

ENCHANTED WAY TOURS and EILEEN'S TRAVEL ADVENTURES

Presents

Don White

on a Musical Tour of Ireland

Tuesday, August 14, 2012 - Thursday, August 23, 2012



Counties Cork, Kerry & Clare

Land Only Price \$2,275 per person double occupancy

\$350 Single Supplement

Airline Tickets from U.S. to Shannon, Ireland extra

Limited to 20 people

PRICE INCLUDES:

- All Ground Transportation
- All Lodging, small hotels or B&B's
- Full breakfast each day
- Guided sightseeing
- Six dinners
- Entrance fees to tourist sites
- Don White concert
- 2-3 private concerts with Irish musicians

NOT INCLUDED: Lunches, three dinners, ferries, optional activities, drinks, tips

It is suggested that you arrive one day early (on Monday) and stay overnight in a B&B to get rid of your jetlag and be ready for this great adventure to begin.

TO RESERVE: Call Eileen to confirm that there is space available at (781) 925-1612 or (617) 821-4073. Once you are confirmed then send \$500 deposit made out to Eileen's Travel Adventures and mail to:
567 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045

Second payment of \$887 due by Feb. 15, 2012

Final payment of \$888 due by May 15, 2012

Deposit is fully refundable up to May 15, 2012.



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Tom's Itinerary 8/14/12 – 8/23/12

Our tour will be led by Tom Pigott of Enchanted Way Tours. Tom leads tours for people who hate tours. No big buses, name tags, large groups or hurried stops. Let Tom help you find the best music sessions, the least touristy pubs, the most beautiful back roads and the longest lasting memories and friendships.

This is our route and projected schedule. We have nothing written in stone and things may change, as in Ireland the weather can interfere with outdoor plans or we might want to do something not on our itinerary.

Day 1: Pick up at Bunratty B&B's (for people who have come in a day early) and Shannon Airport between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We drive through Limerick city and our first stop is at Adare (approx. 45-minute drive). Adare is one of Ireland's most picturesque villages and we usually go to the town park where we do the introductions. After a one-hour stop we start our drive to our hotel in West Cork. We stop for lunch in Kinsale and usually arrive in our hotel in Skibbereen at approx 4:00 p.m. We like to have an afternoon nap (after all we are on vacation) and then have a private concert with John Spillane, who is one of Ireland's best-known folk singers. Google him. He has a great web site.

Day 2: Today we first look at the Irish Famine Heritage Centre. This is in memory of almost two million people who died in our Great Hunger of 1845-1850. We lunch in the beautiful village of Glandore and then go to Drumbeg Stone Circle. This is one of the most important ancient sites in Ireland. We go to Clonakilty tonight and take part in our first Irish Session. We will listen to some great Irish ballads and, of course, some of us will also be contributing to the session.

Day 3: We go to Mizen Head today, which is the most southerly point of Ireland. There is an interpretive centre here which is very interesting. We lunch in Crookhaven by the water and also spend some time on Barley Cove Beach, weather permitting. There is an alternative to this day for people who are interested in Irish history. We do the Civil War Trail. This area was the hotbed of the Irish Civil War of 1921-1922 and we can explore battles, etc. and look at the life of Michael Collins. Tonight will be our Don White Concert at the hotel, after which we can have a pint at our local pub.

Day 4: Today we move to County Kerry. Our first stop is in Bonane, which is just across the Cork/Kerry border. There is a wonderful craft shop here and the owner will take us on a short visit to the farm, where we will learn how to cut peat and most important, we will get a lesson on how to make POTEEN. This is Mountain Dew, Irish Style. We then drive along the Ring of Kerry

which is one of the most famous drives in the world. We drive through Killarney and head out the Dingle Peninsula to Ballyferriter, which is where we'll be staying for the next three days. It's just six miles to Dingle. Ballyferriter is just a charming little village. Tonight we have a private concert in the hotel with Pauline Scanlon, who is (in my opinion) the best female singer in Ireland. Google Pauline Scanlon and Lumiere (this is a new Irish group featuring Pauline)

Day 5: Today we do the Slea Head Drive. This is my favourite drive in Ireland. The scenery is breathtaking. We'll visit some ancient sites and walk on a couple of beaches before visiting the Blasket Island Centre. Tonight we go to Dingle where we'll hear some great Irish music.

Day 6: Today is a rest day but there are many activities available such as golf, horse riding, trekking, canoeing, boat trips, fishing, etc. available. Dingle is also a great town for browsing. For some it is just a day of catching up on lost sleep. Tonight we'll have an Irish music session in the hotel.

Day 7: We're on the road again today to County Clare, (God's own county). It's back home for me, as I live here. On the way we drive through Tralee and then get the ferry across the Shannon Estuary. We will visit the world famous Cliffs of Moher and also see the wonderful St. Bridget's Well. Our hotel will be in Doolin, which is

the Mecca of Irish traditional music. (That's the reason I live there). We go to McDermott's famous pub tonight and will be entertained by

my favourite Irish group, Foolin in Doolin featuring Blackie O'Connell on the unique Irish Uilleann (elbow) Pipes.

Day 8: We go by ferry today to Inis Oirr, which is one of the Aran Islands. We will be going back in time 300 years today. This is a day not to be missed and we finish our day with a cruise UNDER the Cliffs of Moher. This is INCREDIBLE. Tonight we experience more Irish music in one of Doolin's great pubs.

Day 9: This is our last full day in Ireland and we keep the best for last. We travel on to the Burren today, which is a 250-square mile limestone region, and meet with my friend PJ Curtis (please Google him). PJ has many hats. He is Ireland's best musicologist, a writer and historian. We spend a wonderful day with PJ. Tonight, our last night, we spend a couple of hours over dinner talking about our trip and then head out to learn how to SET DANCE. This is a uniquely Irish style of dancing, not quite like RIVERDANCE, but think Riverdance and you'll get the idea.

Day 10: Back to Shannon Airport, your flights home and REALITY.