

October 28-November 5, 2017



Join us on our 8th Annual
WORLDWIDE TOUR of IRELAND

\$1829 per person, land only
(AIRFARE INCLUDED: \$2449.00
plus \$499.00 US departure tax*)

SPECIAL OFFER FOR REPEAT CUSTOMERS: If you traveled on any of our past Blaggards tours, deduct \$50.00.

<p>DAY 1 Oct 28 Saturday</p>	<p>USA-Ireland Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p>DAY 2 Oct 29 Sunday</p>	<p>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, where our group will then be dropped off on Nassau Street for some free browsing time. We will then check into our hotel. Overnight Dublin at Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>DAY 3 Oct 30 Monday</p>	<p>Dublin. On own. I would suggest a Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass (optional on own). You will be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons, The G.P.O. on O'Connell Street scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where the bullet holes still remain to this day. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in late 70's and finally Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. 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 Camden Court Hotel.</p>
<p>DAY 4 Oct 31 Tuesday</p>	<p>Dublin-Kilkenny-Cork After a leisurely breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel. We head south to the sublime Powerscourt Gardens, established in the 1740s, then onto Glendalough, a breathtaking 6th century monastic settlement. We continue to the medieval city of Kilkenny, where you can visit Kilkenny Castle, which has been completely refurbished in recent years. Then onwards for our first night in Cork. Overnight River Lee Cork.</p>
<p>DAY 5 Nov 1 Wednesday</p>	<p>Cork-Cobh-Kinsale-Cork. After breakfast we travel to Cobh and the Cobh Heritage Center. This moving exhibit depicts emigration from Ireland during the Great Famine of the mid 1800's. On to Kinsale, one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of Ireland's south-west coast. Charles Fort was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. 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. Alternately you may stay in town and enjoy Cork for the day. Overnight River Lee Cork.</p>
<p>DAY 6 Nov 2 Thursday</p>	<p>Cork-Blarney-Killarney After breakfast we depart Cork and travel to nearby Blarney with its fabulous woolen mills and 14th century kissing stone, which legend has it bequeaths the "gift of eloquence" to all who kiss it (admission not included). Then over the Cork & Kerry mountains to Killarney, where you can explore its colorful laneways, a fine cathedral, and the busy streets of the town centre. Nestled amidst deep, lake-filled valleys with astounding sights such as the famous Ladies View and MacGillicuddy's Reeks, Ireland's largest mountain range. Overnight at The Killarney International Hotel. Dinner this evening at our hotel.</p>
<p>DAY 7 Nov 3 Friday</p>	<p>Killarney-Cliffs of Moher-Galway After a full Irish Breakfast we depart Killarney. Continue on into County Clare and and the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs, a spectacular natural phenomenon, rise 660 feet above the Atlantic. We then take a tour of Ireland's stony place, the Burren. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses and a ruined Cistercian abbey dating from the 12th century, Corcomroe. It's onto Galway. Time today to browse Shop Street as well as the many lively pubs that dot the city. Dinner & Overnight Meyrick Hotel Galway.</p>
<p>DAY 8 Nov 4 Saturday</p>	<p>Galway-Dublin Morning departure has us traveling through the Irish Midlands and Athlone to Dublin City. Upon arrival in Dublin we have a full panoramic tour of this fascinating port city. We see where writer Jonathan Swift (Gulliver's Travels) gave his famous sermons at St. Patrick's Cathedral. After the tour the rest of the day is yours, to explore this infinitely varied thousand-year old city as you will; possibilities range from St. Michan's church to the Brazen Head, from St. Stephen's Green to Guinness Brewery and Jameson Whiskey Factory. Overnight Camden Court Hotel. Dinner is on your own.</p>
<p>DAY 9 Nov 5 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin-USA After breakfast we are transferred to nearby 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."</p>

Your Tour Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from HOUSTON** to Ireland (Flight Schedule 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:
 - Dublin - Camden Court Hotel - 2 nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
 - Cork - River Lee Hotel - 2 nights **** www.doylecollection.com
 - Killarney - Killarney International Hotel - 1 night **** www.killarneyinternational.com
 - Galway - Meyrick Hotel - 1 night **** www.hotelmeyrick.ie
 - Dublin - Camden Court Hotel - 1 night *** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Three Dinners: 1 in Cork, 1 in Killarney, 1 in Galway
- Admission to Powerscourt Gardens, Glendalough, Cobb Heritage Center, Cliffs of Moher
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- PERFORMANCES BY BLAGGARDS! (dates TBA)
- Porterage 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: *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 \$700.00 per person will apply. 50 Days or less prior to departure, a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies. We strongly recommend Travel Cancellation & Interruption Insurance. This insurance will cover you in the event of death to the said traveler, someone in their immediate family (mother, father, sister, brother, children etc.). Additionally, any serious illness or other ailments (with a doctor's note saying that traveler cannot attend trip) would also be covered. Any circumstances of a personal nature other than the aforementioned are not covered. Please note, Hammond Tours and Blaggards are not responsible for any loss, damages or injuries that may happen while on the tour.*

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your October 28th-November 5th 2016 (BLAGG17)

I enclose a deposit of \$ _____ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**
2nd Deposit of \$350.00 due by May 11, 2017, FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 20, 2017

Name(s) (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: Please inquire with us, as insurance is now age-based.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$625.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

LAND ONLY: \$1795.00 _____ YES

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

**TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS
AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL**

(Make Check Payable to Hammond Tours)

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