

I Am Ireland Show IRISH MUSIC TOUR

WITH Paddy Homan & Rich Daniels

OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 11, 2023



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 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, fine dining, and music all along the way!

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ◆ Airport transfers in Ireland
- ◆ Transport by luxury motor coach with a professional driver/guide
- ◆ Superior hotel accommodation for 9 nights
- ◆ 6 Dinners and 9 Breakfasts
- ◆ Glendalough Visitor Center
- ◆ Powerscourt House & Gardens
- ◆ Mass at Knock Shrine
- ◆ Combination of Irish music sessions and planned concerts in Wexford, Waterford, Clare, Galway, Mayo and Dublin
- ◆ Kilkenny Castle and Gardens Tour
- ◆ Guided Walking Tours of Waterford City and Galway City
- ◆ Padraig Pearse Cottage
- ◆ Strokestown Park House and Gardens Tour
- ◆ Hotel portorage, service charges, and all local and government taxes included.

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€3,400 LAND ONLY *No Hidden Extras!* SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **€607**

Does not include the recommended €19 per day TIP to the Bus Driver. **NOTE:** By pricing this tour in Euro which is the currency in which all services will be paid for, we do not need to build in a large buffer to cover exchange rate fluctuations. Pricing in Euro allows us to offer this Ireland experience at a lower price.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: DEPART FOR DUBLIN

For those of you wishing to avail yourself of the group flight, meet at O' Hare International airport and travel overnight to Dublin with Rich Daniels.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2: WEXFORD BY THE SEA

Paddy will be there to meet you at Terminal 2 of Dublin Airport at 11am along with tour driver, Austin McArdle, who will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. From there you will travel along the coast on the short journey to the seaside town of Wexford to check in for a two-night stay at the beautiful Seafield Inn Hotel. Here, you can relax on your first day, while taking in the calm ocean breeze. You may wish to explore the local area that afternoon or check out the local spa for relaxation. That evening we will gather for a drinks reception to welcome you all, followed by dinner.

INCLUDES DINNER & DRINKS TOAST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3:

POWERSCOURT HOUSE & GARDENS / GLENDALOUGH

This morning visit Powerscourt House & Gardens. Situated in the foothills of the Wicklow mountains, it is a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, sanctuary and ornamental lakes with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs. The newly renovated 18th century house Powerscourt Gardens in County Wicklow is one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland! Later that afternoon, visit Glendalough Visitor Center, home to one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland. This early Christian monastic settlement was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century and from this developed the "Monastic City". That evening, join in *The Noble Call* at the Tara Suite of Seafield Hotel and enjoy an evening of music from local musicians! *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4:

KENNEDY HOMESTEAD / DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP

This morning, visit the Kennedy Homestead in County Wexford, the ancestral home of John F. Kennedy. Experience a guided tour of the Kennedy home and hear of the influences that led to their migration to the U.S. As part of this emigrant experience, visit Dunbrody famine ship in New Ross to hear stories of their journey across the Atlantic. Later check into your country Manor, Faithlegg House. After dinner, you are welcome to join Paddy and Rich for a specially arranged concert at Faithlegg with visiting local musicians from the Waterford area. *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5: WATERFORD CITY TOUR VIKING TOUR / DUNGARVAN TOWN MUSIC SESSION

This morning, travel the coastal scenic route to Waterford city, founded by the Vikings in 914. With our guided tour, you will visit Reginald's Tower, the city's landmark also known as The Viking Triangle. Step inside its thick stone walls, and you enjoy an exhibition on Viking Waterford, as well as the magnificent 12th century Kite Brooch. Later, continue along the sunny southeast coastal route to the beautiful seaside town of Dungarvan and Ring, famous for its music and Liam Clancy of the Clancy Brothers. Stop for lunch and an Irish music session in The Local Bar with Donncha Gough and local traditional Irish musicians. That evening you are free to discover the beautiful grounds of this country manor.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH & A PINT!!!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6: KILKENNY CASTLE & GARDENS

This morning set off for Galway, passing through the towns of Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel and stopping at Kilkenny Castle. Built after the Norman conquest, this castle boasts the most continuously occupied for over 800 years! Walk through its fifty acres of rolling parkland with mature trees and an abundance of wildlife. Other features include a formal terraced rose garden, woodlands, and a manmade lake, which were added in the nineteenth century. Continue to Galway, the city

of tribes and check into your centrally located hotel. That evening we will gather for dinner and afterwards a specially arranged concert by some of Galway's very best musicians. *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7: GALWAY CITY TOUR / MURTY RABITTE'S IRISH MUSIC SESSION

After breakfast, explore the vibrant city of Galway with a local guide. Learn about top landmarks such as Eyre Square, Lynch's Castle, the Spanish Arch, and the Oscar Wilde statue. You will experience Galway's history, heritage, and culture from a local guide during this walking tour, partake in Galway's 'pop up' busking traditions that make it such a vibrant city. That afternoon you are free to discover Galway. We will gather that evening at Murty Rabitte's Bar for specially arranged evening of Traditional Irish music with some of Galway's local musicians and dancers.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: CONNEMARA LANDSCAPE TOUR

This morning, travel Westwards through the rugged landscape of Connemara. This morning, visit the Padraic Pearse cottage in Rosmuc, where it is believed the famous O' Donovan Rossa speech was written by the chief architect of the 1916 rising. Later, visit traditional Bodhran maker, Malachy Kearns, who works out of an old Franciscan Monastery in Roundstone, as he works at his craft in making Ireland's oldest product — the Bodhrán (Bow-Rawn). No doubt a few beats, and songs will be tapped out in the process... over a drop of whiskey of course! That evening check into the Westport Hotel and gather for dinner. You are free that evening to discover Westport town and its many music sessions.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9: KNOCK SHRINE VISIT / MATT MOLLOY'S IRISH MUSIC SESSION

This morning after breakfast, we will journey through the beautiful Mayo Landscape. Learn about Mayo's most famous leader, Michael Davitt, and the Land League wars of the late 1800's. Enjoy a Sheep herding demonstration by a local farmer and dog trainer. Later that afternoon, we will visit Knock Shrine, and subject to agreement with the local clergy, we will host a commemorative Mass at Knock Shrine for all those who died in Ireland's Great Famine between 1843 and 1852 and to its emigrants all over the world. Paddy and Rich will be joined by other musicians at this very special mass celebration. You are free to get an early dinner of your choice in Westport town. That evening, we will depart for the famous Matt Molloy's pub for an evening of music and dance with some special guests! *INCLUDES BREAKFAST*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: STROKESTOWN PARK HOUSE & GARDENS / PORTMARNOCK

Enjoy a guided tour of Strokestown Park House, the home of the Pakenham Mahon family for over 300 years, a place where time really has stood still. Visit The National Famine Museum at Strokestown that tells the tragic story of The Great Irish Famine in the 1840's through the words and stories of the very people who experienced it, while drawing parallels with contemporary famine events. Enjoy a walk through Strokestown Park, House Gardens & Woodland. Check into Portmarnock Golf and Spa late afternoon and enjoy this beautiful coastal town. Terrific opportunity for a long Beach walk. It's breathtaking! That evening, we will gather at the famous McNeil's Bar & Restaurant in Howth for our final dinner. We will be joined by members of the Irish Houseparty for one final hurrah! *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11: ALL TOO SOON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND HAS ENDED!

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.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST

YOUR HOTELS: SEAFIELD HOTEL & SPA – Wexford (2 NIGHTS) • **FAITHLEGG HOUSE** – Waterford (2 NIGHTS)

PARK HOUSE HOTEL – Galway (2 NIGHTS) • **WESTPORT COAST HOTEL** – Dublin (2 NIGHTS)

PORTMARNOCK HOTEL AND SPA – Dublin (1 NIGHT)

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