

October 26-November 3, 2018

Blaggards

Join us on our 8th Annual
WORLDWIDE TOUR of IRELAND

\$1949 per person, land only
(AIRFARE INCLUDED: \$2349.00
plus \$499.00 US departure tax*)

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

DAY 1 Oct 26 Friday	USA—Ireland Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
DAY 2 Oct 27 Saturday	Dublin—Galway Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where after clearing customs you are met by your Driver/Guide. We first make our way to a venue for breakfast (at own expense). We then continue to Galway. Arty, bohemian Galway is renowned for its pleasures. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while cafes offer front-row seats for observing street performers. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops. Bridges arch over the River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters. Time this afternoon to walk the cobble stone streets. Dinner and Overnight Meyrick Hotel - Galway.
DAY 3 Oct 28 Sunday	Connemara—Peninsula After enjoying breakfast we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to tour the Connemara National Park. White sand beaches, dark bogs and tall jagged mountains make this one of the most scenic and unspoiled areas in the country. In some places here, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden, a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. Founded in the early 19th century by John D'Arcy, it retains much of its Georgian architecture. Placed at the head of a broad Atlantic Bay and nestled below the Twelve Bens, the town is blessed by its beautiful setting. Overnight Meyrick Hotel - Galway.
DAY 4 Oct 29 Monday	Galway—Cliffs of Moher—Killarney Today after breakfast we may take a tour of Ireland's stony place, the Burren. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Then we'll visit the Cliffs of Moher , astonishing impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 203 meters, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gob-smacking, no matter how many times you look at it. We then arrive in Killarney. Dinner & Overnight Killarney International Hotel.
DAY 5 Oct 30 Tuesday	Killarney—Dingle—Killarney After breakfast we depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Sleah Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12 th century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. Overnight Killarney International Hotel.
DAY 6 Oct 31 Wednesday	Killarney—Cork We enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast this morning. Our next stop, Blarney Castle (admission to the castle is not included) is home to the Blarney Stone. If you need proof of the power of a good yarn, then join the queue to get into this 15th-century castle, one of Ireland's most popular tourist attractions. Time also to visit and shop the famous Blarney Woolen Mills. Then it's onto Cobh, a charming waterfront town on a glittering estuary, dotted with brightly coloured houses and overlooked by a splendid cathedral. We'll then visit Cobh Heritage Center , where you can learn about Irish emigration, trace your ancestors and immerse yourself in Irish naval and military history. Overnight at the River Lee Hotel - Cork.
DAY 7 Nov 1 Thursday	Cork—Kinsale—Cork After breakfast we travel to Kinsale. County Cork's stellar town is one of the most picturesque, popular and fashionable resorts of Ireland's south-west coast. Charles Fort, a popular attraction 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 its use by the British as a prison for captured American sailors during the American Revolutionary War. 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. Alternately, you may also stay in town and enjoy Cork for the day. Overnight at the River Lee Hotel - Cork.
DAY 8 Nov 2 Friday	Cork—Dublin After breakfast we depart Cork. We start our journey passing through Cashel (for a photo stop only), where legend has it St. Patrick crowned the High Kings of Ireland in the 5th century. We make our way through the Wicklow Mountains to visit Glendalough , the idyllic sixth century monastic home of Saint Kevin. Here we see the Round Tower and numerous ruined churches, and stop at the visitor center. We then return to Dublin for our final night of the trip. Overnight Camden Court Hotel - Dublin.
DAY 9 Nov 3 Saturday	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 after you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you "Safe home."

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.
- SEVEN (7) nights first class accommodations as follows or similar:
 - Galway - Meyrick Hotel - 2 nights **** hotelmeyrick.ie
 - Killarney - Killarney International Hotel - 2 nights **** killarneyinternational.com
 - Cork - River Lee Hotel - 2 nights **** doylecollection.com/hotels/the-river-lee-hotel
 - Dublin - Camden Court Hotel - 1 night *** camdencourthotel.com
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 in Galway, 1 in Killarney
- Admission to Glendalough, Cobh 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 26th-November 3rd 2018 (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, 2018, FINAL PAYMENT DUE: August 20, 2018

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: \$1949.00 _____ 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**

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