



# Washington Conservatory of Music and Caddie Tours

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## Pressenda Chamber Players Concert Tour to Ireland

September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

\$4870 per person sharing · \$520 Single supplement

Join the extraordinary Pressenda Chamber Players classical ensemble members, violinists Aaron Berofsky and Kathryn Votapek, violist Amadi Akiziwe, cellist Tobias Werner and WCM Executive/Artistic Director, Kathy Judd for special musical memories in Ireland.

### ITINERARY

#### September 27<sup>th</sup> Friday - DULLES, USA TO DUBLIN, IRELAND

Depart Dulles on **Aer Lingus flight 118** to Dublin at 5:15pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight. **Caddie Tours** will be happy to organize flights from any US city to Dublin.

#### September 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday - DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your Caddie Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Check into your hotel and join your fellow travelers for breakfast. There's no better way to explore Dublin city than on the **Hop on Hop off double-decker tour bus** (included). Most visitors to Dublin want to visit attractions like the **Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, and The Wax Museum**, but Niall recommends you see some of the city's hidden gems like the **Little Museum of Dublin, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum** (A must see if you have Irish roots!), The Irish Rock and Roll Museum Experience, Marsh's Library beside St. Patrick's Cathedral, and many more.

#### OVERNIGHT - THE DAVENPORT HOTEL DUBLIN

#### September 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday - HUGH LANE GALLERY & SLIGO

After breakfast drive to the **Hugh Lane Gallery** on Parnell Square for **Midday concert by the Pressenda Chamber Players**. Dublin City Gallery **The Hugh Lane** has an exceptional history centred around the ground-breaking vision of Sir Hugh Lane himself. Hugh Lane held the first exhibition of Irish Art in 1904 in London and continued to innovate by endowing the Gallery with a unique and exceptional collection of modern art, including the first impressionist paintings in any public collection across Britain and Ireland. Sir Hugh Lane presented the collection to Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) in 1908. Depart Dublin driving through the Midlands of Ireland before reaching **Markree Castle** in Sligo for our 2 night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the castle.



#### DINNER & OVERNIGHT - MARKREE CASTLE SLIGO



#### September 30<sup>th</sup> Monday - PARKES CASTLE & LOUGH GILL CRUISE

After breakfast we head for 400 year old **Parkes Castle** that once was an important stronghold of the local O'Rourke family where we take a boat cruise on beautiful **Lough Gill**. We'll sail around the **Isle of Inishfree** made famous by noted poet, **William Butler Yeats**. We'll view serene and tranquil waters against a backdrop of the sweeping Benbulbin Mountain and the gorgeous scenery of County Sligo. Return to the castle for dinner and concert by the **Pressenda Chamber Players**.

#### DINNER & OVERNIGHT - MARKREE CASTLE SLIGO

#### October 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE & CLIFDEN

After breakfast depart for Castlebar to visit the **Museum of Country Life** which features exhibits of domestic goods in daily use during the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Have some lunch in the cafe before we continue onto Clifden for our two night stay. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel.

#### DINNER & OVERNIGHT - STATION HOUSE HOTEL CLIFDEN

## OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - FREE DAY TO EXPLORE CLIFDEN

After breakfast we'll 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 Turbot. Return to Clifden where you can explore the vibrance of the town before the concert tonight by the **Pressenda Chamber Players** presented by Clifden Arts Festival.

### OVERNIGHT - STATION HOUSE HOTEL CLIFDEN



## OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - KYLEMORE ABBEY & GALWAY

After breakfast depart for 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'll stop in Spiddal to visit Standun - Standún is Galway's one-stop shop for the whole family. From Aran sweaters and quality knitwear to fashion brands, gifts and jewellery, Standún has something for the whole family, for tourists and locals alike. The cafe situated in the centre of the store serves delicious home baked food. Situated in 'An Spidéal' or Spiddal, the gateway to Connemara, the store is located on the Wild Atlantic Way, just 14 km from Galway City. The store has received an array of awards and

was recently awarded the 'Best Quality & Best Value Aran Sweater' in Ireland by The Wall Street Journal. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel.

### DINNER & OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL GALWAY

## October 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - CLIFFS OF MOHER

If it's scenery you are after, look no further than 10 miles away to check out the amazing sea views and vistas along the Wild Atlantic Way by visiting one of Ireland most celebrated sites, the mighty **Cliffs of Moher**. The bus will travel through the Burren National Park consisting of 3700 acres of awesome sights of Limestone rock and flora unique to the area. You'll stop and visit **the Burren Smokehouse** and learn the secret to how smoked salmon is handcrafted while sampling superb cheeses, fish specialties, honeys, chocolates and other sweet treats. You are free to dine in one of Galways celebrated eating establishments before **we attend a concert by the Pressenda Chamber Players at Portershed sponsored by Irish American Chamber of Commerce at 7pm.**



### OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B)



## October 5- Saturday - FREE DAY IN 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 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. Depart for our hotel near Dublin late afternoon and enjoy a farewell dinner in the Fahrenheit Restaurant set in the original castle walls.

### DINNER & OVERNIGHT - CLONTARF CASTLE DUBLIN

## October 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

After breakfast final coach trip to Dublin Airport to check in for the Aer Lingus flight 119 departing at 12:30pm for Washington DC. You will clear customs and US immigration at Dublin which ensures US arrival is very simple. Enjoy ample duty-free shopping at the airport before your take off.



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