



## *Lennon's Tour of Ireland*

*Come with us for an unparalleled opportunity to see parts of Ireland that most people miss! From the moment you set foot on Irish soil, you will feel like you have come home. Experience the warmth and charm of the Irish people and immerse yourself in the richness of the ancient Celtic heritage.*

**October 13 – 22, 2011**

**Land Only: \$1,595.00** *per person sharing*

**Land & Air: \$2,500.00** *Round-trip Boston/Dublin or ask for price from your local airport*

*Single Room Supplement: \$350.00*

*Travel Protection Plan (optional but recommended): \$169 per person*

### **YOUR LAND TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Transport by luxury motor coach with a driver/guide for 9 days
- Hotel accommodation with private bath for 8 nights
- Full breakfasts (8)
- 8 Dinners including Irish Night dinner & entertainment at the Abbey Tavern, Dublin
- Tours of Dublin, Galway, Belfast & Connemara
- Walking tour of Derry
- Visits to:
  - Guinness Storehouse
  - Clonmacnoise, Kylemore Abbey & Ballintubber Abbey
  - Donegal Castle, Slieve League Cliffs & Hanna Hats
  - Giant's Causeway
  - Downpatrick Cathedral, St. Patrick Centre & Silent Valley
  - Hill of Tara & Boyne Valley Visitor Centre & Tomb
- Hotel portorage, service charges, and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and strap.
- No Hidden Extras!

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 Lennon's Irish Shop at 518-377-0064  
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# Lennon's Tour of Ireland - Itinerary

## Thur, Oct 13 – USA to Dublin

Depart the US on an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

## Fri, Oct 14– Dublin Arrival, Guinness Storehouse & Abbey Tavern

Land at Dublin Airport, meet your CIE Tours driver/guide who will escort you and your luggage to the coach. Take an orientation drive around Dublin city center to see the sights and historical places in this lively capital. Visit the Guinness Storehouse and learn how this world famous stout was first created. Finish your visit with a sample of draft Guinness in the roof-top bar which has a marvelous view of the city. Then drive to your hotel and check in. Enjoy time to relax or explore the city on your own before heading to the Abbey Tavern for dinner and a traditional ballad session. Built on the site of an old abbey, this pub has been in business for over 200 years.

## Sat, Oct 15 – Clonmacnoise & Galway

Depart Dublin and journey across the rolling pastures of Ireland's heartland to visit Clonmacnoise, a monastic settlement founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran and delightfully set on the banks of the River Shannon. Then drive to Galway and tour the principal sights of the city including the Spanish Arch in the Claddagh area and the City Museum. Then check into your hotel and enjoy time to relax or shop or visit one of the many quaint pubs where Irish traditional music is played. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

## Sun, Oct 16 – Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Today tour Connemara and enjoy spectacular scenery amidst boglands and mountains. Stop in the quaint village of Spiddal, which retains traditional lifestyles and where the Irish language is spoken. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th century neo-Gothic mansion with award-winning Victorian gardens. Return to Galway and enjoy some time at leisure before dining in your hotel.

## Mon, Oct 17 – Ballintubber Abbey & Donegal

Journey north to Ballintubber Abbey, known as "the Abbey that refused to die." It has been used continuously for worship since 1216, even when burned down by Cromwell in 1653. Continue through the hills of County Mayo to Sligo and then along the shores of Donegal Bay to the town of Donegal. Visit the ruins of Donegal Castle, which incorporates the tower of a 15th century house built by the O'Donnell family. Then check into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## Tue, Oct 18– Slieve League Cliffs & Hanna Hats

This morning enjoy sightseeing in Donegal, with its windswept hills where only sheep can thrive. The area is renowned for wool and tweed production. Drive to the fishing port of Killybegs and on to Teelin to view Slieve League sea cliffs, where the highest point reaches 1,972 feet making them the highest in Europe. Return to Donegal town and visit Hanna Hats, founded in 1924 and a world famous maker of tweed hats, woven wool, and other fine apparel. After your visit enjoy the balance of the day free before dining in the hotel restaurant.

## Wed, Oct 19 – Derry, Giant's Causeway & Belfast

Depart Donegal and travel along the north coast to Derry and embark on a walking tour to see the principal sights including the 17th century city walls and the Diamond, the main central square. Also see the 17th century St. Columb's Cathedral, the Tower Museum and the Guildhall where the history of Derry is depicted in stained-glass windows. Then drive through Limavady and Coleraine to visit the Giant's Causeway—an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed more than 60 million years ago. Then travel through the "Nine Glens of Antrim" with wonderful views of mountains and valleys. Drive to Belfast and enjoy dinner in your hotel.

## Thur, Oct 20 – Belfast Tour, Silent Valley & Downpatrick

Tour Belfast with a local guide and see Victorian buildings, the Harland & Wolff shipyards where the Titanic was built and the Falls Road and Shankill residential areas. Then drive south to Downpatrick to visit the Saint Patrick Centre and learn about Ireland's Patron Saint and the importance of monastic life in the early Christian period. See his reputed burial place at Down Cathedral. Continue south to Kilkeel to visit the Silent Valley in the Mourne Mountains. The combination of mountains, moorland and woodland makes the Silent Valley truly special. Return to Belfast and freshen up before dinner.

## Fri, Oct 21 – Hill of Tara & Boyne Valley

Leaving Belfast travel south through Newry and Dundalk to visit the Hill of Tara, seat of the High Kings of Ireland, which was at the height of its power in the early centuries after Christ. It is also the site of a passage-tomb dating from the late Stone Age. Visit Boyne Valley Visitor Centre where exhibits relate the history and construction techniques of nearby passage graves at Newgrange and Knowth which date from 2,500 B.C. Walk through a reconstruction of the narrow tomb of Newgrange. We will also enter one of the actual tombs. Then drive to the village of Dunboyne, north west of Dublin, where your delightful hotel is located. Arrive in time to enjoy some of the facilities and relax in elegant surroundings. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant.

## Sat, Oct 22 - Return to the United States

Transfer to Dublin Airport to check in for your flight. Enjoy last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft and flying westward to the United States.

### YOUR HOTELS:

Mont Clare Hotel, Dublin (1 night)

Hotel Meyrick, Galway (2 nights)

Mill Park Hotel, Donegal (2 nights)

Stormont Hotel, Belfast (2 nights)

Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Dunboyne (1 night)

*Itinerary is subject to change*

**Complete this Reservation Form and return with your check for \$200 per person, or \$369 if you wish to purchase travel insurance to NACTA Travel, 27 Addison Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070**

Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to reserve: [ ] Land Only [ ] Land & Air

Room Type: [ ] Twin (2 Beds) [ ] Double (1 Bed) [ ] Single (Single Supplement \$350.00)

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Insurance: [ ] Travel Protection Plan \$169.00 (Insurance must be purchased with deposit)  
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