

The Celtic Tenors on the Atlantic Way

10 Days / 8 Nights

April 30th – May 9th, 2019



Tue., Apr 30th: Heading for the Emerald Isle

Today you will start our journey by flying across the United States and taking an overnight flight across the Atlantic Sea to Ireland.

Wed., May 1st: Welcome to Dublin

This morning we will land in Dublin Airport and you will self-transfer to the city center of Dublin, the small capital with a huge reputation. You can either check-in or drop your bags at the hotel and enjoy a leisurely first day in the iconic city of Dublin. Enjoy exploring all this famous city has to offer and later, meet the group at the hotel for a Welcome Cocktail Party, toasting to the start of this special tour with The Celtic Tenors.

Overnight: Dublin Hotel



Thur., May 2nd: A Day Well Spent In Dublin

Following breakfast this morning, **we will take a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin** to see local landmarks and historic buildings like the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Trinity College, housing the Book of Kells.



Afterwards, we will set out to visit Croke Park, the world's largest amateur stadium and the headquarters of Ireland's national sports organization of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Croke Park has been at the heart of Irish sporting life for over 100 years and with a capacity of 82,300, this magnificent stadium is actually the third largest in Europe. Today, we will tour the stadium by taking the unique experience of the Skyline Tour where we are guided along the thrilling rooftop walkway suspended over Croke Park. This unique experience offers incredible views of the pitch itself as well as being Dublin's highest open-viewing

platform so expect breathtaking panoramic views of Ireland's vibrant capital from the mountains to the sea (this walk is optional, you can opt out if you so choose). *Please note that there are 100 steps up to the start of the tour, the walking tour itself is about 0.4 miles in total and there are 100 steps down at the end of the tour. Again, this tour is optional.*

We will then journey to visit **Teeling Whiskey Distillery**, the first new distillery in Dublin in over 125 years which is bringing the craft of distilling back into the very heart of the centre of Ireland's capital. Today we will tour the new distillery, located where Teeling started in 1782 and only a stone's throw away from where Walter Teeling's old distillery was, to hear its story and its three copper pot still operation reviving the traditional style of Dublin whiskey distillation.



After a day well spent taking part in a unique and integral part of Irish culture and heritage, we will return to the hotel. We will then meet up later to **share dinner together and attend the first performance by The Celtic Tenors**, which is sure to be a special one. **Overnight: Dublin Hotel**

Fri., May 3rd: Next Stop...Killarney

Once breakfast is finished up, we will bid farewell to Dublin to search for new adventure in Killarney Co. Kerry, known as 'The Kingdom' and one of the most famous and beautiful of Ireland's 32 counties.



On route, we will visit one of Ireland's true treasures, the Irish National Stud & Gardens in Co. Kildare. The Stud Farm is the home of equine royalty, immaculately-bred stallions who can be seen and admired alongside protective mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. See retired equine stars like Vintage Crop, Moscow Flyer, Kicking King and Beef or Salmon on the stud's 'Living Legend's' team. In the world-famous Japanese Gardens, you can follow the path called the 'Life of Man' which traces the passage of a soul from birth to death and beyond while also

providing a meeting place for the cultures of East and West. St. Fiachra's Garden symbolizes the power of the Irish landscape while the Horse Museum includes the skeleton of the legendary Arkle. We then proceed to journey south before stopping in Co. Limerick, home to Ireland's first ever City of Culture thanks to its engaging mix of history, arts and sports.

Arriving into Limerick City, we will visit King John's Castle on 'King's Island' situated in the heart of the city. We will tour this 13th century castle and its exhibitions which bring to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Enjoy the sights, scenes and sounds of King John's Castle and its environs which all combine to recreate the atmosphere of the era.

Afterwards, we continue our journey into Killarney, one of Ireland's most beautiful spots, to check-in at the hotel. See visions of parks, mountains, lakes, islands and flatlands which stretch from the town out to Killarney National Park, renowned by many as the 'Jewel in Kerry's Crown'. Relax in your surroundings before meeting the group for dinner tonight.



Overnight: Killarney Hotel

Sat., May 4th: Exclusively Kerry



Once breakfast is finished up, we will set to explore Kerry, famed to contain some of Ireland's most iconic scenery. Today we travel southwest to reach Dingle, the only town in one of Ireland's most beautiful coastal regions, the **Dingle Peninsula**. Today we will enjoy a scenic day of stunning beaches and mountains of the Dingle Peninsula dubbed one of "the most beautiful places on earth". The Dingle Peninsula is one of Ireland's most rugged Peninsulas with breathtaking views and mysterious huts called 'clochans' that line the road, thought to be built by 7th century monks. It is an area that suffered the Vikings, welcomed Hollywood and has its own famous Dolphin called "Fungie". We will also stop in the small fishing town of Dingle to enjoy its eclectic little fashion and jewelry shops and intimate cozy pubs – an all-around very special place with great atmosphere and you may even hear Irish Gaelic being used fluently here. Later, we will return to our hotel to prepare for **dinner together and the second performance by The Celtic Tenors – enjoy! Overnight: Killarney Hotel**

Sun., May 5th: Exploring Killarney

Once breakfast has wrapped up this morning, we will get set to explore more of Killarney famously located in the heart of Southwest of Ireland which is dubbed 'The Town in the Park'. This morning, we visit Muckross House, the 19th century Victorian mansion set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. **We will tour Muckross House**, which has been a focal point in Killarney since 1839, to view the elegantly furnished rooms portraying the lifestyles of the landed gentry while downstairs in the basement, one can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. **The Gardens at Muckross House** are renowned world-wide for their beauty, in particular they are noted for their fine collections of azaleas and rhododendrons, an extensive water garden, and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone, as you will see today.



Later, we will enjoy a unique Killarney experience by taking a traditional Jaunting Cart around town. Your driver, known, as a "jarvey" is both a guide and a storyteller. Beside the clip-clop of the horse and the jarvey's gentle brogue, enjoy the local insights and picturesque views of Killarney. The tour concludes at the hotel where you are free to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy one of Ireland's liveliest towns for dinner which has no shortage of establishments for good food, cozy pints and live entertainment at night! **Overnight: Killarney Hotel (B)**

Mon., May 6th: On the Move to Galway

Once breakfast is over, we will bid Killarney farewell in search of new adventures in eccentric Galway. Free spirited, artistic and bohemian, Galway has an ambience of its own as you may experience over the next three nights. Before we reach this lively city, **we will take the ferry transfer across the River Shannon** to reach the Banner County of Clare to visit one of Ireland's most famous attractions.



Today on tour, **we will visit the iconic Cliffs of Moher** which stand over 700 feet high at the highest point and range for over 5 miles over the Atlantic Ocean. Spectacular views are in abundance here, on a clear day you can see the Aran Islands and Galway Bay as well as The Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and Loop Head to the south. **We will also visit The Burren, a unique area of North Clare which is like no other place in Ireland.** There are no bogs and very few pastures. Instead there are huge pavements of limestone making the

area remarkably similar to a moonscape but features amazing foliage and wildlife. We will then journey on to Galway, known as 'The City of Tribes' after the 14 family tribes that founded it to check into our hotel. Meet the group for dinner later and enjoy the rest of the evening as you wish. **Overnight: Galway Hotel**

Tue., May 7th: The Galway Explorers

This morning following breakfast, **we will set out to tour "The Wild West of Ireland" in Connemara, a wild region of bog land, pristine lakes and mountains which is sparsely populated and the landscape much more open.** Because the area is so remote, the Irish language and traditions have survived here and Irish is the first tongue of many of the inhabitants.



On our tour today, we will visit Kylemore Abbey, a former girl's boarding school that is now in the care of the Benedictine nuns and is one of the oldest Abbeys in Ireland. Its Gothic Church built in 1881 is beautiful and interesting with its Crypt and carved angelic gargoyles. The dramatic landscape and iconic image of a gothic castle reflected in a Connemara Lake has made Kylemore Abbey world-famous and it is now the largest tourist attraction in the west of Ireland.

We will also enjoy a **boat ride to tour the Killary Fjord in North Connemara, unique to Ireland as the Isle's only fjord.** We enjoy tea and scones among the dramatic sweep of the surrounding views – hills rising steeply from the silvery sea, with frequent shifts in light and shadow creating different colors on the peaks and valleys. Deep green fields and occasional stands of trees contrast with heathery bogs. As we return to the hotel later, you may conclude and agree with Oscar Wilde when he said, 'Connemara is a savage beauty'. After a busy day of sightseeing, you are on your own this evening. **Overnight: Galway Hotel (B)**

Wed., May 8th: Relax and Recovery in Galway

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and then set off to enjoy the iconic city of Galway at your leisure today. As you may know by now, Galway is a city full of brilliance, vibrancy and life. It is a place of fun with traditional pubs, great little shops and restaurants and authentic Irish fish and chips. Enjoy Galway's reputation for first class hospitality and endearing local characters as this city shines as brightly as their charming rainbow-colored streets.



Enjoy your last night in Ireland by meeting with the group for a **farewell dinner and final performance by The Celtic Tenors!** Reflect on the memories, friendships and magic created during your stay in Ireland and toast to a successful trip in the Emerald Isle. **Overnight: Galway Hotel**

Thur., May 9th: Homeward Bound...

With bags packed, enjoy your breakfast before heading to the airport where you will board your flight for home. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. 'The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes' will be expecting you again soon. **(B)**



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Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be a part of The Celtic Tenor's next tour of Ireland!

Tour Inclusions: Transportation by luxury motorcoach with a professional driver/guide ▪ Superior hotel accommodations for 8 nights ▪ 8 breakfasts and 5 dinners ▪ 3 performances by The Celtic Tenors ▪ Welcome Cocktail Party ▪ Dublin Sightseeing Tour ▪ Croke Park Skyline Tour ▪ Teeling Whiskey Distillery Tasting & Tour ▪ Admission and Visit to National Stud & Gardens ▪ Visit to King John's Castle ▪ Dingle Tour ▪ Tour of Muckross House ▪ Jaunting Cart Tour Killarney ▪ Visit to the Cliffs of Moher ▪ Tour of Connemara ▪ Visit to Kylemore Abbey ▪ Killary Fjord Cruise ▪ Hotel portorage ▪ Private Coach Airport Transfer for Departure ▪ All service charges, local and government taxes.

RESERVATION FORM

Passenger Name #1 _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Passenger Name #2 _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

I wish to reserve: [] Land-only \$3,199.00 USD pp. for double occupancy (*Flights are not included, please call us at 1.508.879.8600 if you would like us to book your flights*). Non-refundable deposit is \$300.00/pp.
[] Travel Insurance is optional, but recommended to protect you. Cost is based on age and *must be paid for at time of deposit*. Please check this box if you would like a quote prior to processing your deposit.

Room Type: [] Double (1 bed/2 guests)
[] Twin (2 beds/2 guests – sharing with _____)
[] Single (single supplement \$867.00)

Payment:

[] Check enclosed (*payable to Travel Concepts, 435 Worcester Rd., Framingham MA 01701*).

[] Please charge my credit card. Card # _____, Exp. ___/___, CID _____

[] Payment Amount \$ _____ Signature _____

Please note that your reservation is for the land tour only which begins at our evening Welcome Cocktail Party on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Your flights can arrive into Dublin anytime that day at your leisure. You will self-transfer to the hotel. Non-refundable deposit to hold a spot on the tour is \$300 per person + the cost of insurance if you wish to purchase it. Second deposit of \$1500 per person is due Oct. 30, 2018 and final payment is due no later than Jan. 30, 2019. By signing above, you authorize Cara Group Travel to charge the agreed amount above to your credit card. Any questions please call the number above or email groups@travelconcept.com.