



The Celtic Tenors

“20 Years on the Road”

September 10th ~ 18th, 2020

Wednesday Sept 9th: 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.

Thursday Sept 10th: Welcome to Dublin

This morning we will land in Dublin Airport. After you collect your bags and go through customs, you will meet your driver and take a **Private Transfer to The Grand Hotel in Malahide**. Check-in to your room where you are then you are free for the afternoon to relax and unwind and see what this hotel has to offer. This evening, meet the group at the hotel for a **Welcome Cocktail Party** toasting to the start of this wonderful tour with The Celtic Tenors. **Overnight: The Grand Hotel Malahide**



Friday Sept 11th: Heading for Kilkenny

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we leave Dublin and head south to Kilkenny. On the way we will journey through the countryside of County Wicklow, known as ‘The Garden of Ireland’ to visit one of Ireland’s most famous attractions, **Glendalough Monastic Site**. This a fascinating early Christian settlement positioned in a glaciated valley with two lakes which were founded by Saint Kevin in the 6th century. Despite attacks by Vikings over the years, Glendalough thrived as one of Ireland’s great ecclesiastical foundations and schools of learning until the Normans destroyed the monastery in 1214 A.D. Here, we will tour the grounds of the ‘Monastic City’ which consists of a number of monastic remains dating from the 10th to 12th centuries.

We will then continue to the beautiful Mount Juliet Estate where we will check-in to The Hunters Yard Hotel. Here we will be staying for the next two nights. Freshen up before attending a special performance from The Celtic Tenors. Following this you will enjoy a group dinner this evening at Mount Juliet's Michelin-starred restaurant. **Overnight & Dinner: Mount Juliet Estate – Hunters Yard Hotel**

Saturday Sept 12th:

Fuel up on a hearty breakfast as today we will explore Kilkenny Town. First, we visit ***Kilkenny Castle*** —once the seat of the Butler family—for a tour of this magnificent estate. After being fully restored to its original grandeur, the ornamental gardens and ornate interior has made Kilkenny Castle one of the most visited tourist sites in all of Ireland.



Next, we visit ***Kilkenny Design Center*** – home to a wide selection of Irish handcrafted gifts and goods. The center is noted for showcasing emerging Irish craftspeople whose unique work is respected and desired worldwide. After, you can enjoy some free time to see Kilkenny the way you would like to see it. Trace the Town Walls which once provided sole protection and defense to the city, wander the narrow walks that open up to the New Canal Square or pass time watching the River Nore peak out from beneath Green's Bridge and John's Bridge. You will return to the hotel this evening to enjoy a group dinner together. **Overnight & Dinner: Mount Juliet Estate – Hunters Yard Hotel**

Sunday Sept 13th: South to County Cork

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, we will set out and head south to County Cork. On the way we will take a stop at Waterford and visit the ***House of Waterford Crystal*** where we will see the world-famous exquisite pieces of crystal created before our own eyes.



Next, we will continue our journey to Cork where we will stop and take a tour of ***The Jameson Whiskey Experience***, in Middleton. The local experts will take you through the story of Irish whiskey, from the production to a sampling of the most popular Irish whiskey in the world.

Upon arrival in Cork we will take a ***panoramic sightseeing tour of Cork City***. It is Ireland's second largest city and sits on the River Lee. We will see spots like St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the Grand Parade, Shandon Church and other notable spots. You will check in to The Maldron South Mall, Cork's newest 4-star hotel, where you will be staying for the next three nights. This evening you will enjoy a group dinner at the hotel. **Overnight & Dinner: The Maldron Hotel, South Mall, Cork**



Monday Sept 14th: Exploring Cobh



This morning after breakfast we will set out and visit the historic ***port town of Cobh***. It is from this town that over 2.5 million Irish people emigrated. Many would have attended mass at the beautiful Cathedral overlooking the port prior to their departure. Cobh was also the last port from which the Titanic left on April 11th, 1912. We enjoy ***a guided walking tour*** of this beautiful and quirky town before taking a visit to ***the Titanic Experience***. You will return to your hotel and freshen up before

attending a special Celtic Tenors Performance this afternoon. **Overnight: The Maldron Hotel, South Mall, Cork**

Tuesday Sept 15th: A Day in Kinsale



This morning enjoy your breakfast before we leave the bustling city for the day and head west to the town of Kinsale. Originally a medieval fishing port, Kinsale is a lively, picturesque town and the start/finishing point of the Wild Atlantic Way. Here we will ***enjoy a Harbor Cruise Tour*** and hear the colorful story of Kinsale down through the ages from the Medieval walled town to the sinking of the Lusitania. After this you are then free to roam Kinsale at your leisure. Narrow, winding streets lined with galleries and gift shops, lively bars and superb restaurants, and a handsome natural harbour filled with yachts and guarded by a huge 17th-century fortress make it an engrossing place to spend your afternoon. We will return to your hotel where you are free for the evening.

Overnight: The Maldron Hotel, South Mall, Cork

Wednesday Sept 16th: Blarney Castle & The Rock of Cashel

Fuel up on breakfast as today we leave Cork and make our way to Kildare. We will stop at the village of Blarney and visit the ***Blarney Castle and Gardens***, built nearly 600 years ago, millions have been flocking to it ever since making it a world landmark and one of



Ireland's greatest treasures. This may have something to do with legendary Blarney Stone, kiss it and you'll never be lost for words! Here you will also find **The Woolen Mills**, an Irish heritage shop with famously large selection of Irish products including sweaters and woolens, crystal and china, gifts and souvenirs.

Our next stop is the **Rock of Cashel** in Tipperary. This is a spectacular group of medieval buildings set high above the green pastures of the Golden Vale. The Rock of Cashel, also known as St. Patrick's Rock, is crowned by the 13th century Gothic Cathedral, beside which nestles the unique Romanesque Cormac's Chapel.



From here we will reach our last destination for the trip and check-in to our hotel. For our final two nights we will stay at the luxurious **4-Star Kilashee Hotel**. Get familiar with the beautiful surroundings and gardens before sitting down to a group dinner this evening. **Overnight & Dinner: Kilashee Hotel, Kildare**

Thursday Sept 17th: Our Final Day

Once breakfast is finished up, we will begin our final day with a visit to **Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park**. Set on 60 acres of breathtaking landscape in the heart of the Bog of Allen, this is Ireland's largest bog land. Here you will explore the Irish heritage, culture and environments with woodlands and peatlands trails, gardens and exhibitions. You will also try your hand at cutting turf with a sleán as you take part in a 15-minute trip on Ireland's only Peatland Heritage Railway.



This evening we will return to the hotel and enjoy one final performance from The Celtic Tenors, followed by our last group dinner together - toasting farewell to a fantastic trip! **Overnight & Dinner: Kilashee Hotel, Kildare**

Friday Sept 17th: Homeward Bound

With bags packed, enjoy your breakfast before heading to the airport where you will board your flight 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.

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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: Private Airport Transfers upon Arrival in Dublin ▪ 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 ▪ Visit to Glendalough Monastic Site ▪ Visit to Kilkenny Castle & Cathedral ▪ Visit to Kilkenny Design & Crafts Center ▪ Visit to Waterford Crystal ▪ Tour of Jameson Whiskey Distillery ▪ Panoramic Sightseeing Tour of Cork City ▪ Guided Walking Tour of Cobh ▪ Visit to the Titanic Experience in Cobh ▪ Cruise of Kinsale Harbor ▪ Visit to Blarney Castle & Gardens ▪ Visit to the Rock of Cashel ▪ Visit to Lullymore Heritage Park ▪ Hotel portorage ▪ Private Coach Airport Transfer to Dublin 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 \$3,699.00 USD pp. for double occupancy (*Flights are not included, please contact us if you would like assistance with flights*). Non-refundable deposit is \$500.00/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.
 - Pre-night hotel at Grand Hotel Malahide (\$133 pp sharing or \$209 for a single).

- Room Type:**
- Double (1 bed/2 guests)
 - Twin (2 beds/2 guests – sharing with _____)
 - Single (single supplement \$787.00)

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 Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020. Your flights can arrive into Dublin anytime that day at your leisure. Non-refundable deposit to hold a spot on the tour is \$500 per person + the cost of insurance if you wish to purchase it. Final payment is due no later than April 13, 2020. Please note that we must have a minimum number of guests for this tour – therefore please do not purchase your flights until the tour is confirmed. 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.