

Scott Kirby's

LUCKY ENOUGH IV TOUR OF IRELAND

May 18 - May 25, 2023

\$2,549 Per Person, Double Occupancy - \$599 Single Supplement
(limited to four)

Caddie Tours will be happy to organize flights from any US city to Ireland.



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Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue are pleased to announce the Lucky Enough IV tour of Ireland. Following the very successful Northern Ireland tour this year, we can't wait to go back to the People's Republic of Cork as it's known to Irish people, the Kingdom of Kerry as Kerry natives call it, and Galway, the City of the Tribes, as it's known to Galwegians. Scott and Gabriel are both musicians and singers who have a rich connection to Ireland through decades of touring the country. Gabriel was born and raised about sixteen miles east of Galway City in the medieval town of Athenry. Scott's ancestors hail from Newfoundland, Canada, the most Irish province of our neighboring country to the north. Bookings are handled by Dublin native Niall Leogue of Caddie Tours, and our coach driver par excellence is Willie Ahern from County Limerick. We are pleased to have historian Hank McNally back with us to make sure the history is accurate, substantive and as deep as it needs to be. Cork, the ill-fated Titanic's last port of call, is where most Irish immigrants sailed away for America and also boasts the world's oldest yacht club. It's where Henry Ford opened his auto manufacturing plant, and where the water of life, Uisce Beatha, which became known to the English speaking world as whiskey, is distilled. Kerry, with the highest mountain peak in Ireland, vies with Galway as the most scenic county in the country. The city of Killarney nestled in arguably the most beautiful valleys on planet earth, is one of the most lively and interesting towns favored by tourists in Ireland. Galway City is the exciting hub of Ireland's arts scene with a number of theater groups including the internationally renowned Druid Theatre. Street musicians from all over the world entertain daily, and there are myriad pubs and fine restaurants to please the most discerning tastes. Traditional music as well as rock and country, emanate from pubs up and down the center of town. The Galway town of Kinvara is home to more musicians known worldwide than any town in the west including the late John Prine. More on him later, as we intend to honor his memory and his influence on us on this tour.

THURSDAY, MAY 18th - SHANNON ARRIVAL & CORK CITY

Upon arrival at Shannon Airport, the group will be greeted by our hosts **Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue**, along with our driver./guide Willie Ahern. We will depart for nearby Bunratty to have a hearty Irish breakfast at **Durty Nelly's**, a landmark Irish pub established in 1620 and nestled in the shadow of Bunratty Castle in County Clare. After our hunger for a full Irish breakfast is sated, we head down to Cork City to saunter through the iconic **English Market**, one of the oldest covered markets in Europe. It has been visited by celebrities and heads of state and has been a trading center since 1788. A true gem, it is the soul of Cork City. We then move on to **Kinsale**, one of the most picturesque medieval towns in all of Ireland. It has been hailed as the gourmet capital of the Emerald Isle with no shortage of cafes, pubs and restaurants. We will check in to **Acton's**, our harborside haven hotel which is the most historic in this maritime town. You'll join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel's lovely restaurant followed by a few songs together before you all tuck yourselves into bed after your first day in Ireland.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL KINSALE (B, D)

FRIDAY, MAY 19th – DAY TO EXPLORE KINSALE

After breakfast, we have an **11am** cruise with **Kinsale Harbor Cruises**, a perfect combination of culture, information, relaxation, and stunning scenery. Be on the lookout for glimpses of seals, otters, herons, cormorants, terns, and other wildlife. Upon returning to land, explore Kinsale wherever your epicurean curiosity takes you. Lunch and dinner will be on your own, so head for a ramble around the colorful streets, savor some locally caught seafood, take a saunter along the beach, nip inside the endless array of galleries, shops, or pubs. Later in the evening, meet the rest of the gang at a local venue for music by Scott and Gabriel along with some special guests.



OVERNIGHT: ACTON'S HOTEL KINSALE (B)

SATURDAY, MAY 20th - CLONAKILTY DISTILLERY & KENMARE

In the morning, we will visit the **Clonakilty Distillery** located on the windswept southwestern coast of Ireland. The Scully family has farmed this coastal land for nine consecutive generations. They create their whiskey utilizing the best resources that nature has to offer – prime land, pristine water, and salt sea air. The perfect ingredients for a maritime distillery. After this unique visit, we will enter the **Kingdom of Kerry** where there will be lunch in the **Kenmare Brewhouse** as traditional musicians entertain us in this charming colorful town located in the famous Ring of Kerry. Then it will be on to **Killarney** where we will stay in the elegant **Randles Hotel** beside purple mountains, waterfalls, majestic lakes and ancient forests. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant followed by a full blown concert where we are the honored guests.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RANGLES HOTEL KILLARNEY (B,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 21st JAUNTING CAR RIDE & KILLARNEY

After breakfast, we will begin the day with an old-fashioned experience hopping on a **horse-drawn jaunting car** with a Killarney Jarvey (local coachman) who will take us through the National Park to the 15th century Ross Castle. There we board the 11 AM water bus on Loch Leane, the largest and most picturesque of the Killarney lakes. Here we will cruise through scenes of the gentle lowlands and scattered islands in the shadow of the towering and majestic McGillcuddy Reeks Mountains. You'll be free to explore Killarney, one of Ireland's most loved destinations. The hotel is located on the "golden mile" so it is close to the town's offerings. The town centre is the heart of Kerry with its many boutique shops, traditional pubs, and a wide selection of cafes and restaurants. You may also choose to spend time enjoying the leisure spa in our hotel. As usual, the night will be filled with wall to wall music!

OVERNIGHT: RANGLES HOTEL KILLARNEY (B)



MONDAY, MAY 22nd - FOYNES FLYING MUSEUM & GALWAY

After breakfast, we depart and head up to Limerick for an 11am tour inside the **Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum**. This marks the place of the original Shannon Airport located right on the Shannon River, where the last flying boats took off for America. Ernest Hemingway, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Eleanor Roosevelt all came through here. The actress Maureen O'Hara met her husband the aviator Captain Charles Blair at an airport party. The cost of flying to America on the Boeing 314 Clipper was about ten thousand dollars in today's money. Here we will discover how Irish coffee was invented and why it ended up as the signature beverage at the Buena Vista Hotel in San Francisco -- and, of course, we'll get a taste of the Irish coffee with its delicious whiskey and cream. We'll have lunch at **Ryan's Bar** in the museum before we head on to **Galway** for three nights at the **Park House Hotel** in the heart of the city centre. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant followed by entertainment in the lounge by Scott, Gabriel and friends.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23rd - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE GALWAY

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 was 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. In the evening, we will board the bus to go on a special pilgrimage out to Kinvara where we will remember John Prine in the town where he resided much of the year with his Irish wife, Fiona Whelan. His songs will take center stage and we'll welcome some of the locals who knew him well. Dinner will be provide at the venue in Kinvara.

OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL GALWAY (B,D)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

We will have a special walking tour of Galway with local guide Brian Nolan who will regale us with tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. We will walk in the footsteps of Irish revolutionaries and literary giants who have strolled the cobblestoned streets. Tonight there will be a farewell dinner and a sing song to remember featuring Scott and Gabriel -- and you too, if the humor is on you.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25th SAFE TRAVELS HOME

After breakfast we will depart for Shannon Airport with our thanks for sharing this journey with us! Many of us will have had a spiritual awakening and a sense of homecoming. Don't be a stranger now, to Ireland or to your new friends on the Lucky Enough Tour -- because next year we'll do it all over again.