

CELTIC MELODIES & MEMORIES
WITH
SEPHIRA- THE IRISH ROCK VIOLINISTS

May 11th – May 19th, 2020



Day 1: May 11th ~ DEPART YOUR HOME FOR DUBLIN

Day 2: May 12th ~ KINGSCOURT

- *Céad míle fáilte* ~ Ireland greets you with a hundred thousand welcomes! Upon arrival at Dublin airport, you will be met by your **professional Irish guide**, who will be with you throughout your trip and direct you to your luxury air-conditioned coach that will take you to your first destination. *If you are not doing a pre-night with us, please ensure your flight arrives today no later than 9am. Once you process through Immigration and Customs, you can relax in the Arrivals Hall until our group transfer at approximately 10am.*
- Our first day in Ireland entails a visit to the beautiful **Dun na Ri Forest Park**, a 565-acre forest park just outside Kingscourt along the banks of the River Cabra that features a dramatic gorge embracing part of the Cabra Estate.
- Check into the **4-Star Cabra Castle Hotel**, and take in the all that this 19th- century castle set in 100-acres of parkland and gardens has to offer.
- We will make our way to the hotel, where we will enjoy **dinner** together.
Overnight: Cabra Castle Hotel

Day 3: May 13th ~ KINGSCOURT

- After breakfast this morning, we will spend the day touring **Carlingford Lough**, a coastal town on the Cooley Peninsula that has a rich historical heritage and is known for its oyster farms, medieval buildings and outdoor activities.
- Making our way back to the hotel, get ready for a special evening. **Dinner** is planned in the Garden Room at Cabra Castle Hotel. **Here you will embrace the melodies of Sephira as they put on their first performance.**
Overnight: Cabra Castle Hotel

Day 4: May 14th ~ KILLARNEY

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we gather our bags and embark on a journey to our next destination on this Celtic adventure, **County Kerry**.
- Along the way we will visit **Slane Castle and Distillery** in County Meath. Acquired by US Distillers Brown-Forman in 2015, the company behind Jack Daniel's, Slane Irish Whiskey is made on the grounds of the legendary Slane Castle in the rural countryside of the Boyne Valley. We will enjoy a guided tour of both Slane Distillery and Slane Castle. At the Distillery we will experience a tour of the world-class facility, culminating in a tasting of the signature triple-casked Slane Whiskey. At the Castle, we will learn about the heritage and history of the Conyngham family, their ancestral home and of course the rock and roll history.
- Following our time here, we travel to the Kingdom of Kerry where we check into the **4-Star Lake Hotel** in the scenic town of Killarney that offers stunning lakeside scenery and true Irish hospitality. Be sure to capture a photo from your Lakeview rooms!
- **Dinner** is provided for you this evening.
Overnight: The Lake Hotel

Day 5: May 15th ~ KILLARNEY

- Following breakfast this morning, we will spend the day exploring the beauty of Killarney, including a **cruise on Lough Leane**, Killarney's largest and most picturesque lake. You will see the heritage attractions including **O'Sullivan Cascade** and the monastic ruins of **Inishfallen Island** and all while relaxing and taking in the views of the lakes and the mountains.
- Later this morning enjoy a trek through the **National Park of Killarney by traditional horse drawn carriage** ending up at **Muckross House**, the 19th century Victorian mansion set against the stunning beauty of the National Park. Enjoy a tour of the house, which has been a focal point in Killarney since 1839, to view the elegantly furnished rooms portraying the lifestyles of the landed gentry while downstairs in the basement, one can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House.

(May 15th ~ KILLARNEY continued)

- **The Gardens at Muckross House** are renowned world-wide for their beauty, in particular they are noted for their fine collections of azaleas and rhododendrons, an extensive water garden, and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone, as you will see today.
- This evening **we enjoy dinner and our second performance of Sephira** in our picturesque surroundings.

Overnight: The Lake Hotel

Day 6: May 16th ~ KILLARNEY

- After breakfast this morning, we will spend the day touring the **Dingle Peninsula**. Enjoy a scenic day of beautiful beaches and mountains of the **Dingle Peninsula**, dubbed one of “the most beautiful places on earth”. The Dingle Peninsula is one of Ireland’s most rugged Peninsulas with breathtaking views and mysterious huts called ‘clochans’ that line the road, thought to be built by 7th century monks. It is an area that suffered the Vikings, welcomed Hollywood and has its own famous Dolphin called “Fungie”. We will also stop in the small fishing town of Dingle to enjoy its eclectic little fashion and jewelry shops and intimate cozy pubs. This town is a very special place with great atmosphere and you may even hear Irish Gaelic being used fluently. We will see rugged coastline and amazing scenery throughout. There will be some free time to explore Dingle by foot.
- Dinner on your own this evening.

Overnight: The Lake Hotel

Day 7: May 17th ~ KILDARE

- After breakfast this morning, we will gather our bags and head to our next destination, Celbridge, in **County Kildare**.
- We will stop to enjoy a visit to the **Blarney Castle & Gardens**, a world landmark and one of Ireland’s greatest treasures built nearly 600 years ago. Kiss the **Blarney Stone**, and you’ll never be at a loss for words!
- Here you will also find **Blarney Woolen Mills** which was built in 1823 and was mainly used for spinning and weaving wool. The mill briefly closed for two years between 1973 and 1975, after which it was re-opened as an Irish heritage shop with a now famously large selection of Irish products including sweaters and woollens, crystal and china, gifts and souvenirs. Enjoy a little Irish shopping experience here as well as some wonderful Irish coffees in the pub next door!
- Following our time here we will continue on our way to County Kildare, and check into the **4-Star Celbridge Manor Hotel** that is set in a grand ivy-clad Georgian Manor.
- Enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight: The Celbridge Manor Hotel

Day 10: May 18th ~ KILDARE

- Following **breakfast**, get ready to experience the small capital of Ireland with a HUGE reputation- **Dublin!**
- We will take a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin** to see local landmarks and historic buildings like the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Trinity College, housing the Book of Kells, and much more.
- Visit to the **Guinness Storehouse**, where you will learn about one Ireland's most famous brands, Guinness, which has called the legendary St. James's Gate Brewery 'home' since 1759. We will tour the seven floors which bring to life the heritage of Guinness from its early days to growth as a global brand, known and enjoyed all around the world.
- **Dinner & final performance by Sephira** at the **Castletown Inn Celbridge**, enjoy the melodies and embrace the memories shared throughout this Celtic adventure!
Overnight: The Celbridge Manor Hotel

Day 11: May 19th ~ HOMEWARD BOUND

- Enjoy your last **Irish Breakfast** this morning. Gather your bags as we head for Dublin airport where you will board your flight back to the US. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a wee bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. 'The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes' will be expecting you back soon!

SEPHIRA



ACCOMMODATION OVERVIEW:

May 11 (optional):	1 Pre-night in Dublin City Centre (TBD; not included in cost of tour)
May 12, 13:	2 Nights in Kingscourt - Cabra Castle Hotel (4 Star)
May 14, 15, 16:	3 Nights Killarney - Lake Hotel Killarney (4 Star)
May 17, 18:	2 Nights Celbridge - The Celbridge Manor Hotel (4 Star)



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Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be a part of Sephira's first coach tour of Ireland!

Tour Inclusions: Transportation by luxury motorcoach with a professional driver/guide ▪ Meet & Greet Service at Dublin Airport ▪ Luxury hotel accommodations for 7 nights ▪ 7 breakfasts and 6 dinners ▪ 3 performances by Sephira ▪ Visit to Dun Ri Forest Park ▪ Visit to Carlingford Lough ▪ Tasting & Tour at Slane Castle and Distillery ▪ Boat cruise on Lough Leane ▪ Traditional horse-drawn carriage ride in the National Park of Killarney ▪ Dingle Tour ▪ Tour of Muckross House ▪ Admission to Blarney Castle & Gardens ▪ Panoramic Sightseeing Tour of Dublin ▪ Admission and Tour of the Guinness Storehouse ▪ Hotel portorage ▪ Private Coach Airport Transfer for Departure ▪ All service charges, local and gov't taxes

RESERVATION FORM

OR ONLINE: <http://travelconcept.com/Page/SephiraIrelandTourReservationForm>

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 \$2,999.00 USD pp. for double occupancy (*Flights are not included, please call us at 1.508.879.8600 if you would like us to book your flights*). Non-refundable deposit is \$300.00/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.

Room Type: [] Double (1 bed/2 guests)
[] Twin (2 beds/2 guests – sharing with _____)
[] Single (single supplement \$629.00)

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 Dublin Airport the morning of Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Please be sure your flights arrive before 9AM that morning. Non-refundable deposit to hold a spot on the tour is \$300 per person + the cost of insurance if you wish to purchase it. Final payment is due no later than Feb.11, 2019. By signing above, you authorize Cara Group Travel to charge the agreed amount above to your credit card. Any questions please contact us below. Please note a minimum number of seats must be sold to make this a guaranteed departure.