



Visit Ireland with Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue

Lucky-Enough Irish Tour

\$1999 per person sharing land only
*\$499 additional for single travelers
with 4 single-accommodations per tour.



My dear friend and musical collaborator Gabriel Donohue and I will escort you on a tour through some of our favorite parts of this mystical land where rugged beauty, serenity, laughter and music come together. This week-long tour is planned around our live music sessions in some of Ireland's celebrated music pubs. We'll be joined along the way by Gabriel's terrific Irish musician friends for magical evenings filled with music. Caddie Tours will be happy to organize flights from any US city to Ireland.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th - UNITED STATES TO SHANNON

Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st - SHANNON ARRIVAL

Scott Kirby and Gabriel Donohue will welcome you to County Clare along with your coach driver Eamonn Dempsey at the arrival hall in Shannon Airport at 7am and escort you and your luggage to the coach. We'll stop at the **Bunratty Castle Hotel** where we will have a full Irish breakfast before we continue our journey to the Dingle Peninsula where we will check into the 4 Star **Dingle Skelig Hotel** for two nights. We'll stop in **Listowel** to stretch the legs and visit **John B. Keane's pub**. It's a play in itself. Here at the counter, after closing time, John B Keane wrote his many masterpieces. John B's is arguably Ireland's most famous pub and the literary tradition continues. John B's son Billy is a renowned writer and broadcaster. Billy runs the pub now and so the story has another chapter. Fun prevails here. There's plenty of talk and no pretension. Pub theatre takes place in the summer and Mickey McConnell, the singer song writer performs in the pub every Sunday night. Mickey is the composer of *Only Our Rivers Run Free* and a host of hits for singers like Maura O'Connell. You'd never know who would drop in. It could be a Nobel prize winner or a small farmer thirsty after tough days work in the meadow. Talk and wit are standard in this haven of civilization. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink before dinner in the **Coastguard restaurant** in the hotel.



OVERNIGHT & DINNER - DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd - DINGLE PENINSULA

We begin with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of **Dingle** is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to **Slea Head**. Along the way, we will see beehive style huts, originally inhabited by 12th century monks, which overlook the rugged **Blasket Islands**. The awe-inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. Arrive back in late afternoon giving you some free time to explore. Dingle is known as a fishing village so what's caught in the harbor is served on your dinner plate. Tonight dinner is on your own to indulge in the unbelievable variety of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Legendary Dingle musicians will join Scott and Gabriel. We will have a concert venue in town, probably Siopa Ceol.

OVERNIGHT - DINGLE SKELIG HOTEL (B)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd - GARNISH ISLAND AND WEST CORK

After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel due east back to the mainland and south towards **Killarney and Kenmare**. Visit the **South Pole Inn** in Annascaul on our way out of Dingle and learn about **Tom Crean**, an explorer who bravely journeyed to the South Pole. **Tom Crean** was forced to leave his family and home and head overseas to England where he joined the Royal Navy at the tender age of 15 spending many years refining his skills as a seaman. This love of the sea was to grow and Tom took part in three expeditions to Antarctica in the 20th century. When Tom retired in 1920 he returned home to his beloved Annascaul, he married and ran "**The South Pole Inn**". Today the pub which was named by Tom Crean is well worth a visit to learn about the life of Tom Crean and his explorations and view the interesting collection of memorabilia and mementos. Across the road from the South Pole Inn you will see a statue of Tom Crean by the Irish American sculptor Jerome Connor who was also born in Annascaul. From there we'll travel to legendary **Bantry Bay** where we'll stop for lunch in **Glengarriff** before boarding a ferry that takes us to **Garnish Island**. Garnish Island or Illnacullin is a small island consisting of 37 acres known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an Island garden of great beauty. Along the ferry ride through the sheltered harbour, we'll observe the local colony of seals and other marine life including ducks, swans, herons, swallows and the occasional dolphin or porpoise. Continue through **Bantry Bay & Skibbereen** to **Clonakilty** for the overnight at the **Emmet Square hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight followed by Scott and Gabriel's entertainment in the hotel.



DINNER & OVERNIGHT: EMMET SQUARE HOTEL, CLONAKILTY (B, D)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4th - THE ENGLISH MARKET & JAMESON DISTILLERY

After breakfast we depart for Cork City and the **English Market**. The English Market had already been in business for 112 years when it entered the 20th Century. The turn of the century saw the decline in markets in Cork, with St. Peter's Market declining rapidly during the first decade. The years of the First World War were a time of spiralling inflation, especially in food prices which, by the end of 1916 were 84% above their pre-war level. This had an obvious effect on the Market, with more vulnerable traders being granted rent reductions due to the fall-off in trade. Within a relatively short number of years a long and impressive list of new foods was added to the English Market food counters!! From cheeses to pastas, from olives to cured meats, from sauces to oils, from sausages to sushi, and from exotic spices and herbs to an abundance of beans and rice



- the Market took on the ambitious role of meeting the culinary tastes of a modern and diverse new market, and knowingly married these with local and traditional fare. Showcasing local and traditional produce on critically-acclaimed plates of food, the Farmgate Restaurant in the gallery of Princes Street Market opened in 1994. Shaping its menu from the finest of produce on sale from the stalls below, the Farmgate encapsulates the very essence of the values that have sustained the English Market across four centuries. Continue onto Midleton to take the tour of the **Jameson Distillery**. The **Jameson Experience Tour** is a fully guided tour around the original Midleton Distillery which brings the stories of Jameson's rich heritage to life. You'll learn about the hard working people and field-to-glass processes responsible for the whiskey that bears John Jameson's name. On this tour, one of our friendly Jameson Ambassadors will guide you around some of our key buildings, including the warehouses and the Microdistillery. The tour finishes with your chance to do a guided comparative tasting of three famous whiskeys, one being Jameson. Continue onto Dungarvan for the overnight at the **Park Hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the **Garden restaurant** tonight in the hotel followed a session at the Local - a 8 minute walk from the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE PARK HOTEL, DUNGARVAN (B, D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th - WATERFORD CRYSTAL & KENNEDY HOMESTEAD

After breakfast we travel onto Waterford City and witness the creation of crystal masterpieces during your visit to the **House of Waterford Crystal**. Onwards to **The Kennedy Homestead** located outside of New Ross, a unique cultural museum is dedicated to "the Kennedys who went away and the Kennedys who stayed behind" and plays a vital part in the continued preservation of the Kennedy legacy in Ireland. The curators of the Kennedy Homestead Visitor Centre, using the Kennedy Library archival collection in Boston, have created a state of the art interpretative exhibit which explores the circumstances of Patrick Kennedy's departure from Ireland in 1848 and pieces together the story of the most famous Irish-American family through the 20th century to the present day. Travel north along the East Coast of Ireland to **Co. Wicklow** known as the **Garden of Ireland** and to our hotel for our last two nights in Ireland at **Druids Glen Resort & Spa**. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in **Hugo's restaurant** in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DRUIDS GLEN & RESORT (B, D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th - GLENDALOUGH AND THE POWERSCOURT ESTATE

After breakfast we enjoy the delightful scenery of the Wicklow mountains on our way to **Glendalough**, one of Ireland's most beautiful destinations. Explore the remains of one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland founded by **St. Kevin** in the 6th century. Walk through deep valley to view the picturesque ruins of a round tower, churches, and Celtic crosses. We'll continue to visit **Powerscourt House and Gardens**, one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland! **Powerscourt Gardens** were recently voted No.3 in the World's Top Ten Gardens by National Geographic. The Gardens stretch over 47 acres and offer visitors a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes, secret hollows and rambling walks. The food at the **Terrace Café** is homemade and of excellent quality which is why people return here time and again. Everyone has their favourite dish on the Avoca menu, but there are always plenty of new options to try if you are feeling adventurous! Enjoy freshly-made salads, soups and gourmet sandwiches as well as a wide selection of meals including chicken and broccoli crumble, luxury fish pie and spinach, pine nut and brie quiche. For those with a sweet tooth, mouth-watering desserts such as strawberry meringue roulade, lemon tart and double chocolate cheesecake will make choosing just one all the more difficult! Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the **Fairways Bistro** followed by Scott and Gabriel's entertainment in the clubhouse.

FAREWELL DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DRUIDS GLEN & RESORT (B, D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th - FREE DAY IN DUBLIN CITY

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 **Caddie Tours** 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. Explore the many wonderful restaurants and pubs the city has to offer for dinner and fun on your last night in Ireland.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL DUBLIN (B)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th - RETURN TO THE US - SAFE TRAVELS HOME

Sadly our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to **Dublin Airport** in plenty of time for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and immigration avoiding the long lines that you can meet you in America. There is ample duty free shopping available at the airport for any last minute gifts or mementos. Thank you for trusting us with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a great time!

