



PAUL BYROM'S

Come Home to Ireland IV

~ September 12-20, 2019 ~

Thursday Sept 12th ~ Welcome Reception

This evening we will meet each other in the hotel and enjoy a Welcome Cocktail Reception to kick off this great tour together. **Overnight: The Hyatt Centric, Dublin**

Friday Sept 13th ~ Welcome to Northern Ireland

This morning we bid farewell to Dublin and begin to travel across the border into Northern Ireland. There are no customs checks and the main difference to note will be the change in road signs and we change currencies from the (€) Euro to (£) GBP pounds sterling.

Along the way we will visit **Slane Distillery** in Co Meath. Acquired by US Distillers Brown-Forman in 2015, the company behind Jack Daniel's, Slane Irish Whiskey is made on the grounds of the legendary Slane Castle, in the rural countryside of the Boyne Valley, Co Meath. We will enjoy a guided tour of both Slane Distillery and Slane Castle. At the Distillery we will experience a tour of the World class facility, culminating in a tasting of the signature triple casked Slane Whiskey. At the Castle we will learn about the heritage and history of the Conyngham family, their ancestral home and of course the rock and roll history.



We then continue our journey to Limavady in County Derry. **This evening we are in for a treat with the first performance by Paul Byrom as well as dinner together afterwards! Overnight & Dinner: Roe Park Resort, Limavady**

Saturday Sept 14th ~ Historical and Breathtaking Sights

This morning after enjoying a leisurely breakfast, we will visit the **Inishowen Peninsula**. Whatever happened during that freezing, melting, earth-shifting period billions of years ago, it left Ireland with some impressive scenery: vast valleys, glittering lakes, and cliffs hoisted up from the Atlantic. In Donegal's Ice Age crown, one diamond glitters just that little bit brighter – the Inishowen Peninsula. At the peninsula's tip is **Malin Head**, the most



northerly point on the island of Ireland, and the start/end point of the Wild Atlantic Way coastal touring route. No visit to Inishowen is complete without a trip up the narrow, winding road to reach this windswept spot. Stand at the viewing point and you'll be treated to jaw-dropping views and dramatic, unspoiled landscapes everywhere you turn. It's little wonder the crew from Star Wars saw something out of this world in Malin Head and chose it as a filming location for Star Wars: Episode VIII.



This afternoon we head out to the ***Bloody Sunday and Bogside Murals Walking Tour*** of Derry. Subjects range from the partition of Ireland and the creation of the six-county state, widespread religious discrimination against Irish Catholics, Civil Rights period, Battle of the Bogside 1969 and Bloody Sunday massacre January 1972. Sights to see include; Free Derry Corner, Bogside murals, Bloody Sunday massacre site and Bloody Sunday monument. Departing from the Tower Museum in the city center, this private Bloody

Sunday and Bogside murals tour will take you into the heart of the Bogside district of Derry, the crucible of the modern-day conflict in Ireland.

We will then visit the ***Tower Museum***, which is located in Union Hall Place, within a historic tower just inside the city walls. It presents the history of Derry, and also has an exhibit on a local shipwreck from the Spanish Armada – La Trinidad Valencera. Following this, you will have ***some free time to explore the city***, and maybe drop into one of the local pubs and enjoy a pint!

We will return to the hotel in the evening, where we will enjoy dinner together.

Overnight & Dinner: Roe Park Resort, Limavady



Sunday Sept 15th ~ Belleek & Drumcliffe



This morning once breakfast is finished up, we will depart Derry for Westport, Co Mayo. We cross back over the border to the Republic of Ireland where we will use Euro for the remainder of the trip. On route we visit ***Belleek China***. In 1857 on the banks of Lough Erne in County Fermanagh, the inimitable Belleek China was born, beginning an enduring legacy that continues to this day. When John Caldwell Bloomfield inherited his father's estate in Belleek, Co Fermanagh, he

wanted a way to employ all the tenants who had been badly affected by the Irish famine. After finding out that this land was rich in minerals, suitable for the production of pottery, John started what was to become the renowned Belleek brand.



Next, we will visit the award winning **Foxford Woolen Mills Visitor Center**. Since opening in 1992 it has earned the reputation as a premier visitor attraction in Ireland. At the core of the center is The Historical Woolen Mill Tour, where you can step back in time to see how life was in Foxford in the 1890's. Learn about Mother Agnes Morrogh Bernard, the Irish Sister of Charity who founded the Woolen Mills in

1892. See how the town of Foxford grew and prospered around the Mill. The tour also includes a visit to the working woolen mill where skilled craftspeople can be seen producing the world-famous rugs, blankets and tweeds. **Overnight & Dinner: Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo**

Monday Sept 16th ~ Glen Keen Farm & Croagh Patrick

Following breakfast this morning, you are in for a fun experience as we visit **Glen Keen Farm**. Nestled at the bottom of the Sheaffrey Mountain Range, this farm is one of the largest farms in Ireland's agri-tourism. The family history of the farm stems back to the 1700's when the current owners ancestors, The O'Malleys, became tenant farmers at Glen Keen which was then part of the 'Doolough Farm.' The farm is steeped in history, tradition and heritage. **We will watch a Sheep Herding demonstration, followed by some live traditional Irish music, while enjoying tea and scones.** This will certainly be a very unique experience!



We will continue on to view **Croagh Patrick**, which is considered the holiest mountain in Ireland. It is well known for its Patrician Pilgrimage in honor of St Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint. It is the third highest mountain in County Mayo after Mweelrea and Nephin.

This afternoon you are free to explore the beautiful town of Westport.

Designated one of Ireland's Heritage Towns, it is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. One of only a few planned towns in Ireland, Westport was designed by James Wyatt in the 18th Century. One of its most outstanding features is its tree lined boulevard known as The Mall, running parallel to the Carrowbeg River.

This evening you will enjoy your second performance by Paul Byrom.

Overnight & Dinner: Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo



Tuesday Sept 17th ~ Day Trip to Achill Island



This morning after breakfast, we set off to **Achill Island**, which is amongst the most remote and scenic areas in Ireland. The roads that follow the coastline of Achill boast some of the most spectacular views of the area known as 'The Atlantic Drive'. We will also see the Deserted Village – a reminder of the 1840s Famine, consisting of 80-100 stone cottages located along a mile stretch of road on the southern slopes of Slievemore Mountain. Sit back and take in the magnificent scenery – mountains, lakes and miles of rugged

coastline with refreshing Atlantic sea breezes. This evening you are free to enjoy the lively town of Westport.

Overnight: Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo

Wednesday Sept 18th ~ Cong/Quiet Man Cottage

This morning after enjoying a delicious breakfast we will make our way to Co Kildare. Along the way we will travel to Cong, one of the most picturesque villages in Ireland. We will tour **The Quiet Man Cottage Museum**, where you will truly feel like you are 'on set!' The ground floor of the cottage has been designed as an exact replica of 'White-o-Mornin'



Cottage. Painstaking effort has ensured that all the furnishings, artifacts and



costumes are authentic reproductions. Continuing our journey to Kildare, be prepared to feel like royalty when you enter the grounds of one of the oldest inhabited Castles in Ireland. With history dating back to 1180, Kilkea Castle captures the mystical charm of a 12th century castle, with the overwhelming allure of timeless

sophistication and style. **This evening we will enjoy Paul Byrom's final performance of this trip, followed by dinner together. Overnight & Dinner: Kilkea Castle, Co Kildare**

Thursday Sept 19th ~ National Stud/Japanese Gardens & Falconry

This morning following breakfast we will visit one of Ireland's true treasures, the **Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens in Co. Kildare**. The Stud Farm is the home of equine royalty, immaculately-bred stallions who can be seen and admired alongside protective mares, frolicking foals and athletic yearlings. See retired equine stars like Vintage Crop, Moscow Flyer, Kicking King and Beef or Salmon on the stud's 'Living Legend's' team.



In the world-famous Japanese Gardens, you can follow the path called the 'Life of Man' which traces the passage of a soul from birth to death and beyond while also providing a meeting place for the cultures of East and West whereas St Fiachra's Garden symbolizes the power of the Irish landscape while the Horse Museum includes the skeleton of the legendary Arkle.



This afternoon you are in for a unique and memorable experience, as you partake in the noble and ancient sport of **Falconry**. Amidst the backdrop of the historical Kilkea Castle, experience the majesty of Falcons, Owls and Hawks. This evening we will enjoy a special farewell dinner together at the Castle.

Overnight & Dinner: Kilkea Castle, Co Kildare

Friday Sept 20th ~ Homeward Bound...

Pack your bags as we head for the airport where you will board your flight back to the US. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a wee bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. 'The Land of One Hundred Thousand Welcomes' will be expecting you back soon!



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RESERVATION FORM

Tour Inclusions: Transportation by luxury motorcoach with a professional driver/guide ▪ Superior hotel accommodations for 8 nights ▪ 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners ▪ 3 private performances by Paul Byrom ▪ Welcome Cocktail Reception ▪ Admission, tour and tasting at Slane Castle & Distillery ▪ Visit to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head ▪ Bloody Sunday and Bogside Murals Walking Tour in Derry ▪ Admission to the Tower Museum ▪ Visit to Belleek China ▪ Tour of Foxford Woolen Mills ▪ Visit to Glen Keen Farm and Sheep Herding Demonstration with live Irish music and tea and scones ▪ Visit to Croagh Patrick ▪ Day trip and tour of Achill Island ▪ Admission to The Quiet Man Cottage Museum ▪ Visit to the Irish National Stud Farm & Japanese Gardens ▪ Demonstration of the Falconry Program at Kilkea Castle ▪ Private Coach Airport Transfer for Departure ▪ Hotel portorage ▪ All service charges, local and government taxes.

Passenger Name #1 _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Passenger Name #2 _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

- I wish to reserve:
- Land-only \$3,449.00USD per person for double occupancy (Flights are not included). A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your spot on the tour.
 - Travel Insurance is optional but recommended to protect you. Cost is based on age and must be paid for at time of deposit.
 - A pre-night hotel for the night of 9/11/19 at the Hyatt Centric Hotel in Dublin (\$135.00 pp sharing or \$240 for a single, includes full Irish breakfast).

- Room Type:
- Double (1 bed/2 guests)
 - Twin (2 beds/2 guests – sharing with _____)
 - Single (single supplement \$899.00)

Payment (*credit cards are preferred, but you can also pay via check if needed*):

- Check enclosed (payable to Travel Concepts, 435 Worcester Rd., Framingham MA 01701).
- Please charge my credit card. Card # _____, Exp. ___/___, CID _____
- Payment Amount \$ _____ Signature _____

Please note that reservation is for the land tour only which begins at our evening Welcome Cocktail Party on Thur., Sept. 12, 2019. Your flights can arrive into Dublin anytime that day at your leisure. You will self-transfer to the hotel. A non-refundable deposit to hold a spot on the tour is \$500 + the cost of insurance if you wish to purchase it. Final payment is due no later than April 12, 2019. By signing above, you authorize Cara Group Travel to charge the agreed amount above to your credit card. Please note that we require a certain number of guests to make this a "guaranteed departure". For any questions please call the number above or email groups@travelconcept.com.