

March 20-26, 2017

**\$1959.00** PER PERSON  
(plus \$459.00 US departure tax\*)

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## Tour of Ireland

<b>Day 1</b> <b>March 20</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>USA-Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>March 21</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dublin Airport- Mullingar- Kilronan Castle.</b> 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 (at own expense). We begin our journey by heading west to Mullingar. Mullingar was a borough by 1210 and a parish by 1205. In 1227 an Augustinian Friary was established in Mullingar and a Dominican Friary was founded in 1237. There was also a building called the Frank House which belonged to the Knights Hospitalliers Order. 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 the few Irish castle estates that can trace its history back to royal families. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at Kilronan Castle</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>March 22</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ballyfarnon-Sligo-Donegal.</b> After breakfast, our tour continues north with a stop in Sligo where famous author William Butler Yeats is buried at Drumcliffe. It is onto Donegal The town is set in a valley girdled by Barnesmore Mountains and Donegal Bay and overlooking the town can be seen the remains of several earthen forts. Today, Donegal Town is the center of activity for South County Donegal. The town center, known as "The Diamond" is where the Killybegs, Ballyshannon and Ballybofey Roads converge and it is here that you are likely to meet almost anybody; usually with a smile on their face and a few ready words. <b>Overnight Abbey Hotel Donegal.</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>March 23</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Donegal.</b> After breakfast we visit <b>Donegal Castle.</b> The castle is first mentioned in 1544 in connection with wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600 it had been taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. Red Hugh O'Donnell attacked the castle unsuccessfully in 1601, but shortly afterwards the castle was granted by the Crown to Rory O'Donnell In the Williamite wars it was captured by Donough Og MacSweeney but was taken by the English again shortly afterwards. It was extensively repaired by Hart at the end of the 18th century and inhabited by his family until 1843, after which it was deserted. There may have been an early Christian monastery in the valley where, according to tradition, St. Columbkille banished demons who enveloped the valley in a fog. The most conspicuous remains are the pillars decorated with cross-motifs and geometric designs, which are now the centers, or 'stations' of the pilgrimage which takes place on the Saint's feast day on 9 June. The pillars are spread over an area in the valley 3.5 miles long, and the pilgrimage takes as many hours to complete. We will return to Donegal to have the rest of the afternoon free. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight Abbey Hotel Donegal.</b>

<b>Day 5 March 24 Friday</b>	<b>Donegal-Derry-Belfast.</b> Today after breakfast we depart our hotel and continue over the border crossing of Strabane to Derry City. To really experience Derry's history, we stroll along the parapet walkways as we do the <b>"Walled in City Tour"</b> . The history of this area and the fact that Derry is one of the last fully intact walled in cities left in all of Europe makes this a must for every visitor. On to Belfast where we enjoy a panoramic tour and will then make our way to our hotel. <b>Overnight Jury's Inn Belfast</b>
<b>Day 6 March 25 Saturday</b>	<b>Belfast-Giants Causeway- Bushmills- Belfast.</b> Morning departure from Belfast takes us north through the majestic Glens of Antrim. We travel along the spectacular coastline and on to the <b>Giants Causeway</b> . The phenomenal wonder of hexagonal columns expanding out to the North Atlantic is said to have been built by legendary Irish Folk Hero, Finn MacCool as "a path way to Scotland" to see his beloved. We then enjoy a tour of <b>Bushmills Distillery</b> for a spot of the wee dram. <b>Overnight Jury's Belfast.</b>
<b>Day 7 March 26 Sunday</b>	<b>Belfast-Belfast Airport-USA.</b> Morning departure for Belfast Airport and our flight home. In the true Irish Tradition we wish you a "Safe Home"

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland (schedule announced 90 days in advance)
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Five (5 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:
 

Location	Hotel
Ballyfarnon- Kilronan Castle-1 Night ****	<a href="http://www.kilronancastle.ie">www.kilronancastle.ie</a>
Donegal Abbey Hotel-2 Nights ***	<a href="http://www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com">www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com</a>
Belfast Jury's Hotel-2 Nights ***	<a href="http://www.jurysinns.com">www.jurysinns.com</a>
- Full Irish breakfast daily, Two Dinners: 1 Kilronan Castle, 1 Abbey Hotel Donegal
- Admissions: Walled in City Tour Derry, Donegal Castle, Giants Causeway & Bushmills.
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase 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 \$650.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

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**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your March 20 -26, 2017 (HOTD17)

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$350.00 due by September 20, 2016**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 20, 2017**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

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**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$439.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**OPTIONAL BUS FROM ALBANY \$170.00 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

(Price of Bus from Albany could change depending on number of participants)

**\*Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change**

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 20 PARTICIPANTS**

**AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

*(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)*

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