

October 18-27, 2012

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“THE IRELAND CASTLE TOUR”

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Day 1 October 18 Thursday	USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 October 19 Friday	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> We will then be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. Check into our hotel LATE AFTERNOON. Dinner is on your own, suggestions will be provided. Overnight Dublin at The Burlington Hotel or similar.
Day 3 October 20 Saturday	Dublin-Avoca-Arklow. After breakfast we enjoy the morning in Dublin to shop perhaps visit a museum or enjoy a visit to Trinity College and the Book of Kells. We will depart Dublin early afternoon and travel to Avoca and The Vale of Avoca. This celebrated valley is the place where “bright waters meet”. The joining of the Avonmore and Avonbeg rivers in the beautiful vale inspired Thomas Moore’s poem “The Meeting of the Waters”. Near the confluence is Thomas Moore’s tree, where the poet is reputed to have spent many hours composing songs and poems. 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 to Arklow (Ian’s home town). Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.
Day 4 October 21 Sunday	Arklow-New Ross-Midleton-Kinsale. After breakfast we depart Arklow and travel along the Irish Coast to New Ross. You will then follow in the footsteps of a group of Famine emigrants as you board the Dunbrody Famine Ship. A ticket is issued as if it was 1849, and this ticket allocates your space and food rations for the voyage ahead. You will explore the ship, fitted out exactly as it would be for a voyage. You will encounter actors, playing the role of emigrants, in their cramped quarters with their meager possessions, fleeing as they are a worse catastrophe. They will tell you their harrowing stories of being forced to emigrate. A member of the crew will tell you the story of other voyages and all about life on board a sailing ship. We continue to Midleton Distillery. We will enjoy a tour here. Visitors can see the largest Pot Still in the work with a capacity of 32,000 gallons and the Old Waterwheel manufactured in 1825 to provide motive power prior to the days of electricity, and still turning today. It is on to the picturesque Artist Town of Kinsale. Kinsale now known as “The Gourmet Capital of Ireland” is a series of winding streets in a picture perfect backdrop filled with local artisan wares. Overnight Actons Hotel.
Day 5 October 22 Monday	Kinsale. Kinsale. After breakfast plenty of time to explore this artist haven. We will enjoy a morning panoramic tour and you will have the afternoon free. 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. Overnight Actons Hotel.
Day 6 October 23 Tuesday	Kinsale-Tipperary-Cong. After breakfast we depart Kinsale and head north. We stop in Cahir and visit Cahir Castle. Once the stronghold of the powerful Butler family, the castle retains its impressive keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure. It is one of Ireland's largest and best preserved castles. It is situated on a rocky island on the River Suir. We continue north stopping en route in Galway. It is onto Ashford Castle. This Estate dates back to the 13 th century. Time this afternoon to enjoy the castle. Perhaps you want to rejuvenate yourself in the state of the art health center. You might decide to walk among the three million species of shrubs, trees and flowers that the spectacular gardens have to offer. Sleep like a king or queen tonight in your luxurious bedroom. Dinner and overnight at Ashford Castle.
Day 7 October 24 Wednesday	Cong-Westport-Ballyfarnon. After a very late breakfast we depart Cong and travel to Westport, where we enjoy a panoramic tour and some free time. The Charming town of Westport, situated on the shores of Clew Bay, is one of the few planned towns in the country. It is an estate town, built to the plan of James Wyatt, the well-known architect of the Georgian period. One of its outstanding features is the elegant tree-lined boulevard, known as The Mall. We continue to Ballyfarnon and Kilronan Castle. One of Ireland’s most luxurious Castle Hotels, Kilronan Castle Ireland is the ancestral home of the Tennison family and the legendary Colonel King Tennison. It is one of a few Irish castle estates that can trace its history back to royal families. Dinner and overnight at Kilronan Castle
Day 8 October 25 Thursday	Ballyfarnon-Donegal-Ballyfarnon. Spend the day at the Estate or join us on a tour of Donegal. We enjoy a tour of Donegal Castle. Donegal Castle remains an imperious monument to both Irish and English might. Built by the O’Donnell’s in 1474, it served as the seat of their formidable power until 1607, when the English decided to be rid of pesky Irish chieftains once and for all. Rory O’Donnell was no pushover, though, torching his own castle before fleeing to France in the infamous Flight of the Earls. Their defeat paved the way for the Plantation of Ulster by thousands of newly arrived Scots and English Protestants, creating the divisions that still afflict the island to this day. Return to Ballyfarnon. Overnight Kilronan Castle!

Day 9 October 26 Friday	Ballyfarnon-Mullingar-Dublin. Late morning departure from Ballyfarnon. We make our way across the Irish Midlands stopping briefly in Mullingar before continuing to Dublin. Free time this afternoon in Dublin. Why not 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. Overnight Dublin at the Burlington Hotel.
Day 10 October 27 Saturday	Dublin-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to 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 New York Area (flights announced 90 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Eight (8 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Dublin	The Burlington Hotel-1 Night **** www.burlingtonhotel.ie
Arklow	Arklow Bay Hotel-1 Nights*** www.arklowbay.com
Kinsale	Actons Hotel-2 Nights *** www.actonshotelkinsale.com
Cong	Ashford Castle-1 Night ***** www.ashford.ie
Ballyfarnon	Kilronan Castle-2 Nights ****+ www.kilronancastle.ie
Dublin	The Burlington Hotel-1 Night **** www.burlingtonhotel.ie

- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 Ashford, 1 Kilronan Castle
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Admissions to: Dunbrody Famine Ship, Middleton Distillery, Cahir Castle, Donegal Castle
- Portage of one suitcases per person
- Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

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 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your OCTOBER 18-27, 2012 (ELD101812)

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

2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by June 1, 2012

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: September 2, 2012

Name (as on passport) _____ 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: Double (\$200.00) Single (\$235.00): Yes: ___ No: ___ (must be paid with deposit)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$579.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES LAND ONLY: _____ YES

We Accept Visa, Mastercard & American Express. There is a 3% Charge for this service. No service charges

on initial \$250.00 deposit *Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 40 PARTICPANTS

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