

EXPLORING IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN COUNTIES

WITH

BRENDAN NOLAN

Oct. 2 - 13, 2024

\$2,995.00 per person tour only

OCT. 2 Depart for overnight flight to Dublin. (meal served on board)

OCT. 3 Arrive in Dublin in the morning where we will be met by our fantastic driver/guide, Liam Finnegan. Once on board our private motorcoach we begin our journey with our first stop in **Glendalough**, in beautiful Co. Wicklow. Here we will have a **walking tour with a local guide** which includes the 6th century monastic site founded by St. Kevin. After our visit we continue heading south to Co. Wexford. Take some time to relax and freshen up before we meet for **dinner** in our hotel. **(D) Talbot Hotel, Wexford**

OCT. 4 After breakfast we will make a visit to **The Irish National Heritage Park**. Here we will enjoy a **tour led by guides** in their medieval costumes sharing facts and stories covering 9,000 years of Ireland's pre-history and history. It's then on to **Johnstown Castle** for a tour and time for some lunch. After our visit we will head back to our hotel with the remainder of the afternoon and evening free to check out the pubs and shops. We will try to find a room in the hotel, or at a local pub, for a brief music session with Brendan. **(B) Talbot Hotel, Wexford**

OCT. 5 We say so long to Wexford town and make our first stop today in the town of **New Ross**, home of John F. Kennedy's ancestors. Here we will take a **guided tour** on the **Dunbrody Famine Ship**. This is a replica of a Famine Ship which many of your ancestors may have sailed on to the USA. We then continue onto Co. Cork and make a visit to the famous **Blarney Castle and Woolen Mills**. Take some time to climb to the top of the castle to kiss the "magical stone", walk around the gardens and do some major shopping. Our final destination today is the village of **Rosscarbery, Co. Cork**. Tonight we will enjoy **dinner** together in our lovely hotel. **(B & D) Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery**

OCT. 6 This morning we make the short journey to **Clonakilty** to visit the **Michael Collins Centre and Museum run by the Crowley Family**. Here you will learn about the great Irish Hero and see some amazing memorabilia. After our visit we head for the coast and the most southerly point of Ireland, **Mizen Head**. Here you can enjoy some spectacular scenery exploring on your own. It's then back to Rosscarbery. **Tonight we'll have a session with Brendan either in the hotel or one of the local pubs.** **(B) Celtic Ross Hotel**

OCT. 7 Today's journey takes us on a boat out to **Garnish Island**. This is a peaceful setting to walk around at your own pace and enjoy the gardens and many different plant varieties. This is a serenity day as our next stop is in the beautiful area of **Gougane Barra** situated in a scenic valley surrounded by the Shehy Mountains. Take some time to stroll around and visit the church and surrounding area. Our final destination is the busy little town of **Killarney**. Tonight we will enjoy **dinner** together in our hotel. **(B & D) Plaza Hotel, Killarney**

OCT. 8 Today is a **FREE day in Killarney**. There is plenty to see and do in this hustling and bustling town. Maybe a horse and buggy ride thru the National Park, maybe a round of golf, more shopping or just sit back and relax. Tonight we will enjoy **The Celtic Steps Show**. This is a great night of Traditional music, singing and dancing! **(B) Plaza Hotel, Killarney**

OCT. 9 Enjoy a bit of a leisurely morning before we head for the town of **Listowel**. Here we will stop at **John B. Keane's Pub**, home of the famous playwright. Hi son Billy will greet us with some local entertainment as we enjoy a pint together. It's then time to catch the **ferry to cross the River Shannon** on our way to the seaside town of **Kilkee**. Our hotel is right on the beach in this beautiful little town. After **dinner** tonight in the hotel it's time for another **session with Brendan in the pub.** **(B & D) Stella Maris Hotel, Kilkee**

OCT. 10 Enjoy another leisurely morning before we head out to some of the most spectacular scenery in Ireland. Liam will take you on a slow and magnificent drive out to **Loop Head** with plenty of stops along the way. It's back to Kilkee with the remainder of the day to relax and check out the town and meet the locals. **(B) Stella Maris Hotel**

OCT 11 So long to Co. Clare as we head inland and make a stop at **Sean's Bar** in Co. Westmeath. Sean's is the oldest pub in Ireland and is in the Guinness Book of Records. One of the managers will greet us and give us the history of Athlone and Sean's Bar while you can enjoy a pint or maybe try some of Sean's very own whiskey. After our visit we'll make the short walk across the bridge and visit **Gertie Browns Pub** for a bite of lunch. It's then on to our final destination of Dublin for the last two nights. **(B L) Ashling Hotel, Dublin**

OCT. 12 Today is a **FREE Day** to explore Dublin and all it has to offer. Liam will give us many suggestions of places to visit. Tonight we will enjoy a **farewell dinner and Session** in our hotel. **(B D) Ashling Hotel, Dublin**

OCT. 13 Sadly our journey together has come to an end. Liam will take us to the airport in plenty of time for check in and duty free shopping. For those with very early flights we will help you with arrangements.

Cost: \$2,995.00 per person sharing. This is based on a minimum of 25 people traveling. If we fail to reach the minimum a price adjustment will become necessary or the tour could be canceled. **A Single Room is available for an additional \$590.00** We are limited to 5 single rooms at this price, so if we go over there will be an additional charge based on each hotels rules. Rooms will be allocated based on receipt of deposit.

Includes: 10 nights accommodations at 3 & 4 star hotels, full Irish breakfast daily except arrival, lunch at Gertie Browns Pub, 5 dinners, transportation by private motorcoach with services of professional Bord Failte Driver/Guide, Liam Finnegan. All surcharges and taxes, portfolio or tour documents including small backpack and poncho. Handling of ONE suitcase. Loads of fun and fantastic entertainment by Brendan Nolan.

Visits & Admissions to: Glendalough, Irish National Heritage Park, Johnstown Castle, Dunbrody Famine Ship, Blarney Castle & Woolen Mills, Michael Collins Centre, Mizen Head, Garnish Island, Gougane Barra, Celtic Steps, John B Keane's Pub, Ferry across the Shannon, Loop Head Drive, Seans's Bar, and plenty of free time to meet the locals.

Not Included: Airfare, Trip Insurance & Tip to your driver/guide. We strongly recommend you purchase some sort of travel insurance. We recommend €13 -€15 per person per day to tip your driver/guide, Liam. This is just a suggestion, you may tip as you please.

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 is due immediately to secure your spot. \$250 becomes non-refundable prior to final payment and entire deposit is non-refundable after final payment is made.

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