



Visit Ireland with Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue Lucky-Enough Irish Tour

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with 4 single-accommodations per tour.



My dear friend and musical collaborator Gabriel Donohue and I will escort you on a tour through some of our favorite parts of this mystical land where rugged beauty, serenity, laughter and music come together. This week-long tour is planned around our live music sessions in some of Ireland's celebrated music pubs. We'll be joined along the way by Gabriel's terrific Irish musician friends for magical evenings filled with music. Caddie Tours will be happy to organize flights from any US city to Ireland.

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Sunday, September 22nd - DUBLIN, NATIONAL STUD & GALWAY CITY

Céad Míle Fáilte (one hundred thousand welcomes) as our hosts **Scott Kirby** and **Gabriel Donohue** welcome you to the Emerald Isle. We'll meet our Caddie Tours Driver/guide **Eamon Dempsey** at 9 a.m. in the arrivals hall at Dublin Airport and escort you and your luggage to our coach. We begin our journey traveling south to Kildare where we will visit **The National Stud**. Here you'll see immaculately bred stallions alongside protective mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. Stroll around the delightful grounds to explore **St. Fiachara's Garden**, including the miniature **Japanese Gardens**. We will continue to Galway City stopping for lunch in **Athlone** and visit one of the oldest pubs in Ireland - **Sean's Bar**. Situated in the Heart of Ireland, Sean's Bar plays host to visitors from all around the world. Whether absorbing the history, listening to music, visiting with friends and family or simply enjoying the perfect pint, the appeal is equally strong for everyone. Listed by Lonely Planet in both "**25 of the Most Incredible Bars in the World**" and "**50 Bars to Blow Your Mind**", a visit to Sean's is a must! Find out more about why Sean's Bar is not only the oldest, but one of the best-loved pubs in world. We arrive in Galway early evening and are free to explore the city or take a nap before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY (B,D)

Monday, September 23rd - GALWAY CITY

Artsy, bohemian **Galway** is one of Ireland's most engaging cities. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while restaurants and cafes offer front-row seats for observing buskers and street theatre. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling handcrafted Claddagh rings, books and musical instruments. Bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib; and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill on Galway Bay, the source of the area's famous oysters. Today, Galway is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland and designated **European City of Culture in 2020**. It is a vibrant, thriving city, rich in artistic and musical culture. The old city of Galway comprises less than 50 acres and is perfect for exploring on foot. We offer a **walking tour with Brian Nolan at 10 a.m.** and at noon as he wanders the streets of Galway recounting tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Irish revolutionaries and literary giants who have strolled the cobblestoned streets. You are free to dine in one of Galways celebrated eating establishments and we'll reconvene at a legendary music venue for music from Scott, Gabriel, and Galwegian musicians of note.

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B)



Tuesday, September 24th - CONG & WESTPORT

After breakfast we travel north to Cong, Co. Mayo. This was the setting for the famous movie "**The Quiet Man**" starring **John Wayne** and **Maureen O'Hara**. We'll set sail from **Lisloughery harbor** and take a pleasure cruise on **Lough Corrib**. **Lough Corrib** is the largest lake in Southern Ireland and archaeologists are only just beginning to piece together how important this lake was in terms of trade and connectivity in the area with the recent discovery of several, perfectly preserved 5000 year old boats on the lake bed. Historians already knew of its religious significance with the renowned holy island, **Inchagoill**, recorded in the Annals of Inishfallen in 1193. Where **St Patrick** built a church but first you have to take in the magnificent back drop of the **Twelve Bens mountains** in Connemara and the fabled Hill of Doon, the last stand of original evergreen oak forest in Europe. We'll have lunch at the **Crowe's Nest in town** before leaving for Westport we will be staying at the charming **Wyatt Hotel**. Westport taking in more of the most exalted scenery Ireland has to offer. Westport enjoys the designation as one of Ireland's Heritage Towns. It is situated in the shadow of **Croagh Patrick**, overlooking Clew Bay. One of the few planned towns in the Country, **Westport** was designed in the 18th Century by **James Wyatt**. Westport has many outstanding features, most notably the beautiful tree lined boulevard known as The Mall. You are free to explore the town before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant, followed by a visit to **Matt Molloy's pub** for wall-to-wall music. (Gabriel toured with the Matt for three years in the six-time Grammy- and Oscar- winning supergroup **The Chieftains**).

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE WYATT HOTEL, WESTPORT (B,D)

Wednesday, September 25th - CONNEMARA REGION & CLIFDEN

After breakfast our journey takes us south to Leenane, taking in breathtaking scenery, to take a short **catamaran cruise of Killary Harbor**. The cruise starts at **Nancy's Point**, just west of Leenane Village, on the south side of the Killary. From there we set off towards the mouth of the fjord. Take in the panoramic views of the surrounding landscape - hills rising steeply from the silvery sea, with frequent shifts in light and shadow creating different colours on the peaks and valleys. Deep green fields and occasional stands of trees contrast with heathery bogs. The fjord's sheltered waters are perfect for mussel farming and you will see the ropes at several points on the fjord. You will also see some circular salmon farms, closer to the shore. Sheep dot the hills. Continue on to the spectacular **Kylemore Abbey**, a 40,000 square foot castle built in 1867 that took a hundred men four years to complete and enjoy a tour of the elegant rooms in the mansion and the charming church and Victorian walled gardens all set beside a tranquil lake.. We travel to **Clifden**, founded in the early 19th century by **John D'Arcy**, which retains much of its Georgian architecture. You are free to explore the town before joining up with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant followed by drinks and music around the piano. *Get your singing voices ready!*



DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ABBEYGLLEN CASTLE HOTEL CLIFDEN (B,D)

Thursday, September 26th - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE CLIFDEN

The longest running community arts festival in Ireland, **Clifden Community Arts Festival**, now heading into its 42nd year, will take place from September 19-29 and yet again promises to have something in the programme to excite everyone. Audiences can expect a very high quality artistic programme with superb literary, musical and visual art content which again will have the community arts of Clifden and the surrounding hinterland as a central focus with creative writing, music, theatre and film workshops and performances taking place in the local schools for the duration of the festival. We will enjoy a free evening to explore the vibrance of **Clifden** at one or more of its many great pubs and restaurants... a night of fun for all!

OVERNIGHT: THE ABBEYGLLEN CASTLE HOTEL CLIFDEN

Friday, September 27th - THE BURREN REGION

After breakfast, we depart Clifden and head out on the Sky Road, an exhilarating **7-mile circular drive**, which is justifiably famous for the views it affords. The route takes you up among the hills overlooking Clifden Bay and its offshore islands, Inishturk and Inishturbot. We'll travel through the Burren south of Galway and visit **The Burren Smokehouse** to learn the secret of how smoked salmon is handcrafted while sampling superb cheeses, fish specialties, honeys, chocolates and other sweet treats. Our hotel is **The Armada** - offering the sight and sounds and cuisine of West Clare on the Atlantic's edge. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant. Afterwards Scott and Gabriel will join some of County Clare's legendary musicians for another evening of music and fun.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ARMADA HOTEL SPANISH POINT (B,D)



Saturday, September 28th - THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

After breakfast, our **coach takes us around the Wild Atlantic Way** to visit one of Ireland's most celebrated sites - the mighty **Cliffs of Moher**, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. We'll visit the village of Doolin where you can have lunch at one of three pubs, all within walking distance of each other. Situated on the **Wild Atlantic Way**, boasting some of the most breathtaking scenery in Ireland and with a colorful and welcoming village ready to host you on your stay, **Doolin** has something for everyone. Located on the edge of the historic Burren in northwest county Clare, and within easy reach of the majestic Cliffs of Moher and the unique Aran Islands, Doolin's dramatic landscape cannot easily be forgotten. Doolin is the home of **traditional Irish music**, with plenty of song and craic to be had. Return to our hotel for farewell dinner and a final parting glass and entertainment with your fellow travelers.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ARMADA HOTEL SPANISH POINT (B,D)



Sunday, September 29th - SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

Sadly our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to Shannon Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and immigration, avoiding the long lines that can meet you in America. There is ample duty-free shopping available at the airport for any last minute gifts or mementos. Thank you for trusting us with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time!

Transfers available, if your flights determine you need to leave from Dublin airport.



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