



Gerry Finlay

Musical Tour to Ireland

September 26th to October 6th 2020

\$2999 per person sharing

\$599 single supplement - limit 4 per tour



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Saturday, September 26th - JFK TO DUBLIN, IRELAND

Depart JFK on Aer Lingus flight 108 to Dublin at 8:50 pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

Sunday, September 27th - SLANE CASTLE & DISTILLERY

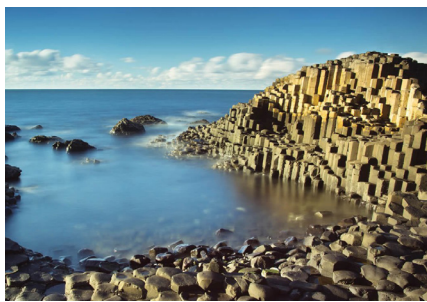
Arrive 8.30am local time. Our Caddie Tours Guide/Driver will welcome us to Ireland and bring us to Slane and enjoy a full Irish breakfast followed by a castle stay and distillery tour. A 500-acre estate run by the Family Conyngham for more than 300 years, Slane Castle has hosted everyone from King George IV to renowned bands recording albums to more than a million music fans during the Slane Concert series. From stable hands to whiskey makers. Continue north to the Hillgrove Hotel in Monaghan for our two-night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at **Vettriano Restaurant** in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HILLGROVE HOTEL MONAGHAN

Monday, September 28th - TITANIC BELFAST & BALLYBAY

After breakfast we travel to Belfast to visit **Titanic Belfast Visitor Attraction** which uses full-scale reconstructions and innovative interactive features for us to explore the Titanic story from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her infamous maiden voyage and catastrophic demise. Return to Monaghan where we'll enjoy an early dinner at the hotel followed music by Gerry Finlay at the local Ballybay GAA football club - Gerry's home town.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HILLGROVE HOTEL MONAGHAN



Tuesday, September 29th - GIANTS CAUSEWAY & DUNLUCE CASTLE

Today we visit the **Giant's Causeway and Museum**. Marvel at the volcanic columns formed over 60 million years ago and hear the ancient fables of the Causeway - N. Ireland's premier tourist attraction. Geologists explain that these hexagonal columns were formed 60 million years ago when lava solidified but Irish mythology claims that Finn McCool was paving his way across to Scotland. The iconic ruin of **Dunluce Castle** bears witness to a long and tumultuous history. First built on the dramatic coastal cliffs of north County Antrim by the MacQuillan family around 1500, the earliest written record of the castle was in 1513. Continue on to **Derry for our two-night stay at the City Hotel** - Derry is the only remaining, completely walled city in Ireland

and one of the finest examples in all of Europe. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at **Thompson's Restaurant** in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL DERRY

Wednesday, September 30th - TOURING THE INISHOWEN PENINSULA

Inishowen in County Donegal is a huge peninsula jutting out into the Atlantic ocean at the most northerly point of Ireland. A scenic route called the Inishowen 100 (km) runs around the perimeter boasting more views per square mile than most of Ireland and that's saying something! In fact, you can see the sea from just about everywhere on Inishowen. At the very top of Inishowen is **Malin Head**, a birders paradise and the latest location for Star Wars (is anywhere safe) with its famous weather station next door to Farren's Pub. The most northerly in Ireland which makes a change from oldest, highest, you name them, I've surely seen them all! Following the road back towards Carndonagh you will pass the Five Fingers Strand and the highest (we are into superlatives again) sand dunes in Ireland. Malin village itself is beautifully kept and has won numerous Tidy Town awards. Cross over the pretty stone bridge with its ten stone arches and head on into Carndonagh where you can take the road back to Derry via Quigley's Point or take a right for Ballyliffen, the Isle of Doagh and **the Famine Village**. This is an excellent local initiative which tells it like it was (and is) according to "the older people" from the actual cottages that were occupied by the same family that runs this site, right up until the 1980s. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at **Thompson's Restaurant** in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL DERRY.

Thursday, October 1st - ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK.

After breakfast to help understand its intriguing history a local guide will join us on the coach as we circle the walls and explain its past - and present. Continue our journey south now to Omagh and the **Ulster American Folk Park**. This is an open-air museum which tells the story of 3 centuries of Irish emigration to America with an emphasis on those leaving the northern province of Ulster. Continue to **family-run Sandhouse Hotel & Marine Spa** is a haven of peace and tranquility on the **Wild Atlantic Way**, nestled in a quiet corner of County Donegal. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the **Glasshouse Restaurant** in the hotel

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SANDHOUSE HOTEL ROSSNOWLAGH DONEGAL



Friday, October 2nd- SLIEVE LEAGUE AND TRIONA DESIGN

Following breakfast, we drive through the fishing village of Killybegs and Teelin and travel to The **Slieve League Sea Cliffs**, one of Ireland's best-kept secrets and a signature point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way. Take in the astounding panoramic views of Slieve League swooping down from the mountain with a staggering 2000 feet drop into the swirling Atlantic Ocean below with amazing vistas. This stunning sight is three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher! We'll travel through gorgeous Glencolmcille onto the town of Ardara for lunch and a visit to the **Triona Design Donegal Tweed Center** where we'll watch the fine art of hand weaving tweed at the loom woven with the same traditional skills that have been used for centuries. We then cross the Glengesh Pass stopping in Donegal Town for a stroll through the town before dinner where Gerry Finlay will entertain you in the bar after dinner! Join your

fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the **Glasshouse Restaurant** in the hotel

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SANDHOUSE HOTEL ROSSNOWLAGH DONEGAL

Saturday, October 3rd - DRUMCLIFF AND KNOCK SHRINE

After breakfast depart for Drumcliff - burial ground of one of Ireland's famous poets - **William Butler Yeats**. Continue south to **Knock** - the Story of Knock began on the **21st August 1879** when, at approximately 8 o'clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old. Each of the witnesses gave testimonies to a Commission of Enquiry in October 1879. Continue onto Galway for our two-night stay at the **Ardilaun Hotel** Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the **Camilaun Restaurant** in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL

Sunday, October 4th - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE GALWAY CITY.

Today, **Galway** is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland. 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 an optional walking tour with **Brian Nolan** 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 cobble-stoned streets. The evening is free to explore the many lively bars and restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL

Monday, October 5th - 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, Continue onto **Spanish Point** for our final night at the **Armada Hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel.

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

Tuesday, October 6th - 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 the **Aer Lingus flight 111 to JFK departing at 12:45pm** where you'll 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!



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