DAY 1 - Saturday May 3rd - Leaving on a jet Plane

On this day (or sometime before) you will leave San Diego and traverse the plains and briny ocean to find ourselves a day later on the Emerald Isle where our chariot awaits us at Dublin Airport.

Day 2 - Sunday May 4th Welcome to Ireland!

Séamus, our driver for the week will be waiting for us at the airport (Dublin Airport will be our meeting point) with your luxury coach which will be waiting to whisk you off on a wonderful adventure around Ireland. First he will whisk us off to a hearty breakfast. After a fine feed we will stroll the Hill of Tara and see the Lia Fáil on the Hill of Tara in County Meath, which served as the coronation stone for the High King of Ireland. It is also known as the Stone of Destiny. All of the kings of Ireland were crowned on the stone up to Muirchertach mac Ercae, around 500 AD.
We will make our way back to Dublin City center and find our lodging at the Ashling Hotel where we will spend the next two nights.

Day 3 - Monday May 5th - Let's see Dublin City

We will start the morning with a guided bus tour around the city parks, seeing where the great literary great got some of their inspiration. You will have some free time to wander around the city and we will reconvene again after lunch when we will visit the National Museum of Ireland. That night we will find some music in the town if you have still got the energy for it.

Day 4 - Tuesday May 6th - We are off to the Kingdom!

As we set out from the Ashling hotel we bid goodbye to the hustle and bustle of the city for a while and head southward to Kerry. First stop will be St. Brigid's Cathedral and Round Tower in Co. Kildare. One of two accessible round towers in the country. We will keep going south and pop off the bus for a quick stroll and a bit of lunch around the

thatched cottages in the quaint village of Adare, Co. Limerick. We will then go on to the town of Dingle and our lodgings for the first two nights. Ostán na Sceilge, the Dingle Skellig Hotel, situated on the most westerly peninsula in Europe and one of the most beautiful places in the world where you are guaranteed a warm welcome, exceptional service, luxury accommodation and an experience that will bring you back for more at this stunning 4-Star hotel. We will have a group dinner at the hotel and music to finish out the night.

Day 5 - Wednesday May 7th - Dingle, the Wild Atlantic Way

After breakfast we will board the coach and head west and drive over to the mythical Dingle Peninsula. West Kerry's stunning landscape and rich history offer visitors a wide range of scenic attractions, beauty spots and places of interest. Perfect for exploring, Dingle Peninsula always seems to have more places still to see on your next visit. The Slea Head Drive is a 46 km loop beginning and ending in Dingle. It is part of the Wild Atlantic Way and one of the most spectacular routes you will drive in Ireland. You will find lunch at the Great Blasket Centre and look out to an island full of great authors. We might even take a small stroll to the most Westerly point of Europe, if the weather holds! Before we get back to the hotel you will have some free time to take in the town of Dingle. Tonight you will have time on your own to explore Dingle and find a great place for dinner after which we will regroup for some music.

DAY 6 - Thursday May 8th - Killarney, How Beautiful You Are!

After a lovely breakfast the coach will be waiting to bring us to the town of Killarney where we see the grand Muckross House. If the weather is fine we will cruise across the Lakes coming back into town on a Jaunting Car. As time allows we will take in a bit of shopping about the town of Killarney before heading onto Macroom for a few nights and have a group dinner at the Castle Hotel.

Day 7 - Friday May 9th - West Cork! A day of Rebellion

After a full Irish Breakfast we will see where England lost control of Ireland at Kilmichael. From there to where one of Ireland's greatest visionaries and soldiers, Michael Collins, was ambushed at Béal na Bláth before a stop at the Michael Collins'

home at Sam's Cross. Returning to Macroom for the night where you will find dinner in the town yourself and Máirtín will bring in music for us for the evening.

Day 8 - Saturday May 10th - Cork immigration and Whiskey!

Pack your bags and be ready for a full day of adventures! Saying goodbye to West Cork and the Wild Atlantic Way you will now head over the other side of Cork and Ireland's Ancient East. First stop will be at the Cobh Heritage Centre with a walk through the history of immigration of Ireland and the last port of the Titanic. You will have time to find lunch and take in the town after which we will have a tour and a tasting at the Midleton Cork Distillery and come face to face with the world's largest pot still on a memorable experience at the old distillery of Jameson Irish Whiskey. That night we will have a group dinner at the family owned Park Hotel in Dungarvan.

DAY 9 - Sunday May 11th - Waterford City

Today we will go where many invaders started their time in Ireland, Waterford City the oldest City in Ireland. Our guide will be waiting to walk us around the town. Find out where the Tricolor was first raised, why the Vikings set up camp here and why the Normans took the south first before storming Dublin. You will have time to take in the city as you find lunch on your own. You will then have the opportunity to take in the House of Waterford Crystal. That evening after you have found your dinner back in Dungarvan we will have a night of music.

DAY 10, Monday May 12th back on the road to Dublin!

With your bags back on the bus we will head north onto Glendalough where you can wander off on your own and take in the wilderness. For thousands of years people have been drawn to 'the valley of the two lakes' for its spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology and abundant wildlife. Glendalough is a remarkable place that will still your mind, inspire your heart and fill your soul . We will then say goodbye to our driver and check in to the Dublin Hotel for our last night together. That evening we will have the last supper together and a farewell singsong led by your hosts, Máirtín de Cógáin and Cathy Ward.

Day 11 - DEPARTURE DAY, Tuesday May 13th: Home, sweet home! After Breakfast and check out, you will be off on your own again with Dublin Airport setting sail once again westward to San Diego

Your Tour Package Includes ALL of the following:

- 4 Star Accommodations in The Ashling Hotel, Dublin City Centre - The Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle, Co. Kerry - The Castle Hotel, Macroom, Co. Cork - The Park Hotel Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
- Luxury Coach Transportation
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily
- Group Welcome Dinner at The Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle
- The Great Blasket Centre
- Jaunting Cart Ride
- Cruise along Killarney Lakes
- Group Dinner at The Castle Hotel, Macroom, Co. Cork
- Cobh Heritage Centre
- Old Midleton Distillery
- Group Dinner at The Park Hotel Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
- House of Waterford Crystal
- Glendalough Visitor Centre
- Group Farewell Dinner
- Entertainment and Insight from your hosts, Cathy Ward and Máirtín de Cógáin
- A tour song book
- Planned Nightly Music Sessions, Sing songs, and Storytelling!
- Pre Tour Planning and Orientation, helping you to be absolutely prepared for your Ireland Adventure!

Please note all outdoor activities are subject to weather conditions and that time and circumstance may cause a change to our itinerary.

Total Cost of Your Ultimate Tour Package: $3,549 Land Only ($850 Single Supplement - only 3 spots available)