

## Join Rick Bedrosian of Hair Of The Dog on his Tour of Ireland October 4-10, 2026 \$2995.00 Per Person sharing a room.



Day 1 October 4 Sunday **Dublin- Killarney.** Arrive at Dublin Airport by 10:00 AM, where we'll be greeted by our driver-guide. From here, our adventure begins with a scenic drive from Dublin to Killarney—a journey through the very heart of Ireland, where rolling countryside, ancient landmarks, and storybook towns await. As we depart Dublin we'll pass through the lush plains of County Kildare and into the gentle hills of County Laois where the dramatic ruins of the Rock of Dunamase rise from the landscape. As we near County Kerry, the landscape transforms into a tapestry of rugged mountains, winding roads, and shimmering lakes leading us into the charming town of Killarney, the gateway to Killarney National Park. This drive offers a perfect blend of history, natural beauty and authentic Irish culture. Upon arrival in Killarney enjoy a traditional jaunting cart ride through the breathtaking Killarney National Park before settling in for **Dinner and an overnight stay at the Killarney Plaza Hotel**.

Day 2 October 5 Monday

Killarney- Kinsale. Today you will enjoy the beautiful landscapes traveling from Killarney to Kinsale. The town is known for as a colorful and charming coastal town nestled at the mouth of the River Bandon where it meets the Atlantic. The town is known for its narrow winding streets lined with brightly painted buildings giving it a cheerful and artistic atmosphere. Its harbor is dotted with sailboats and framed by rolling green hills. Plenty of shops and galleries to explore. Since Kinsale is known as the gourmet capital of Ireland, this afternoon you will have the option of a walking food tour of Kinsale. Some of Ireland's most award-winning restaurants are in Kinsale and our walking food tour will take us to some of them. Strolling through this gorgeous town you will experience a range of different local foods. You will hear stories about the food and the town. We will be enjoying an adult beverage paired with some of our tastings today. Cost of the Food Tour \$135.00 per person. Overnight at the Killarney Plaza Hotel.

Day 3 October 6 Tuesday

Killarney- Kilkenny. Today after breakfast we start traveling north through Cahir which is a picturesque town nestled along the River Suir in County Tipperary. The town is famous for its rich history and charming setting beneath the Galtee Mountains. We continue onto Kilkenny, which is a vibrant medieval city known for its rich heritage, cobbled streets and striking architecture nestled along the River Nore. We will stop for a visit to Kilkenny Castle, which is a striking landmark in the heart of the town with a history that spans over 800 years. Originally built in 1195 by William Marshal, the 1st Earl of Pembroke, the castle was strategically positioned to control a crossing of the River Nore and served as a symbol of Norman power. The structure has undergone significant transformations evolving from a medieval fortress into a Victorian-style residence. Be sure to make your way through the castle's beautiful gardens. We then will stop for lunch before making our way to Smithwick's Brewery which offers a captivating journey through Ireland's oldest ale-making tradition. The experience begins in a beautifully restored Victorian brewing building where visitors are guided through the brand's 300-year history, starting with its monastic origins on the site of a 13th-century abbey. Interactive exhibits, holographic storytellers and immersive displays bring the brewing process and family legacy to life. Guests can explore the evolution of Smithwick's ale, learn about the ingredients and techniques used and even enjoy a tasting session in the atmospheric bar at the end of the tour. It's a blend of history, storytelling and sensory delight that appeals to beer lovers and history buffs alike. Dinner & Overnight at Kilkenny River Court Hotel.

Day 4 October 7 Wednesday

Kilkenny. Free day on your own in Kilkenny. Today you may want to stop at Café la Coco, a cozy spot known for its excellent coffee and fresh pastries. Another thought maybe to visit St. Canice's Cathedral and if you're feeling adventurous climb the adjacent round tower for panoramic views of the city. Exploring Kilkenny on your own, another great place to stop is the Black Abbey. Tucked slightly off the main tourist path this 13th-century Dominican church offers a peaceful retreat with stunning stained-glass windows and a rich spiritual history. It's often quieter than the city's more prominent attractions. This evening Kilkenny's pub scene is a lively mix of medieval charm and modern hospitality. Left Bank is a standout, housed in a former bank building just outside Kilkenny Castle. It's known for its stylish interiors, heated outdoor terraces and a wide selection of cocktails and craft beer. Overnight at Kilkenny River Court.

Day 5 October 8 Thursday	Kilkenny- Dublin. Today we say goodbye to Kilkenny and travel north to Dublin. We will enjoy the panoramic views of Dublin traveling through the town until we make our way to Guinness. The Guinness storehouse tour is an immersive experience that takes visitors through seven floors of history and brewing and Irish culture. It begins with the story of Arthur Guinness and the legendary 9,000-year lease at St. James's Gate, then guides guests through the brewing process from barley to barrel. Along the way interactive exhibits showcase vintage advertising, the science of stout and the global impact of the Guinness brand. The highlight is the Gravity Bar at the top where guests enjoy a freshly poured pint while taking in panoramic views of Dublin's skyline. The tour blends storytelling, sensory engagement and a taste of Ireland's most iconic beer. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court hotel.</b>
Day 6 October 9 Friday	<b>Dublin.</b> Free day on your own in Dublin. You may want to Start your morning with a visit to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells (pre booking is suggested) From there, stroll through St. Stephen's Green, a tranquil park perfect for a reflective walk or a coffee break. Head toward Grafton Street to enjoy street performers and browse local shops. For lunch, try a cozy café like Bewley's or Tang for fresh, locally sourced fare. You may also enjoy visiting Dublin's EPIC Museum. Located in the CHQ Building in Dublin's Docklands, EPIC explores how over 10 million Irish people left Ireland and shaped the world. The museum is entirely digital, offering immersive exhibits with touchscreens, projections, and audio-visual storytelling. Visitors receive a passport to stamp at each gallery as they journey through themes like migration, identity and influence. The museum highlights Irish contributions to music, literature, politics, science and sport across continents. Maybe end your day with a pint at Brazen Head, Ireland's oldest Pub. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court hotel.</b>
Day 7 October 10 Saturday	Dublin Airport. Today we will be transported to Dublin airport for our flight home. Goodbye to Ireland until next time.

## Your tour includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers (1 group transfer on arrival & departure) and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Six (6) Nights' Accommodations as follows or similar:

Killarney- The Killarney Plaza Hotel -2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.killarneyinternational.com (Oct 4 & 5)

Kilkenny-Kilkenny River Court- 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.rivercourthotel.com (Oct 6 & 7)

Dublin- The Camden Court Hotel – 2 Nights \*\*\*\* www.camdencourthotel.com (Oct 8 & 9)

- Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, 2 Dinners (One Killarney & One Kilkenny)
- Admissions to Guinness, Kilkenny Castle, Smithwick's Brewery, Killarney Jaunting Cart Ride.
- Optional Food Tour of Kinsale \$135.00 per person
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person,
- Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver

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(please email <u>operations@hammondtours.com</u> if you want a single room supplement and also if you want optional food tour)

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