



Gerry Finlay

Musical Tour to Ireland

September 18th to September 28th 2021

\$3099 per person sharing

\$799 single supplement - limit 4 per tour



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SATURDAY, September 18th - 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 19th - TRANSFER TO MONAGHAN

Arrive 8.30am local time. Our Caddie Tours Guide/Driver will welcome us to Ireland and bring us to Headford Arms Hotel in Kells Co. Meath and enjoy a full Irish breakfast. Set amongst private grounds on the outskirts of Monaghan town, our [award-winning](#) hotel is just over an hour's drive from Dublin, less from Belfast and a mere 5-minutes walk from the beautiful town centre. Featuring [87 stunning bedrooms](#), [conference facilities](#) that can cater for over 1,500 delegates, a [leisure club](#) with a 20-metre heated swimming pool, a rejuvenating [spa](#), to keep little ones entertained, whatever you're here for, we're here for you. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at Vettriano

Restaurant in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HILLGROVE HOTEL MONAGHAN (B,D)

MONDAY, September 20th – 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 21st – 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 (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, September 22nd – 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 The Walled City Brewery. The Walled City Brewery is a multi-award winning restaurant and brewhouse based in Ebrington Square, Derry-Londonderry. By having a fully operating brewery and accompanying restaurant in the same building, it is the first of its kind in the country. The ethos behind the business is to provide both locals and tourists with a "Taste of the North West" through crafting local, authentic, premium quality, flavorsome beer and food.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL DERRY.

THURSDAY, September 23rd – WALKING TOUR OF DERRY & 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 the Mill

Park Hotel for our 2 night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL TOWN (B,D)

FRIDAY, September 24th – 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 Glencolumbkille 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 in the hotel

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL TOWN (B,D)



Saturday, September 25th – 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 where we will have a guided tour of the Shrine and Basilica - 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 Park House

Hotel. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel.

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

SUNDAY, September 26th – FREE DAY TO EXPLORE 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 cobble-stoned streets. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel followed by a concert by Gerry Finlay in the residents private lounge,

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

Monday, September 27th – CLIFFS OF MOHER & MEDIEVAL BANQUET

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. 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. Continue onto Bunratty for our final night and attend the Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle. The Earl's Butler welcomes guests from the four corners of the world toasting an era of great Irish taste with excellent food, fine wine and honey mead. Throughout the night, you will be entertained by The Earl of Thomond for a glorious banquet at our majestic 15th century Bunratty Castle. You will be welcomed with a short insight into the history of the Castle whilst enjoying a taste of mead. You will then experience our award winning night, a night we promise, will be one to remember.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL (B,D)

Tuesday, September 28th – 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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