

A Musical Pub Tour of The Real Ireland

DAY 1: DUBLIN. On arrival at Dublin Airport, you will be met by a top class driver/guide and taken by private deluxe coach on a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin, followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. You'll see Trinity College (outside), Phoenix Park including the cross dedicated to Pope John Paul II and the Presidential Residence, O'Connell Street and the General Post Office, Parnell Square and the Garden of Remembrance, the Georgian Doors on Fitzwilliam Square, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin Castle (outside) and the Dail (Parliament) - outside.

At the Guinness Storehouse, take a tour ending on the seventh floor in the Gravity Bar, where there is a spectacular 360 degree view of Dublin and a free pint. What more could you want to start this Musical Pub Tour?! After the Guinness visit, check in for your 2 night stay at the Davenport Hotel (www.ocallaghanhotels.ie). The balance of the day is free to relax and explore.

DAY 2: DUBLIN AND SURROUNDS. The morning is free for individual sightseeing or shopping. At noon, travel south to "Johnny Fox's" pub in the Wicklow mountains. "Johnny Fox's" is Ireland's highest located pub and is renowned for its musical bar and restaurant. Enjoy a traditional lunch and music session here before returning to Dublin in the late-afternoon. The evening at leisure.



DAY 3: CO. DONEGAL. Travel northwest from Dublin today to Omagh, for a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park and an optional lunch. Before arriving in Co. Donegal, where you will check in for your two night stay at Gweedore Court. (www.gweedorecourthotel.com). You will have some time to freshen up before traveling to "Leo's Tavern" this evening, home to the famous Irish singer, Enya. Dinner is included before some lovely traditional Irish music is played by Leo, Enya's father. Return to Gweedore Court for your overnight.



DAY 4: LOCAL TOURING. Today you will take the ferry to Tory Island, off the coast of Donegal, and meet Ireland's last-recognized King, Patsai Dan MacRuairi. We'll include a tour of Tory Island followed by a pub lunch and traditional music with Patsai Dan and some other local musicians. Take the mid-afternoon ferry back to the mainland and return to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. Though the "strong" may wish to return to "Leo's Tavern" for another *music* session!



DAY 5: ENNIS. Depart Co. Donegal today and travel south via Sligo to Tom Hennigan's Heritage Farm. It is both a museum and a working Farm and Tom will take you back in time to the days of the landlord and the tenant farmer and, of course, those terrible years of the "Great Hunger." After the visit continue south to Galway City, where you will have some free time

to explore and shop before continuing to Ennis. Here you will check in for your 2 night stay at the Old Ground Hotel, www.flynnhotels.com. Time to relax before you'll start your "pub crawl" in Ennis this evening. First you'll visit "O'Sheehans", followed by the "Queen's Front Bar" and last but not least the "Poets' Corner Pub" at the Old Ground Hotel. A drink (beer or wine) in each and some traditional music.

DAY 6: LOCAL TOURING. Maybe a lie in after a hard night last night?!! Mid-morning head to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, a sheer precipice 5 miles long, which rises to a height of 668 feet above the Atlantic. It is one of the most impressive coastlines in Ireland and in nesting season is home to a variety of seabirds.

Then continue onto the small town of Doolin for lunch in the Atlantic Bar with a traditional music session, (this could last A LONG TIME!) before returning to Ennis for a final overnight at the Old Ground Hotel. The remainder of your evening is free.

DAY 7: KILLARNEY. This morning we will travel via Adare to the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. The scenery around Sleat Head is some of the finest in Europe, and the seafood in Dingle Town (a stop here included for an optional lunch) is possibly the best in Ireland. From Dingle you will continue to Killarney. Here you will check in for your 2 night stay at the Muckross Park Hotel – www.muckrosspark.com. Tonight enjoy dinner and a brilliant Irish music session at "Molly Darcy's" in the hotel.



DAY 8: LOCAL TOURING / OPTIONS.

There are some optional ways to spend your free day. Perhaps take a tour of the Ring of Kerry, or play 18 holes of golf on one of the 3 great courses at the Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. You may like to do some walking in the National Park, or take a boat trip out on the lake. All these are suggestions and are not included but can be arranged through our California office.

This evening enjoy a three pub tour of Killarney to include "Murphy's Bar", "The Laurels" and "The Tatler" – all 3 play Irish music. (3 drinks – beer or wine – are included – 1 in each + dinner). Return to Muckross Park Hotel for your overnight.

DAY 9: DUBLIN. Transfer to the Killarney railway station this morning and take the train to Dublin. First Class tickets included. On arrival in Dublin you will be met and transferred back to the Davenport Hotel for your final night.

This evening meet your guide for a musical pub tour of Dublin – a great way to end this trip! The pubs included (1 drink in each) are Donoghue's, Whelan's and the Dame Tavern.

DAY 10: DEPART. A private transfer to Dublin airport for your return flight. No flights have been included by 'In Quest of the Classics'.