

HOOLEY HOLIDAY IN IRELAND 2015

with



November 4-15, 2015

Only **\$2549.00** per person (from LAX)

(based on double occupancy)

& US Departure Tax & Fuel Surcharge \$429.00* ADDITIONAL (CURRENTLY)

If Travelling from NYC Deduct \$350.00 from above

Land Only Rate: \$1999.00

If you have ever traveled on one of our Fenians Tours in the past deduct \$50.00

Your Tour Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from LAX to Ireland (Flight schedule announced 90-120 days prior to departure)
- Deluxe motor coach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver Guide.
- Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Kilkenny	Kilkenny River Court-2 Nights **** www.rivercourthotel.com
Galway	Imperial Hotel-3 Nights *** www.imperialhotelgalway.ie
Letterkenny	Radisson Blu-2 Nights **** www.radissonblu.com
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel-3 Nights *** www.camdencourthotel.com
- Breakfast daily, Three Dinners: 1 Kilkenny, 1 Galway, 1 Letterkenny
- Admissions to: Glendalough, Cliffs of Moher, Walled in City Tour Derry
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcases per person, Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

Cancellation Penalties: (LAND) If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.

Disclaimer: Hotels may be substituted due to size of group for hotel in same category. Final Hotels list will be sent with Final Documents. Final Air Schedules will be known 90-60 days prior to departure and depend on size of group from any given departure city. Please call our office if you need connecting flight information.

Reservation Application

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on your **Fenians Tour: November 4-15, 2015 (FT151411)**

I enclose \$ 250.00 Deposit due ASAP _____ 2nd Deposit Due: April 1, 2015: \$350.00 _____

I enclose full payment of \$ _____: Due September 1, 2015

Name (as on passport) _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Tel: (home): _____ (work): _____ (email): _____

Companion Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Room Type: Twin (2 Beds)/Double (1 Bed): _____ Single: _____

Single Supplement: \$599.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) _____ YES

YES Aran Island: \$55.00 _____ YES

YES Belfast Day from Dublin Train and Hop On Hop Off Pass: \$95.00 Per Person (Independent Tour)

Optional Independent Dublin Stay after tour: 2 Nights Camden Court with Breakfast: \$179.00 Per Person Sharing:

____ YES

(Limited Availability)

Cancellation Insurance: Please inquire with us as insurance is now aged based.

You may also visit www.travelguard.com directly

* US Departure Tax is always subject to change

For More Information Please Call Toll-Free: 1-866-486-8772 or email: jwasserbach@hammondtraveltours.com

We accept Amex, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. There is a 3% charge for all payments made on these cards after initial deposit of \$250.00 Please make check payable Hammond Tours and send along with the application to:

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The Fenians Ireland Itinerary
November 4-15, 2015

Day 1 November 4 Wednesday	USA-Ireland. Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.
Day 2 November 5 Thursday	Dublin-Glendalough-Kilkenny. Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity for their first Full Irish Breakfast in Dun Laoghaire (on own expense). It is onto the seaside town of Bray ; (Bré or Brí Cualann) is known as the “Gateway to the Garden of Ireland”, due to its location in Northeast Wicklow, Ireland’s most scenic county. Bray’s earliest history is shrouded in the mists of time; there are traces of Bronze age (2,300 to 600 BC) settlements in the area. There is also evidence of visits to Bray by Romans, possibly from Britain, circa the first century BC. We continue along the coast to Greystones . The town was named after a one kilometre stretch of grey stones between two beaches on the sea front. The harbour area and the railway station are at the northern and southern ends respectively. The North Beach, which begins at the harbour, is a stony beach and some of its length is overlooked by the southern cliffs of Bray Head, which are subject to erosion. It is then onto Glendalough , monastic settlement of St. Kevin in the 6 th century. We stop here for a visit before continuing to Medieval Kilkenny, an ancient Medieval Town once home to many microbreweries including the still standing Smithwick’s Brewery. It is located in the yard of a now ruined Abbey, carrying on a brewing tradition that apparently began with the monks of the abbey in the 14th century. Dinner and overnight River Court Hotel
Day 3 November 6 Friday	Kilkenny-Waterford-Cobh-Kilkenny. After a leisurely breakfast our tour starts today with a visit to the Medieval City of Waterford. Explore on own this vibrant city. You might decide to visit the Waterford Visitors Center if you like (on own). We continue south and head through Youghal with its pristine fishing harbor and seaside resort, once home to Sir Walter Raleigh. The historic clock tower was erected in 1771 as a Gaol (jail) now it has become a local art gallery. The old town wall constructed in 1275, remains in fragments yet add to the culture of a bygone era. Return too Kilkenny. Overnight Rivercourt Hotel. You might stay put and enjoy the day in Kilkenny!
Day 4 November 7 Saturday	Kilkenny-Limerick-Bunratty-Cliffs-Galway. We continue through Limerick, Ireland’s 3 rd largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote Angela’s Ashes. Limerick is an area steeped in history. The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th century a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as “City of the Broken Treaty”, due to the treaty which was signed surrendering the city to William. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. King John’s Castle is a fortified 13th century Castle on ‘King’s Island’ in the heart of medieval Limerick. The castle overlooking the river Shannon opens an exciting window on the lives and stories of the people through political upheaval, war and famine. Archaeological excavations open to the public roll back the mists of time to pre-Norman houses which predate the castle by 100 years, as well as siege mines, garrison and soldiers quarters and sallyport all found under the level of the present courtyard. The castle itself features an imaginative exhibition spanning the castle’s history. It is onto Bunratty with its 600 year old Bunratty Castle. Time to take photographs or perhaps step in “Durdy Nellie’s Pub” which has been serving up the locals for over 300 year’s. WE make our way through the rugged Burren Landscape of Ireland to the majestic Cliffs of Moher . The Cliffs rise some 700 feet above the awesome Atlantic Coastline. We continue to youthful bustling Galway City. In the 1400’s, there began in Galway the rule of the ‘Tribes’, as the leading fourteen families were called. Their names were <i>Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Darcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyce, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris, and Skerritt</i> . Time today to browse “Shop Street” as well as the lively pubs that dot the city. Dinner and overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.
Day 5 November 8 Sunday	Connemara Tour. Today we take in the magnificent views of the Connemara region, Ireland’s treasure of wild, natural beauty where, in some places, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden. Situated on the west coast of Ireland against the backdrop of the 12 Ben Mountains and beautiful rugged coastline, the town is known locally as the Capital of Connemara. Clifden is a lively location full of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafés. The Sky Road in Clifden is one of the best tourist attractions in the entire Connemara region. The circular route is 11 km long and takes you out west from Clifden. Simply put, the scenery along the Sky Road is stunning. Very few places in Ireland can match the rugged beauty and range of scenery that can be seen from the Sky Road. The route is well signposted from Clifden and easy to find. We then join the main road and our journey takes us via Leenane to 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. We continue to youthful bustling Galway City. Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway
Day 6 November 9 Monday	Aran Island. Optional trip to the Aran Islands . This day-trip takes the whole day, so do not go for it unless you are up to it. On the Island, the way of life is as it would have been in days gone by, except for the mini-vans that take tourists on sightseeing trip, it has remained as it was in the 19 th century. The most impressive of all the ancient fortresses in Ireland, is here, Dun Aengus Fortress. Built to maximize defense, it is surrounded by high walls on three sides, the other is a sheer drop of 500 feet to the ocean. (Please note this tour takes the entire day). If you elect to not do the Aran Islands tour enjoy Galway on your own. Overnight Imperial Hotel Galway.
Day 7 November 10 Tuesday	Galway-Roscommon-Sligo-Letterkenny. Today after breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel. We travel east to Roscommon. Roscommon comes from the Irish <i>Ros</i> meaning a wooded, gentle height and <i>Comán</i> , the name of the county’s famous saint and the first bishop of the sea. Rathcroghan was home to the Kings of Connacht and then to the High Kings of Ireland. . Our tour continues north with a stop in Sligo where famous author William Butler Yeats is buried at Drumcliffe . We continue to Donegal. The town is set in a valley girdled by Barnesmore Mountains and Donegal Bay and overlooking the town can be seen the remains of several earthen forts. Today, Donegal Town is the center of activity for South County Donegal. The town center, known as “The Diamond” is where the Killybegs, Ballyshannon and Ballybofey Roads converge and it is here that you are likely to meet almost anybody; usually with a smile on their face and a few ready words. It is onto Letterkenny. Dinner and overnight Radisson Blu Hotel.
Day 8 November 11 Wednesday	Letterkenny-Derry-Letterkenny. Today after breakfast we depart our hotel We continue over the border crossing of Strabene to Derry City. To really experience Derry’s history, we stroll along the parapet walkways as we do the “ Walled in City Tour ”. The history of this area and the fact that Derry is one of the last fully intact walled in cities left in all of Europe makes this a must for every visitor. You may on your own then tour the Tower Museum, chronicling the history of Derry. The building, originally constructed in 1615, has now been updated to one of the finest examples of Irish culture. Time to enjoy Derry. Overnight Letterkenny Radisson Blu.
Day 9 November 12 Thursday	Letterkenny-Dublin. After breakfast we depart Letterkenny and travel south. We make our way to Enniskillen. This pretty spot has got to be one of the nicest towns in Northern Ireland. Its location is set on the shores of Lough Erne. Enniskillen is full of history. The Watergate dates back to the 1600’s. We will also pass by Foothill Park and Coles Monument. Coles Monument is to Cole who was one of Wellingtons Generals at Waterloo. He is Standing looking out towards Florencecourt, his home, and some 10 miles away. The Inniskilling’s Dragoons and Fusiliers fought along-side one another at Waterloo. It was in 1790’s that the Fermanagh Militia was established, to defend against a French Invasion of Ireland. At this time the town grew outside the Island, on what is now known as Old Henry Street. We continue along Lough Erne via County Cavan. There are 12 recorded portal tomb sites in Cavan, mostly in the Burren. Derived from the Irish name ‘Cabhann’, a hollow. Cavan was once part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. Numerous stone circles and megalithic tombs in the county are remnants of Cavan’s rich archaeological heritage. Overnight Camden Court Hotel Dublin.
Day 10	Belfast Optional Day Tour. You might decide to enjoy Dublin or perhaps enjoy the day in Belfast. Tour includes roundtrip rail tickets to Belfast (Train is 2

<p>November 13 Friday</p>	<p>hours in each direction), Hop On Hop Off Belfast Bus Pass. The tour route will make stops to The Titanic Shipyards, Hop off at Titanic Belfast Attraction, The Titanic Dock and Pumphouse, Parliament Buildings and Stormont Estate, The new Laganside Area, St Georges Market, The Old Cathedral Quarter, High Street and Bridge Street, The Albert Clock, St Anne's Cathedral, The Crumlin Road Jail and Courthouse, The Belfast Poorhouse, The Belfast Peace Wall, The Shankill Road, The Falls Road, Political wall murals, Queens University, Belfast City Hall, Belfast city centre. Return to Dublin This is an independent tour on own. Overnight Camden Court Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 11 November 14 Saturday</p>	<p>Dublin. I would suggest a Hop On Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass (option cost paid there on bus). You will be sure to see St. Patrick's Cathedral where writer Jonathan Swift gave his sermons, The G.P.O. on O'Connell Street scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where the bullet holes still remain to this day. Drive through famous Phoenix Park where the Pope said Mass in late 70's and finally Trinity College to view the 8th century manuscripts, The Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the Monks produced them all those centuries ago. Why not visit Guinness Storehouse for a peek at the makings of this world famous brew. Make sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, The Brazen Head. You might enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. Overnight Camden Court Hotel.</p>
<p>Day 12 November 15 Sunday</p>	<p>Dublin-Dublin Airport-USA. After breakfast we are transferred to nearby Dublin Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way we wish you "Safe Home".</p>