

# IRELAND'S NORTH & WEST - MUSICAL & HISTORICAL TOUR

WITH

**BRENDAN NOLAN**

OCT. 3 – 14, 2017

**\$2,395.00 LAND ONLY**

**Tues. 3<sup>RD</sup>** Depart for overnight non-stop flight on Aer Lingus from Orlando.

**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>** Upon your arrival in Dublin we will be met by our driver/guide and be escorted to our motor coach. We will immediately head out of the city with our first stop at **Knowth**, a Stone Age passage tomb dating back to the Neolithic period of 3000BC to 2500BC. Here you will have a guided tour of this incredible site. We then continue on up to Northern Ireland near **Carlingford Lough**. Our final destination today is Belfast. Take some time to relax and freshen up before we meet for **dinner. Benedicts Hotel, Belfast (D)**

**Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup>** Today we will have a **City Tour of Belfast** with a local guide who will explain the city's troubled past and hopeful future. The next stop is the "**Titanic Experience**", the worlds largest Titanic Exhibition. This is a self-guided tour to enjoy at your own pace. We then return to our hotel this evening. **(B) Benedicts Hotel**

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>** So long Belfast as we head up the very scenic **Antrim Coast** with its beautiful Glens. At the very top is one of most incredible wonders of the world, **The Giant's Causeway**. This is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that were the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. We will have an opportunity to walk and climb and take some fantastic photos. After the visit the next beautiful site is **Dunluce Castle**. This is another great photo opportunity before arriving at our final destination of Buncrana on the lovely Inishowen Peninsula. Tonight we will meet for **dinner. Inishowen Gateway (B D)**

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>** This morning our first stop is **Derry**, the only remaining walled city in Ireland and the fourth largest city on the Island. Here a local guide will take us on a walking tour to learn about its history. It's then a scenic drive up around the **Inishowen Peninsula** with plenty of photo stops. It's back to Buncrana where you will have the remainder of the day and night at leisure. Maybe a session with Brendan tonight! **Inishowen Gateway (B)**

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>** After breakfast we depart Buncrana and drive through beautiful Co. Donegal. The first stop today is for lunch at a very special pub in Crolly. This is **Leo's Tavern**, home of Enya and Clannad. Leo is Enya's father and her brother now runs the pub. It's time for Brendan to play a few tunes on stage where many great musicians have played before including Enya, Bono, & The Chieftans, to name a few. After **lunch** and some music it's time to head south and make a visit to a local weaver at **Triona Design**. This is a family owned business where you will see the lost art of weaving while enjoying an **Irish coffee**. Our final destination tonight is Donegal town. **Dinner** tonight is in the hotel. **Central Hotel (B D)**

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup>** Today is a lovely visit to the "**Ulster American Folk Park**". The park is an open-air museum that tells the story of three centuries of Irish emigration. After your visit it's back to Donegal with the remainder of the afternoon and evening free. Maybe a session tonight in a local pub? **Central Hotel, Donegal (B)**

**Tue. 10<sup>th</sup>** Today the journey continues with our first stop at the **Belleek China Factory**. After a short demonstration on how they create this delicate china and time to shop in the showroom, it's on to Co. Sligo to visit **W. B. Yeats grave**. After a walk around and exploring

the area it's back on the road to our final destination of **Westport**. Tonight we will meet for **dinner** in our hotel with time to check out the pubs after. **Wyatt Hotel, Westport (B D)**

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>** Today is a beautiful drive out to **Achill Island** with a stop to visit the "**Deserted Village**" a settlement of stone cottages dating back to Medieval times. It's then back to Westport with the remainder of the day to wander around this great town. **Wyatt Hotel (B)**

**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup>** This morning we head out to beautiful Connemara to visit a friend's **pub for some homemade soup and sandwiches**. Brendan can break out the guitar and may soon be followed by the gal behind the bar with a tin whistle and a neighbor may drop in with his accordion. After a great afternoon we continue on to our final destination of Ballina. Tonight after **dinner** in our hotel Brendan may play a few more tunes at the local pub, The Seanachie. **Ballina Manor Hotel, Ballina (B D)**

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup>** Today we will visit **Kilbeggan Distillery** on your way back to Dublin. A guide will walk you through the process of whiskey distilling and of course you will have to have a sample at the end. Our final destination today is the beautiful Celbridge Manor Hotel just outside of Dublin city center and only 20 min. to the airport. Tonight is a farewell **dinner** ending with Brendan playing a few tunes. **Celbridge Manor Hotel (B D)**

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup>** Sadly the musical journey has come to an end. You will get to the airport in plenty of time for checking in and any last minute duty free shopping.

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**Cost: \$2,395.00** per person **LAND ONLY** based on a **minimum of 20 paying passengers**.

If we do not reach the minimum a price adjustment may become necessary.

**Single Room** A single room is available for an additional \$425.00. Limited number available.

**Includes:** 10 nights accommodations as listed; 6 dinners, full Irish breakfast daily except arrival day, services of licensed driver/guide throughout and use of comfortable motor coach for entire tour. All taxes and surcharges; portorage of ONE suitcase; portfolio of travel documents. **Visits & Admissions:** Knowth, Titanic Experience, Belfast City Tour, Giants Causeway, Derry Walking Tour, Lunch at Leo's Tavern, Triona Design with Irish Coffee, Ulster American Folk Park, Belleek Factory, W.B. Yeates grave, Achill Island – Deserted Village; Lunch at Larches pub; Kilbeggan distillery; music with Brendan Nolan.

**Not Included** : Airfare (Air will be priced out of Orlando when it becomes available)

Tip to your driver. (We recommend \$12 - \$13 per day per person)

**Trip Insurance is available for \$202.00 per person and is due with your deposit.**

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$500 is due immediately to secure your space.

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