

Celebrate Ireland's *Decade of Centenaries* "I AM IRELAND" SHOW TOUR

WITH Paddy Homan AND Rich Daniels

SEPTEMBER 30 ~ OCTOBER 8, 2022

Join Chicago's Traditional Irish Tenor Paddy Homan and Rich Daniels, Musical Director of the City Lights Orchestra on this musical and history tour of Ireland. To coincide with Ireland's *Decade of Centenaries*, this tour is combined with history tours and musical experiences centered around Ireland's rich cultural traditions. This tour will offer attendees an opportunity to experience Ireland's rich musical, literary and monastic traditions which have been infused by its magnificent landscape. You will enjoy first class accommodation and fine dining all along the way!

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ◆ Airport transfers in Ireland
- ◆ Transport by luxury motor coach with a professional driver/guide
- ◆ Superior hotel accommodation for 8 nights
- ◆ 5 Dinners and 8 Breakfasts
- ◆ Walking tour Carlingford with a local guide
- ◆ Ulster Folk Museum
- ◆ Cliffs of Moher
- ◆ Yeats Drumcliffe Cemetery Presentation
- ◆ Irish music sessions in Carlingford, Dublin, Donegal, Doolin, and Galway
- ◆ VIP seating for special concert in Kylemore Abbey
- ◆ VIP reception in Galway with local dignitaries
- ◆ Hotel portorage, all service charges, and all local and government taxes



\$2,700 LAND ONLY

No Hidden Extras!

ASSUMING DOUBLE OCCUPANCY;
\$650 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Does not include the recommended \$19 per day TIP to the Bus Driver.

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FOR BOOKINGS AND ALL QUESTIONS ON DETAILS OF THE TOUR,
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH: MEET AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Paddy will be there to meet you at Terminal 1 of Dublin Airport at 10am along with tour driver, Austin McArdle, who will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. No delay in getting you onto your next journey to the elegant Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links and check in for a two-night stay. You may wish to explore the local area that afternoon or check out the local spa for relaxation. That evening we will gather for dinner, music and song! **INCLUDES DINNER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST: GOLF, SPA AND MUSIC

To accommodate the golf lovers on our trip, there will be an opportunity to golf on the internationally acclaimed Portmarnock Golf Links — golf clubs can be rented. Alternatively, you may wish to book into the luxurious spa at the hotel for a relaxing morning or walk along the coastal shore that takes in Ireland's rugged natural beauty. NOTE: Golf and Spa are not included — if you take this Golf or Spa option please choose the option when booking so the necessary arrangements can be made. In the afternoon we will visit the coastal town of Carlingford where a local guide will lead you on a tour of the 12th century Medieval walled town and its rich history, and a visit to Muirdeach's 9th Century High Crosses at the ruined monastic site of Monasterboice, Co. Louth and its round towers. Later that evening, we will be joined by a group of local Irish musicians who will give a flavor of the music and customs from the Carlingford area. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND: LET'S HEAD NORTH

This morning after an early breakfast, we set off for Donegal, travelling through the counties of Louth, Monaghan (home of the poet Patrick Kavanaugh) and into County Fermanagh to visit the Ulster American Folk Museum of Omagh, bringing to life three centuries of Irish emigration. Here you can wander through the beautiful parkland where you will encounter costumed locals demonstrating traditional crafts in cottages, farm dwellings, school and shops. Later, book into your hotel, for a two-night stay, and enjoy dinner and relax for the evening or head out to one of the local Donegal traditional Irish music sessions with Paddy and Rich. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD: EXPERIENCE THE ESSENCE OF YEATS COUNTRY

This morning, travel the coastal scenic route of Donegal to join Damien Brennan, the renowned W.B. Yeats scholar as he brings to life the rich poetry of William Butler Yeats. Stop at Drumcliffe Churchyard to read the self-penned and often quoted Yeats epitaph, "*Cast a cold eye / On life, on death. / Horseman, pass by.*" Enjoy a special musical tribute to Yeats by Paddy & Rich on this visit. You are free that evening to wander Donegal town and take in its magnificent scenery and acclaimed restaurants. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: WELCOME TO GALWAY – VOTED ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP CITIES BY LONELY PLANET 2020

After breakfast head to Galway — 'City of Tribes', passing through counties Sligo and Mayo. Check into your Galway hotel for a 3-night stay. That afternoon is free where you can visit downtown Galway — famous for Irish food and musical establishments and also stopping at the beautiful Spanish Archway. You will not be found looking for music in this European Capital

of Culture. *There will be more music that evening in Galway, and you are invited to join Paddy for the 'sing-song' in one of the local bars!*

INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH: GALWAY – CONNEMARA TOUR, KYLEMORE ABBEY & VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN – SPECIAL LUNCHTIME CONCERT

This morning set off for the Connemara region to admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains, passing Moycullen, Recess, Clifden through a land of lakes, streams, bogs, valleys and mountains eventually arriving at Kylemore Abbey. Stop off for a cup of tea at beautiful Kylemore Abbey and later visit the esteemed Gothic Church and Victorian Gardens. Built as a breathtaking castle in 1868, it is now the Abbey and home of the Benedictine community of nuns. Its story is a truly remarkable one that spans over 150 years of tragedy, romance, innovation, education and spirituality. Later, enjoy an afternoon concert at Kylemore Abbey where Paddy & Rich will be joined by internationally acclaimed musicians as they delve into Ireland's musical past. Not to be missed! **INCLUDES BREAKFAST**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH: THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY AND DOOLIN, CO. CLARE – THE TRADITIONAL MUSICAL CAPITAL OF IRELAND

After breakfast, drive along The Wild Atlantic Way through the colorful villages, Clarenbridge to County Clare. See magical vistas, overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's Western coastline, passing through Kinvarra and onto the Burren with rugged limestone lunar-like landscape of which one of Oliver Cromwell's Generals wrote in the 17th century, "*There isn't a tree tall enough to hang a man, water enough to drown a man or soil enough to bury a man.*" We will visit the majestic Cliffs of Moher to take in the clean crisp air and witness the ruggedness of Ireland's beauty. Later that afternoon we will visit Doolin, Co. Clare for an intimate Irish music session by very well known traditional Irish musicians. That evening we will gather for dinner in our hotel and afterwards you are free to roam Galway's bustling streets and take in the local buskers and street dancers. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH: THE LAST HURRAH IN DUBLIN

This morning we will head across Ireland via towns Ballinasloe, Athlone and Moate, all market towns serving their surrounding regions. Continue across the rolling pastures of Ireland's heartland to the greater metropolitan area of Dublin. Settle into your hotel room at one of Dublin's newly established hotels. You can rest for the afternoon or enjoy a walk through Dublin in the "Rare Ould Times"! That evening we will visit The Merry Ploughboys traditional Irish pub and enjoy one last night of music. Widely regarded as the best traditional Irish music show in Dublin. A highly entertaining performance of live traditional Irish music, song and Irish dancing. The very best of fresh Irish food is served from this restaurant. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your time with Paddy and Rich in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight and do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding your aircraft.

YOUR HOTELS: PORTMARNOCK HOTEL & SPA – Dublin (2 NIGHTS) • **MILL PARK HOTEL** – Donegal (2 NIGHTS)

MENLO PARK HOTEL – Galway (3 NIGHTS) • **THE SAMUEL HOTEL** – Dublin (1 NIGHT)