



## *Andy Cooney's Musical Tour*

*October 7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2024*

*\$2,999 per person sharing land only\**

*\$899 single supplement – limit 4 per tour*

*\*\$874 Round trip air fare on Delta Airlines from JFK to Dublin*

*Caddie Tours will also gladly handle all your flights from any US City*



### ITINERARY

#### **MONDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – US TO DUBLIN**

Depart from JFK on Delta Flight 44 to Dublin at 9.30pm. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service on your overnight flight.

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> – DUBLIN ARRIVALS & ARMAGH**



After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs, and immigration. The group will be met by your driver/guide who will escort you and your luggage to the coach. We will stop for breakfast at the **Man O'War Pub** in Balbriggan, Dublin. After Breakfast we will drive to **Armagh**, a site of historical importance for both Celtic paganism and Christianity. We will stay 2 nights at the beautiful Armagh City Hotel. Relax before meeting your group for a welcome dinner at the hotel's Friary restaurant.

#### **DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ARMAGH CITY HOTEL, ARMAGH (B, D)**

#### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> – ST. PATRICK'S CENTER & MOUNT STEWART HOUSE**

We depart after breakfast to visit the **St. Patricks' Centre** located in Downpatrick. The Centre is the only permanent exhibition in the World dedicated to Ireland's Patron Saint Patrick. We will then visit 19<sup>th</sup> Century **Mount Stewart House & Gardens**. The gardens formal areas exude a strong Mediterranean feel and resembles an Italian villa landscape; the wooded areas support a range of plants from all corners of the world. One mile of walking trails wind through a landscape 'lost in time'. Mount Stewart's is one of the best-preserved Irish country manors. Relax before a group dinner in the hotel followed by entertainment with Andy.



#### **DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE ARMAGH CITY HOTEL, ARMAGH (B, D)**

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> – LONG MEADOW CIDER & THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**



After breakfast we drive to Portadown, Armagh to visit Long Meadow Cider – where we will enjoy an immersive orchard/city experience with the McKeever Family. Relax in Bramley Barn with a hot cuppa, granny's traditional soda bread, cheese, and chutneys. Watch a cooking demo of the traditional breads being made and taste them hot off the griddle. We will continue to County Antrim to visit World UNESCO Heritage site, the Giant's Causeway. The Causeway is made up of 40,000 black basalt columns, caused by volcanic activity 60 million years ago. Lunch on your own at the Causeway before we continue to Derry for an overnight at The Ebrington Hotel. Relax before group dinner in the hotel tonight.

#### **DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE EBRINGTON HOTEL, DERRY (B, L & D)**

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> – GLENVEAGH NATIONAL PARK & DONEGAL



After breakfast we will travel to **Glenveagh National Park**, County Donegal. The park covers 40,000 acres of beautiful wilderness, rugged mountains, deep glens, pristine lakes, and a resident red deer herd. The centerpiece of the park is the 19th century **Glenveagh Castle** and its ornate gardens. The Visitors Center provides an audio-visual display and exhibits the history of the park. We'll see the highest mountain in Donegal, Mount Errigal on our way to **Gweedore** in the heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht area. We will enjoy lunch, and then travel to Donegal Town for our two-night stay at the Mill Park Hotel. Relax before a group dinner in the hotel followed by entertainment with Andy.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL (B, L, D)**

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – SLIEVE LEAGUE CLIFFS & ARDARA

After breakfast we will depart for **Killybegs**, the largest port in Ireland and visit **Shines Seafood**. Owned and run by John & Marianne Shine this successful seafood business is an educational experience in Irish seafood and a glimpse into the heart of life in Killybegs. We will visit the **Slieve League Cliffs**, which have a 2000-foot drop into the Atlantic Ocean providing amazing vistas. This stunning sight is three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher! We'll travel through to **Glencolmcille** for lunch at **Nancy's in Ardara** before we begin our journey back to **Donegal Town** for some free time. Join your fellow travelers for a group dinner at the hotel.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE MILL PARK HOTEL, DONEGAL (B, L, D)**

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> – KNOCK SHRINE & GALWAY CITY

After breakfast we depart for **Knock**. We will attend Noon Mass for those wishing to observe. The Story of Knock began on the 21st of August 1879 when fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. After lunch we will continue to **Galway** for our two-night stay at the Galmont Hotel. Relax before meeting your fellow travelers for a group dinner at the hotel followed by entertainment by Andy in the Veranda Lounge.



**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE GALMONT HOTEL, GALWAY (B, D)**

## MONDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> – GALWAY WALKING TOUR



Galway is one of the most popular destinations in Ireland. This vibrant city has a diverse, historic, artistic, and musical heritage. Join our friend and raconteur, **Brian Nolan** as he wanders the streets of **Galway** recounting fascinating tales of war and conquest, joy and tragedy, emigration and slavery, success, and folly. Walk in the footsteps of Saint Brendan, Christopher Columbus, W. B. Yeats, Pádraig Pearse, James Joyce, John Wayne, John Huston, John F. Kennedy, and many others who have strolled the old cobble-stoned streets of Galway. The rest of the day is free to explore this magical city on your own. Meet up in the evening for another scrumptious dinner at the hotel.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: THE GALMONT HOTEL, GALWAY (B, D)**

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> – CLONMACNOISE & DUBLIN



After breakfast travel from Galway to the center of Ireland to visit **Clonmacnoise**. This monastic settlement was founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran and is set on the banks of the River Shannon. Continue your journey through the farming country of the midlands to the town of Moate for lunch at the **Grand Hotel** before continuing onto Dublin for our last 2 nights at the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire overlooking Dublin Bay. Join your fellow travelers tonight

as we attend **Taylor's Three Rock** – an evening of traditional Irish song and dance, accompanied by a great selection of quality Irish food.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT: ROYAL MARINE HOTEL DUN LAOGHAIRE (B, L & D)**

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> – DUBLIN CITY

After breakfast we drive to **Dublin City** where we will visit **Trinity College** and the **Book of Kells** at 10am giving you the rest of the day to explore the City on your own before meeting back at Trinity College at 5pm to return to our hotel for a farewell dinner and entertainment by Andy.



**DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE (B, D)**

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> – SAFE TRAVELS HOME



Sadly, our adventures come to an end. Our coach driver will get you to Dublin Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your Delta flight DL 45 and clear customs and immigration, avoiding the long lines that can meet you when arriving in America. There is ample duty-free shopping at the airport for any last-minute gifts. Thank you for trusting us once again with your vacation and we certainly hope you had a memorable time.



## Inclusions

- Professional Driver & Guide
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Armagh
- 1 Nights Hotel accommodation in Derry
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Donegal
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Galway
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Dun Laoghaire
- Breakfast each day, including arrival day
- 9 dinners
- 4 lunches
- Porterage at each hotel
- Internal Transport as per the Program of Activities by private motorcoach with driver/ guide
- Group Departure Transfer from final hotel to Dublin Airport
- Program of activities as per the provisional schedule including entrance fees
- ***Activities are provisional and subject to change***

## Exclusions

- International Travel to Ireland
- Medical, Accident & Travel Insurance
- Single room supplements
- Meals not stated above
- Gratuities
- Additional Activities

