

# Paul Byrom's

## Come Home to Ireland V

May 5<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **May 5<sup>th</sup>: Departure**

Take overnight transatlantic flight out of US Airport to Dublin, arriving in Ireland the next morning.

### **Day 1- May 6<sup>th</sup>: Welcome to Ireland!**

Upon arrival in Dublin airport, proceed through the arrivals area where you will be met by your **Professional Irish Driver Transfer**, who will be taking you to the Hotel. Once you have checked in, you are free to enjoy the City at your own leisure. Tonight, we will enjoy a **Welcome Cocktail Reception** at the hotel.

**Overnight: Dublin Hotel**



### **Day 2 -May 7<sup>th</sup>: Killarney and Rock of Cashel**



After your breakfast, we will make our way to **Killarney**. Our first stop will be **the Rock of Cashel**. 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. There is also a round tower and a 12th century High Cross, the base of which is said to have been the

inauguration stone of the Kings of Munster. This is a great place to get a photo of the surrounding Irish landscape. Next we will continue on to Killarney and check in into our hotel. Later this evening we are in for our first special treat with **Paul's first performance of the tour**. Afterwards we enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight & Dinner: The Lake Hotel**

### **Day 3- May 8<sup>th</sup> : Ring of Kerry and Skellig Experience Center**

This morning after a leisurely breakfast we are going to explore the beauty of an area that has attracted visitors for centuries. We will see countryside surrounded by mountains, lakes, woods and rugged coastline as we meander around the 110 mile route of the **Ring of Kerry**.

Today we will also stop at the **Skellig Experience**, where we will experience many aspects of the offshore Skellig Islands while remaining on dry land! Skellig Michael is used in the opening scenes of 'The Force Awakens' Star Wars series. We return to Killarney where you are free to explore this lively town for the rest of the afternoon and evening.



Dinner is on own tonight.

**Overnight: The Lake Hotel**

### **Day 4 - May 9<sup>th</sup>: Cruise to Spike Island off the Cork Coastline & Kinsale**

This morning after breakfast we depart our hotel and make our way south to County Cork.

We head to **Cobh** where we will board the Ferry for our cruise tour to **Spike Island**. In the last 1300 years Spike Island has been host to a 6th century Monastery, a 24 acre Fortress, the largest convict depot in the world in Victorian times and centuries of island homes. The island's rich history has included monks and monasteries, rioters and redcoats, captains and convicts and sinners and saints.



Today the island is dominated by the 200 year old **Fort Mitchel**, the star shaped Fortress which became a prison holding over 2300 prisoners. We will take the scenic ferry ride from Cobh, and we will enjoy a fully guided tour of the island and fortress. Get captured in the history and mystery of this magical heritage island. Winner of Europe's LEADING TOURIST ATTRACTION 2017 at the WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS!

We continue on to **Kinsale** and check into our hotel. This evening dinner is included at your hotel. **Overnight & Dinner : Trident Hotel**

## **Day 5 -May 10<sup>th</sup>: A Taste of Cork City**



After breakfast this morning we head to **Cork City**. Cork has become quite the “Foodie” capital and food plays a huge part in its culture. Today we will experience this on a **walking tour with commentary on the food and drinks history** of the city going back to Viking days. We will start at the City Art Gallery, where the merchants lived and traded in times past as the city developed from the confines of its medieval walls. We

will see how this city was built on the trading of butter, meat and whiskey. The English Market is central to the food history of the city and we meet some of its key traders. Enjoy selected food tastings finishing at the Market in the city center. Afterwards we will return to Kinsale where you have the rest of the day to enjoy at your own leisure. This evening we will enjoy another **wonderful performance by Paul**, followed by dinner together.

**Overnight & Dinner : Trident Hotel**

## **Day 6 -May 11<sup>th</sup>: Michael Collins Memorial and Mizen Head Tour**



This morning, on our way to **Mizen Head** we will make a quick stop at “**Beal na Blath**” Memorial which is the site where Michael Collins was ambushed & shot in the Irish Civil War 1922. Mizen Head stretches out dramatically into the swirling Atlantic Ocean, amidst sea cliffs and crashing waves. In a testament to man’s determination, the Mizen Head Signal Station has stood strong against the forces of nature

for over 100 years. The station was built to warn ships at sea of the treacherous rocks that lie close to the shore here. We return to Kinsale where tonight dinner is on your own.

**Overnight: Trident Hotel**

## **Day 7 – May 12<sup>th</sup>: Jameson Distillery**

After breakfast we will go on a tour to the **Jameson Distillery**. The tour starts with an informative audio-visual presentation before we are accompanied by an excellent tour guide through the production of Irish Whiskey and the old workings of the distillery. These old workings include the World's largest Pot Still, a 150 year old water wheel and original Malting Houses, Corn Stores and Still Houses in a truly atmospheric tour. Naturally the tour ends at the Jameson Bar, where we can sample some of the "Uisce Beatha", the Irish word for whiskey, meaning "water of life". **The Old Middleton Distillery** also has a restaurant and gift shop stocking some 5 brands of Irish Whiskey.



We will then continue to **Mount Juliet Estate** where we will check-in to Hunters Yard Hotel. Here we will be staying for the next two nights. Freshen up before attending our **last and very special performance by Paul Byrom**. Following this you will enjoy a culinary delight with dinner at Mount Juliette Estate.

**Overnight & Dinner: Hunters Yard Hotel**

## **Day 8- May 13<sup>th</sup>: Medieval City train ride and Malzards Pub & Hurling Experience**

After a leisurely breakfast we set out to visit the **Medieval City of Kilkenny**. We take our city tour aboard the **Medieval City Train** which winds its way through its narrow and historic streets. You will also have some free time to visit the **Gothic Cathedral** and the very popular **Kilkenny Design Center**. We then head to **Malzards Pub** to liven things up with some storytelling, a few pints and try your hand at one of Ireland's most loved sports - "Hurling". Afterwards we head back to our hotel for dinner and last night.



**Overnight & Dinner: Hunters Yard Hotel**

## **Day 9- May 14<sup>th</sup>: Return USA.**

Bid farewell to the 'Emerald Isle' before heading to **Dublin airport** where you will board your flight home and carry on your photos and memories of this wonderful Celtic adventure.

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