



# Andy Cooney & Larry Gatlin's

## Musical Tour of Ireland

October 4th to October 14th, 2021

\$3499\* per person sharing

\$799 single supplement – limit 4 per tour

\*subject to airline schedule



### ITINERARY

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart JFK on **Delta flight 44 nonstop** to Dublin departing at 10.25pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation. For those of you booked on other airlines we'll meet you upon arrival at Dublin Airport.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> - DUBLIN ARRIVAL & CAVAN

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Our drivers/guides will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. We'll drive north to Kells to have breakfast at the Headford Arms Hotel. Continue north to Cavan where we'll spend two nights at **Crover House Hotel**, a 4 star hotel. Relax and explore the grounds, play some golf before we meet for dinner in the hotel.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: CROVER HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> - CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

After breakfast we meet our driver/guides at 9:30am in the hotel lobby. Today, visit **Cavan County Museum** and is housed in the former Convent of St. Clare in Ballyjamesduff. The Museum was established to collect, conserve and display the material heritage and culture of County Cavan, over its 6000-year history, for the benefit of the people. The former convent building comprises the exhibition spaces and gardens. [The collections range from prehistoric to modern objects, including the Killycluggin Stone, the Lavey Sheela na gig, costumes in the Pighthouse Collection, and GAA paraphernalia. We'll have lunch at **Farnham Arms Hotel** in Cavan Town where the **Percy French Bar** pays tribute to the Irish Songwriter, Entertainer, Poet and Painter, is a favorite among Cavan people whether for an informal meeting, a drink after work. Return to your hotel and relax before dinner at the hotel restaurant with the group followed by a performance by Andy Cooney and friends.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: CROVER HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – ROSCOMMON & GALWAY

After a hearty breakfast, we meet our driver/guides at 9:30am in the hotel lobby and our destination is **Strokestown House and Famine Museum**, an 18th century Palladian style mansion that has been restored to its original glory and The Famine Museum located in the original Stable Yards. The museum chronicles the great famine, regarded as the single greatest social disaster of 19th century Europe. Back on the bus, we'll drive through the bustling city of Athlone and onto Aughrim in County Galway for lunch at Valerie's of Aughrim for an afternoon's entertainment. Following lunch, we travel through Athenry and onto Galway City where we'll be staying right in the heart of town on at the Park House Hotel for three nights, another 4 Star hotel. Have a little wander by yourself! Join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY CITY (B,L,D)**



#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> - EXPLORING GALWAY CITY

After breakfast we will offer a walking tour with **Brian Nolan at 10 a.m.** and at noon as he wanders the streets of Galway recounting tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Irish revolutionaries and literary giants who have strolled the cobblestoned streets. Step back in time and enjoy one of Galway's most popular heritage attractions. **Katie's is a restored thatched cottage that depicts traditional life in one of Ireland's oldest fishing villages.** After enjoying our authentic turf fire, with tea, scones or homemade Irish Guinness brack, step inside our specially curated design studio at the rear of the cottage to discover some of Ireland's best contemporary & vintage interior home accessories & unique 100% Irish gifts. With its own superstitions and customs, visitors to this community of artists, musicians and crafters are guaranteed a little bit of magic and intrigue. Relax with a hot cup of tea and homemade scones in front of a roaring turf fire; or sit back and enjoy the revival of an ancient Irish tradition of telling stories and singing songs around an open hearth. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the hotel followed by entertainment by Andy Cooney & friends in the residents bar.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> - KYLEMORE ABBEY & CONNEMARA MARBLE

After breakfast we meet our driver/guides at 9:30am in the hotel lobby and our journey takes us west to **Kylemore Abbey**, a 40,000 square foot castle built in 1867 that took a hundred men four years to complete and enjoy a tour of the elegant rooms in the mansion and the charming church and Victorian walled gardens all set beside a tranquil lake. Return to Galway via Moycullen and visit **Connemara Marble** before joining up with your fellow travelers for a dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: PARK HOUSE HOTEL (B,D)**

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> – ATHLONE & TAYLOR’S THREE ROCK

After breakfast we meet our driver/guides at 9:30am in the hotel lobby and our journey takes us east to Athlone and visit one of the oldest pubs in Ireland – **Sean’s Bar**. Situated in the Heart of Ireland, Sean’s Bar plays host to visitors from all around the world. Whether absorbing the history, listening to music, visiting with friends and family or simply enjoying the perfect pint, the appeal is equally strong for everyone. Listed by Lonely Planet in both “25 of the Most Incredible Bars in the World” and “50 Bars to Blow Your Mind”, a visit to Sean’s is a must! Find out more about why Sean’s Bar is not only the oldest, but one of the best-loved pubs in world. We continue onto Dublin and check into our hotel, **The Royal Marine Hotel** overlooking Dublin Bay. We’ll meet in the lobby at 6pm and make our way to Taylor’s **Three Rock “Traditional Irish Night”** which features traditional Irish music from world famous singers and musicians with a lively performance of music, song and the very best of Irish dancing and comedy.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL DUBLIN (B,D)**

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> - FERRY TO HOLYHEAD

After breakfast for those wishing to attend Mass at nearby **St. Michael’s Church**, it’s a 3 minute walk with masses at **9.15am or 11am**. We depart with Eamonn and our coach on the 2.30pm sailing from Dun Laoghaire Pier to Holyhead. The journey time is 3.5 hours and arrive 6pm local time. Continue on to the Royal Oak Hotel in North Wales for the overnight. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: ROYAL OAK HOTEL BETWS-Y-COED SNOWDONIA (B,D)**

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> – WALES AND SNOWDONIA

After breakfast take in the beauty of **Snowdonia National Park**. A narrow-gauge train ride will take you through the heart of the region to admire mountain scenery. Since 1896 visitors have been travelling to Llanberis, to experience this unique rail journey to the Summit of the highest mountain in Wales and England. A true mountain and place of legend, come with us and see exactly why Snowdon Mountain Railway has been described as one of the most wonderful railway journeys in the world. With stunning scenery and awe-inspiring views. Stop in **Conwy** for lunch and take a walk through narrow medieval streets to see the smallest house in Britain. Continue onto **Liverpool** for our 2 night stay at the **Hard Days Night Hotel**. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HARD DAYS NIGHT HOTEL LIVERPOOL (B,D)**

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> - MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR OF LIVERPOOL & THE CAVERN CLUB

After breakfast at 10am a step on guide will give us the **Magical Mystery Tour** for a fun and fascinating 2 hour tour of Beatles Liverpool. You’ll see all the places associated with John, Paul, George and Ringo as they grew up, met and formed the band that would take the pop world by storm.

The tour lasts 2 hours and includes the following locations with stops for photos on the way:

- Childhood home of Ringo Starr
- George Harrison’s birthplace (passengers get off the bus here)
- Penny Lane (passengers get off the bus here)
- St Peter’s Church Hall (where John and Paul met for the first time)
- Strawberry Field (passengers get off the bus here)
- John Lennon’s childhood home
- Paul McCartney’s childhood home (passengers get off the bus here)
- Former schools and colleges of John, Paul, George and Ringo including the Art College and the Liverpool Institute (now LIPA)



Many more Beatles locations will be pointed out as you travel around the city centre and suburbs. Liverpool is one of the best cities in the world when it comes to music and we’re allowed to say that because it’s definitely true! As a UNESCO City of Music and the birthplace of The Beatles we have our roots firmly grounded in the music scene 365 days of the year. A trip to Liverpool to explore our musical roots wouldn’t be complete without a visit to **The Beatles Story**. Find the award winning attraction nestled into The Royal Albert Dock and dive into the history of the lives and career of The Beatles. You’ll be taken on an immersive journey of Beatlemania as you enter into a recreation of The Cavern Club, see Lennon’s piano and explore the band’s famous trip to India. It’s a must for any music fan! **Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight at the hotel.**

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HARD DAYS NIGHT HOTEL LIVERPOOL (B,D)**

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> – SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

Sadly our adventures are over and we’re very sorry to see you go!! Our coach driver will get you to Manchester Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your Virgin Atlantic flight 127 to JFK departing at 1:50pm and arrive 4:40pm local time same day. 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!