built to maximize defense, it is surrounded by high walls on three sides, and the other is sheer cliff-drops of 500 feet to the Atlantic. Breathtaking and awe astounding—are terms that seem woefully inadequate.</p> <p>Stone fences all about, wee cottages, gaelic spoken country-life unsullied by tourism to any degree; and there’s a few awesome pubs and real Clancy Brothers like “Aran knit wool sweater” shops (who knew?).</p> <p>Overnight Galway at the Imperial Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 7 October 20 Friday</p>	<p>Galway - Limerick</p> <p>Depart Galway after breakfast for a short 1. 25 hr scenic drive to Limerick— Ireland’s 3rd largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote “<i>Angela’s Ashes</i>”.</p> <p>Limerick City</p> <p>Limerick is a major city in the Republic of Ireland, set in Munster province in the south of the country. Its compact old town is known for the medieval-era St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. John’s square, lined with Georgian townhouses. Standing along the River Shannon, the 13th-century “King John’s Castle” is one of the city’s most recognizable sites.</p> <p>The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th century, a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as “<i>City of the Broken Treaty</i>”, due to the treaty, which was signed surrendering the city to “King Willy” of Orange. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics, which were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone, which can still be seen today.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>and sallyport all found under the level of the present courtyard. The castle itself features an imaginative exhibition spanning the castle's history.</p> <p>Overnight Clarion Hotel Limerick, just a wee walk to the Glengarry Bhoys' favourite pub, Dolan's: A last-nite "seisun" perhaps?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"...come fill to me the parting glass, goodnight and joy be to you all..."</i></p>
<p>Day 8 October 21 Saturday</p>	<p>Limerick-Shannon.</p> <p>Morning departure by Private Transfer for the nearby relaxed atmosphere of 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,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"...may every gentle Irish breeze that blows send you happiness and joy..."</i></p>

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- **Round Trip Airfare from NYC Area to Ireland** (Flight schedule announced 100 days prior to departure)
- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing**
- **Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide**
- **Five (6 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:** (average price *per* night of 150—200 Euros)

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Killarney-Killarney International Hotel-1 Night ** www.killarneyinternational.com**

Galway- Imperial Hotel-2 Nights * www.imperialhotelgalway.ie**

Limerick- Clarion Limerick- 1 Night * www.clarionhotellimerick.com**

- **Full Irish breakfast daily**
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Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 14-21, 2017 Tour of Ireland (GGB1011417)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$350.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

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