

I Am Ireland Show

IRISH MUSIC TOUR

WITH Paddy Homan & Rich Daniels

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 10, 2024

North of Ireland & Scotland



Join Irish Tenor **PADDY HOMAN** and **RICH DANIELS**, Music Director of the City Lights Orchestra on this incredibly unique discovery of the North of Ireland and Scotland.

This tour is combined with history tours and musical experiences of Northern Gaelic and Scottish traditions. Tour members will have an opportunity to experience their musical, literary and cultural interconnectedness while taking in the beautiful landscape of the locality. You will enjoy first-class accommodation, fine dining, and top-class music along the way.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ◆ Airport transfers in Scotland and Ireland
- ◆ Transport by luxury motor coach with a professional motor coach/guide
- ◆ Superior hotel accommodation for 9 nights in 4 and 5 star hotels
- ◆ 6 dinners and 9 breakfasts

SCOTLAND:

- ◆ Visit Rosslyn Chapel, Edinburgh Castle
- ◆ Whiskey tasting tour at Dalwhinnie Distillery
- ◆ Guided tours of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh City, Scotland's Secret Bunker, and Glasgow City

- ◆ Cruise on Loch Ness
- ◆ Ferry Crossing from Cairnryan to Belfast

NORTH OF IRELAND:

- ◆ Visit Dunluce Castle, Giants Causeway, and the Corlea Trackway Visitor Center
- ◆ Guided walking tour of Derry
- ◆ Combination of planned Irish and Scottish music sessions and planned concerts using some of the best musicians from each area
- ◆ Hotel portorage, service charges, and all local government taxes included

See complete itinerary on the following pages

€3,950 LAND ONLY *No Hidden Extras* **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT €946**

10% deposit to confirm your space. Final payment due by July 15, 2024.

Does not include the recommended €20 per day TIP in the Driver Guide. NOTE: By pricing this tour in Euro, which is the currency in which all services will be paid for, we do not need to build a large buffer to cover exchange rate fluctuations. Pricing in Euro allows us to offer this Ireland / Scotland experience at the most competitive price.

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*A group flight rate from Chicago to Scotland, return Dublin to Chicago is available to attendees.
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: OVERNIGHT TO SCOTLAND

For those wishing to avail themselves of the group flight, meet at O'Hare International Airport and travel overnight to London with Rich Daniels and Paddy Homan, with a connecting flight to Edinburgh.

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1: EDINBURGH

On arriving in Edinburgh, your tour guide will welcome you to Scotland and escort your luggage to the coach. Visit historical Rosslyn Chapel, known as 'the most magical and mysterious chapel on earth' and featured in the finale of the DaVinci Code. Tom Hanks said: *'Few locations in film are so delightful and few destinations live up to their billing, but Rosslyn Chapel was all one could imagine or hope for.'* Check in that afternoon to your hotel and enjoy some free time. That evening, we will gather for dinner and a special meet and greet reception to welcome you all. Let the music begin! **INCLUDES DINNER & DRINKS TOAST**

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2: EDINBURGH

After a hearty Scottish breakfast, we depart for a guided tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Explore the Palace's close associations with some of Scotland's most well-known historic figures such as Mary, Queen of Scots, and Bonnie Prince Charlie, and learn how today it is used by The King when carrying out official engagements in Scotland. Later that morning, we will have a guided tour of Edinburgh, followed by a visit to Edinburgh Castle. The castle is a historic fortress which dominates the skyline of the city of Edinburgh, from its position on Castle Rock. Archaeologists have established human occupation of the rock since at least the Iron Age (second century AD), although the nature of the early settlement is unclear. There has been a royal castle on the rock since at least the reign of David I in the 12th century, and the site continued to be a royal residence until 1633. From the 15th century the castle's residential role declined, and by the 17th century it was principally used as military barracks with a large garrison. You are free that evening for dinner and to explore Edinburgh. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST**



TOP: Edinburgh Castle is a fortress built on the volcanic Castle Rock.

LEFT: Rosslyn Chapel is a 15th-century chapel located at the village of Roslin, Midlothian, Scotland.

BELOW: Holyroodhouse Palace served as the principal residence of the Kings and Queens of Scots since the 16th century, and is now a setting for state occasions and official entertaining.





DAY 3 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3: EDINBURGH / PITLOCHRY / SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

This morning depart for the town of Pitlochry to visit St. Andrews. Stop along the way for a guided visit of Scotland's secret cold war underground bunker housing BBC Studio and switchboard room. Later visit St. Andrew's village, stop for lunch and opportunity for shopping. Walk the famous Swilcan Bridge at St. Andrews Golf Course (subject to no competitions on the day). Continue to Pitlochry, and check into the Atholl Palace Hotel, which also offers Spa Services. That evening, we gather for dinner, and a specially arranged concert with Paddy, Rich, and local musicians. *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*



DAY 4 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: PITLOCHRY / SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

This morning, after breakfast, depart for Dalwhinnie Distillery, home to the famous Highland Single Malt Whisky. This world-renowned whisky is known for its gentle flavors accentuated with notes of heather honey, citrus, vanilla, and sweet malt. Set in splendid mountain scenery at the heart of the Cairngorm National Park, Dalwhinnie is the highest distillery in Scotland at 1164 feet above sea level. After you have had a few 'droppeens of whiskey, we will travel through Spean Bridge and Fort Augustus, to tour Loch Ness in search of "Nessie" herself! You will be treated to the breath-taking vista of Loch Ness in all its natural wonder, in a custom-built vessel that is the perfect way to experience the sights, wildlife and history of the famous loch. Gather for dinner that evening and recall the events of the day, followed by an evening of music with Paddy, Rich, and local musicians to highlight Scottish music and its traditions. *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*



TOP: Swilcan Bridge at St. Andrews Golf Course.

CENTER: Loch Ness in all its natural wonder.

RIGHT: Scottish bagpiper in the Highlands (TOP); Local musicians in a pub (BOTTOM).



TOP: Many areas in Glasgow City feature stunning murals.

BELOW: Dunluce Castle, a ruined medieval castle in Northern Ireland and the renowned geographic wonder Giant's Causeway.



DAY 7 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 7: BELFAST / FERMANAGH

After breakfast head for Enniskillen, via Derry—"The Town I Loved so well." Experience a guided walking tour of this historic city. Derry is the only remaining completely walled city in Ireland. The walls were built during the period 1613-1618 as defenses for early 17th-century settlers from England and Scotland. The history of Derry city goes back to the sixth century. You are free that afternoon for lunch and discover Derry for yourself. Later that afternoon, check into the luxurious Lough Erne Resort. We will gather for dinner and recall the stories of the day and be joined by some special musical guests from the Fermanagh area.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER

RIGHT: Bloody Sunday memorial wall-paintings road in Derry.

DAY 5 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: PITLOCHRY / BELFAST

This morning we depart for the Belfast ferry, stopping off at Glasgow City for a guided tour of the city (shorter tour due to ferry schedule), taking in the historic Glasgow Cathedral exterior in the tour. Catch the early afternoon ferry from Cairnryan to Belfast. Later check into your executive room at the famous Belfast Europa Hotel. We will gather that evening for dinner at the Europa and be welcomed by some of the local musicians of the area. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER**

DAY 6 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6: BELFAST / ANTRIM

After breakfast, travel to the North Antrim coast, taking in Dunluce Castle, one of Northern Ireland's most iconic historic monuments. Perched on the north Antrim coastline, on a dramatic rocky promontory, this strong defensive location has seen occupation for over one thousand years. However, it was the powerful MacQuillan family who started the construction of the castle around 1500. The dramatic history of Dunluce is matched by tales of banshees, mermaids, and the story of how the castle kitchens fell into the sea one stormy night in 1639. Later, visit Giants Causeway. Renowned for its hexagonal columns of layered basalt, the Giant's Causeway is the only World Heritage site in Northern Ireland. Resulting from a volcanic eruption sixty million years ago, this is the focal point of a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has attracted visitors for centuries. You are free that evening for dinner. There will be an opportunity to discover some of the various Irish music sessions with Paddy & Rich. **INCLUDES BREAKFAST**





DAY 8 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8: FERMANAGH

Morning is free for everyone to relax and enjoy the surroundings of the hotel and countryside, but with three options:

- Early Golf option at Lough Erne Resort (not included).
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- Travel to Donegal Town to see how famous Belleek Pottery is made, and how Triona Design Tweed is made. Return later in the afternoon to the hotel for some relaxation.

Gather that evening for dinner and enjoy a specially arranged concert with Paddy and Rich, where a host of musicians will join them to celebrate the music and traditions of Ireland.

INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 9 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9: FERMANAGH / LONGFORD / DUBLIN

After breakfast, visit the historic Corlea Trackway Visitor Center. The Center interprets an Iron Age bog road that was built in the year 148 B.C. across the boglands of Longford, close to the river Shannon. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe and was excavated by University College Dublin. Inside the interpretive center, an eighteen-meter stretch of the preserved trackway is on permanent display in a hall specially designed to preserve the ancient wooden structure. Continue into Dublin, arriving in the early afternoon. You are free that afternoon to discover Dublin from your centrally located hotel. That evening, we will gather for dinner and a show with the Irish House Party band of Dublin city! *INCLUDES BREAKFAST & DINNER*

DAY 10 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Depart for Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight and do some last-minute shopping. *INCLUDES BREAKFAST*

TOP LEFT: Donegal Town. TOP RIGHT: Craftsman at the Belleek Pottery factory.

INSET: Corlea Trackway Visitor Center. BELOW: Henry Street in Dublin City Center.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Larry Nugent, Sean McKeown, Cormac De Barra, Jimmy Moore, Eamon De Barra, Rich Daniels on last year's Ireland Music Tour.

YOUR HOTELS: DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON – Edinburgh (2 NIGHTS) ♦ **ATHOLL PALACE HOTEL** – Pitlochry (2 NIGHTS)

EUROPA HOTEL – Belfast (2 NIGHTS) ♦ **LOUGH ERNE RESORT** – Enniskillen (2 NIGHTS) ♦ **THE GRESHAM HOTEL** – Dublin (1 NIGHT)

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