

JULY 13-21, 2010

\$1899.00 PER PERSON

(plus \$245.00 US departure tax*)



Music LIVE As They Play On Their Tour Of Ireland

Day 1 July 13 Tuesday	USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 July 14 Wednesday	Shannon-Bunratty-Foynes-Killarney. Morning arrival where after clearing customs we are met by our Professional Irish Driver Guide & Hammond Tours Staff. We continue a short distance to Bunratty where you have some time to stretch your legs after the long trans Atlantic flight. We continue to Foynes. Foynes, Ireland, became the center of the aviation world from 1939 to 1945. On July 9th 1939, Pan Am's luxury Flying Boat, the "Yankee Clipper" landed at Foynes. This was the first commercial passenger flight on a direct route from the USA to Europe. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, this quiet little town on the Shannon became the focal point for air traffic on the North Atlantic. Also noted, Foynes invented " The Irish Coffee " to warm the travelers against the brisk chill. Time to visit the Flying Boat Museum before we travel south to Killarney, in County Kerry. 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. Killarney itself is a lively hub of activity, Overnight Killarney International Killarney.
Day 3 July 15 Thursday	Killarney. Today you have the option of enjoying the town of Killarney or joining us on a fabulous optional tour, Killarney Cruise & optional Jaunting Cart Ride. Cruise on Killarney's largest lake, Lough Lein in the comfort & safety of a modern vessel. Drift through the island on board 'The Lily of Killarney' cruiser and relax in the beauty & splendor that surrounds you. The final part of the Tour will see you on board a traditional jaunting car where you will ramble through the Killarney National Park & Ross Castle with the local Jarvey. This spectacular tour will inform you on the history, legends & folklore of the area, and if you are lucky enough you might just bump into the odd 1 or 2 Leprechauns!!! We are also happy to arrange golf & horseback riding if requested. Overnight Killarney International Hotel. "Elders Concert Tonight"
Day 4 July 16 Friday	Killarney-Kilkenny-Arklow. Morning departure from Killarney has us heading north through County Tipperary and Cashel. We get an opportunity to view The "Rock Of Cashel" where legend has it St Patrick crowned the High Kings of Ireland in the 5 th century. It is onto Medieval Kilkenny. Kilkenny's rich medieval heritage is evident in the city's treasure trove of historical buildings and landmarks, exemplified by the magnificent Kilkenny Castle. Kilkenny is arguably the pre-eminent medieval city in Ireland, with the current layout of the city clearly grounded in the city's medieval roots. We enjoy some time to browse Kilkenny, home of Smithwick's Brewery. We then arrive in Arklow in time to enjoy the Festivities of the Seabreeze Festival. Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.
Day 5 July 17 Saturday	Arklow-Dublin-Arklow. We enjoy breakfast this morning at our hotel. We then travel North to Dublin where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year old city. We then see statue filled O'Connell Street, The General Post Office scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising, as well as Georgian Square. Group will be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We return to Arklow. Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel. "Elders Concert Tonight"
Day 6 July 18 Sunday	Arklow-New Ross-Cork. We enjoy a fabulous full Irish breakfast this morning. We then travel south first stopping at New Ross. The town wall was built by the townspeople themselves at the end of the 13th century. There were five gates; Priory Gate, Buncen Gate, John's Gate, Fair Gate and Three Bullet Gate. Part of Fair Gate can still be seen. This is the ancestral home of the late President JFK. We continue south to Cork. It is onto the moving exhibit Cobh Heritage Center which depicts emigration from Ireland during the Great Famine of the mid 1800's. Next 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. Dinner and overnight Imperial Cork Hotel. Tonight we are joined by a local storyteller (Seanchai) with tales of lore and more!
Day 7 July 19 Monday	Cork-Kinsale-Cork. After breakfast we depart Cork and travel south to Kinsale. Plenty of time to explore this artist haven. 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 City for overnight. Overnight Imperial Hotel Cork. "Elders Concert Tonight"

Day 8 July 20 Tuesday	Cork-Blarney-Limerick. After breakfast our journey continues. 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! We continue through Limerick, Ireland's 3 rd 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 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. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. 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. Farewell Dinner and Overnight at The Clarion Hotel Limerick! "Elders Concert Tonight"
Day 9 July 21 Wednesday	Limerick-Shannon-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to Shannon 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 CHICAGO or JFK as selected to Ireland
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Seven (7 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Killarney	The International Hotel-2 Nights *** www.killarneyinternational.com
Arklow	Arklow Bay Hotel-2 Nights*** www.arklowbay.com
Cork	The Imperial Hotel-2 Nights **** www.flynnhotels.com
Limerick	The Clarion Hotel-1 Night **** www.clarionhotellimerick.com
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 Cork, 1 Limerick
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum, Cork Story Telling Evening, Cobh Heritage Museum
- 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: (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 JULY 13-21, 2010 (ELD071310)

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

2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by February 18, 2010

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 6, 2010

Name (as on passport) _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ email: _____

Other passengers traveling with me _____

Room Type: Twin(2 Beds)/Double(1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

DEPARTURE AIRPORT: _____ **JFK** _____ **CHICAGO**

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

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

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$529.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

OPTIONAL KILLARNEY CRUISE & JAUNTING CART: \$42.00 _____ 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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