



Join...

# TULLAMORE

...for 9 days of fun and music on their 4<sup>th</sup> concert tour of Ireland!

With special guest-artists Hugh Morrison and Wolf Loescher!

**APRIL 21-MAY 1, 2022**



TRAV DAY	<b>April 21 Thursday</b>	<b>USA to Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment are served shortly after take-off.
DAY 1	<b>April 22 Friday</b>	<b>Dublin-Newry Cathedral-Belfast.</b> Early morning arrival at Dublin Airport where, after clearing customs, we meet our Driver Guide. We stop for breakfast, then head north through the bustling town of Drogheda, crossing the border into Northern Ireland at Newry and stopping for a visit to Newry's <b>Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Saint Colman</b> – designed by the great architect Thomas Duff. We make our way into beautiful and intriguing Belfast, once the second richest city in the British Empire. After a panoramic tour, we check in to the hotel, and the rest of the day is on your own. <b>Dinner and overnight at the Europa Hotel Belfast.</b>
DAY 2	<b>April 23 Saturday</b>	<b>Titanic Museum-Belfast.</b> After a lazy breakfast, we're off to visit the <b>Titanic Museum</b> , the world's largest <i>Titanic</i> experience. Nine galleries tell the story of the magnificent and ill-fated ship in a fresh and insightful way – from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. The rest of the day is on yours to explore the city. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Europa Hotel Belfast.</b>
DAY 3	<b>April 24 Sunday</b>	<b>Antrim Coast-Derry.</b> After breakfast, our morning departure from Belfast takes us north along the Coast Road and through the Nine Glens of Antrim. Considered one of the most beautiful views in all of Ireland, the journey offers wonderful views of the Antrim Mountains and their beautiful valleys and coastline. We travel along the spectacular coastline up to visit the <b>Giants Causeway</b> with its 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that form the legendary causeway built by the Irish giant <i>Fionn mac Cumhaill</i> . Then we push on to Derry. Dinner is on your own. <b>PERFORMANCE TONIGHT! Overnight at the City Hotel Derry.</b>
DAY 4	<b>April 25 Monday</b>	<b>Walled-In-City Tour-Ardara-Bundoran.</b> After a full Irish breakfast, we set out to fully experience Derry's history, strolling along the parapet walkways as we do the <i>Walled in City Tour</i> . Derry is one of the last fully intact, walled-in cities left in all of Europe and a must-see for every visitor. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Derry including Derry's Walls, The Bogside, The Peoples Gallery (Murals), The Bloody Sunday Story, The History of the Apprentice Boys, and The Marching Season Traditions. We depart Derry heading southwest and come to Ardara, a small village in the west of County Donegal once named "the best village in which to live in Ireland". The attraction here is both an informative and a commercial one – a visit to the Triona Donegal Tweed Visitor Centre. You'll have the opportunity to see how Irish wool is made and engage in some retail therapy with some of the most beautiful woollens you've ever seen. From there, we continue eastward on the coastal road along Donegal Bay, into and out of Donegal Town, and south to the popular seaside resort-town of Bundoran. <b>Dinner and overnight at the Allingham Arms Hotel.</b>
DAY 5	<b>April 26 Tuesday</b>	<b>Donegal Castle-Sligo-Bundoran.</b> We take to the road for a short jaunt to Donegal Town to tour the stunning <b>Donegal Castle</b> , first mentioned in 1544 in connection with the wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600, it had been captured and taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. From there, we head south to the town of Sligo, where you'll have the afternoon to yourself – beginning with lunch. Visit the Yeats Building Visitors Centre where, for sixty years, the Yeats Society Sligo has celebrated the life and work of WB Yeats and his talented family. Or explore the fairly intact of ruins Sligo Abbey, originally built in 1253 by Maurice Fitzgerald, Baron of Offaly. Or visit Sligo Gaol, or the Famine Memorial. On the way back to Bundoran, we make a brief stop in Drumcliffe to see the High Crosses of St Colmcille's 6th century monastery. Dinner is on your own. Concert tonight at the hotel! <b>PERFORMANCE TONIGHT! Overnight at the Allingham Arms Hotel.</b>
DAY 6	<b>April 27 Wednesday</b>	<b>Carrowmore-Dromoland Castle!</b> After breakfast, we venture southwest, heading through Sligo and on to the <b>Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery</b> , the largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland, and also among the country's oldest, with tombs and monuments dating from 4300-3500 BC. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs, of which 30 are visible. From there, we head south across Mayo and Galway to Clare and Dromoland Castle. The rest of the day is yours to explore the luxurious castle and the panoply of activities the castle has to offer. <b>Banquet, PERFORMANCE, and overnight at Dromoland Castle.</b>
DAY 7	<b>April 28 Thursday</b>	<b>Dromoland Castle!</b> For the first time ever, our castle-stay is two nights! So be ready to enjoy another entire day on your own. Explore the grounds on horseback, go fishing, do some clay-target shooting, take in the gardens, go cycling, enjoy a pony-and-trap ride, go boating, hike the Burren or the Doolin Cliffs, play a set of tennis, try your hand at archery, hit the spa, or the links, or enjoy the true sport of kings – falconry. (Be sure to schedule these activities in advance.) <b>Overnight at Dromoland Castle.</b>
DAY 8	<b>April 29 Friday</b>	<b>Tullamore-Dublin.</b> After breakfast, we travel north to Athenry, hang a right, and drive on until we come to <i>The Liberties</i> in Dublin, and tour Dublin's only independently, family-owned <b>Pearse Lyons Distillery</b> - located in the former St James Church in the heart of Dublin, and named after the late Dr Pearse Lyons, founder and whiskey innovator. The distillery pays homage to Lyons' ancestors, five generations of coopers in Dublin; and the tour not only reveals how Pearse Irish Whiskey is produced, it regales you with intriguing tales dating back to the 12th Century and delves into the history of St James Church and its graveyard. After your tour, relax in the bar and enjoy a tasting of Pearse's "Trilogy". Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.</b>
DAY 9	<b>April 30 Saturday</b>	<b>Dublin.</b> Today is a free day in Dublin. We suggest a Hop-On/Hop-Off Dublin Bus Pass. You'll be sure to see St Patrick's Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the magnificent Dublin Castle, home to Ireland's state functions; or the G.P.O. on O'Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising; or the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; or Trinity College to view the Book of Kells, the 8 <sup>th</sup> -century manuscripts, still preserved as they were when the monks produced them all those centuries ago. And be sure to visit Dublin's oldest Pub this afternoon, the Brazen Head. Or enjoy a Literary Pub Crawl this evening after dinner. Dinner is on your own. <b>Overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel.</b>
TRAV DAY	<b>May 1 Sunday</b>	<b>Dublin-Dublin Airport-USA.</b> After breakfast, we transfer to Dublin Airport for our flight home. Arrive home the same day. In the true Irish Tradition, we wish you a "Safe Home".

### **Your Tour Package Includes the Following:**

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver/Guide
- 9 Nights' accommodations as follows (or similar):

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	
Belfast	Europa Hotel Belfast – 2 Nights *****	<a href="http://hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast">hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast</a>
Derry	City Hotel Derry – 1 Nights *****	<a href="http://cityhotelderry.com">cityhotelderry.com</a>
Bundoran	Allingham Arms Hotel – 2 Nights *****	<a href="http://allinghamarmshotel.ie">allinghamarmshotel.ie</a>
Newmarket-on-Fergus	Dromoland Castle – 2 Nights *****	<a href="http://dromoland.ie">dromoland.ie</a>
Dublin	Radisson Blu Royal Hotel – 2 Nights *****	<a href="http://radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-dublin">radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-dublin</a>

- Full Irish Breakfast daily (except the day of arrival)
- Three Dinners: 1 at the Europa Hotel Belfast, 1 at the Allingham Arms Hotel, 1 at Dromoland Castle
- Admission to: Titanic Museum, Giant's Causeway, Walled-In-City Tour, Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, Donegal Castle, Pearse Lyons Distillery, and three musical performances
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

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### **Properties on Tour**

#### **Belfast**

**The Europa Hotel  
Great Victoria St.  
Belfast, UK  
TEL: 011 44 2890271066**

#### **Derry**

**The City Hotel Derry  
Queen's Quay  
Derry, UK  
TEL: 011 44 28 7136 5800**

#### **Bundoran**

**Allingham Arms  
West End  
Donegal, Co. Donegal  
TEL: 011 353 71 984 1075**

#### **New Market**

**Dromoland Castle  
New Market on Fergus  
New Market, Co. Clare  
TEL: 011 353 61 368 144**

#### **Dublin**

**Radisson Blu Royal Hotel  
Golden Lane  
Dublin, Co. Dublin  
TEL: 011 353 1 898 2900**