



**Seamus Kennedy's
Scotland & Ireland Adventure
June 26th – July 7th 2010
\$2325* (per person sharing land only)**



Your Scotland & Ireland Vacation Includes:

- / Breakfast Daily
- / 9 Dinners
- / 10 nights 1st class hotels
- / Fully escorted via deluxe motorcoach and Irish Drive Guide
- / Ferry from Scotland to Northern Ireland
- / Admissions as highlighted on itinerary
- / Deluxe document holder, luggage tag and tote bag.
- / Porterage of one suitcase per person
- / All local service charges and taxes
- / Gratuity to driver guide
- / "up-close personal entertainment with yours truly"

Payment Schedule:

*A deposit of \$300 secures place on tour
A 2nd deposit of \$500 will be due by Aug 3rd 2009
Final Payment will be due by March 1st 2010
Tour price is based on double occupancy*

***Air:** Group air will be available on July 30th
2009*

***Not Included:**

- / Round-trip air
- / Airline taxes
- / Single Supplement is \$599
- / Travel Protection/Insurance

Sightseeing Highlights: Tour of Glasgow, Loch Ness Cruise, Culloden Battlefield, Dawdor Castle & Gardens, Tomatin Distillery, Tour of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Castle, Walking Tour of Derry, Glenveagh Castle, Ulster American Folk Park, Giant's Causeway, Bushmills Distillery, Walking Tour of Belfast,

"Of course, there will be grand sessions and singalongs with accordianists, banjoists, bodhránists, vocalists, penny-whistleists and fiddleists. As a nightcap, I conduct a little musical soiree in the residents' lounge of our hotel before retiring each evening".

PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ PHONE: () _____

email: _____ email: _____

Sharing Accommodations Desired: Double: _____ Twin Bedded: _____ Single Traveler: _____

Send your deposit to:

Isle Inn Tours – 1023 Queen St., Alexandria, VA 22314 – Attn: Fiona
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Seamus Kennedy's Scotland & Ireland Itinerary

26 June – Depart US. Information on group air will be available in late July.

27 June - Arrive into Glasgow Airport. Collect our luggage and pass through customs and onto the Arrivals Hall where we will meet our driver/guide and the one and only 'Seamus Kennedy'. We will begin our Scottish adventure with a tour of Glasgow. Discover the main attractions of this city, which flourished in Victorian times due to the shipbuilding industry on the River Clyde. Drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers and nearby Glasgow Cathedral. Visit the **Museum of Transport** to view collections of cars, buses and bicycles, many invented in Scotland. Join your fellow travellers this evening in your hotel dining room. **Overnight Jurys Inn, Glasgow (D)**

28 June - After our first Scottish breakfast we will journey alongside the famous Loch Lomond, renowned in song and also for the unsurpassed beauty of the lake and mountains. Travel across the Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe, notorious for the Campbell massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692. Continue through Fort William and stop at Spean **Bridge Woollen Mills**, which offer a good selection of quality Scottish goods. At Fort Augustus embark on a short **cruise on Loch Ness**. Whilst we might not see the famous monster, we can guarantee that you'll see wonderful scenery, beautiful castles and wonderful views over the loch. **Overnight Thistle Hotel, Inverness (B, D)**

29 June - After breakfast, travel the short distance to Culloden Moor to tour the **Culloden Visitor Center**. Walk around the battlefield where, on 16 April 1746, British Government forces defeated the army of Bonnie Prince Charlie. This defeat ended hopes of restoring the Jacobite Stuarts to the British throne. The brutal measures imposed after the battle signaled the end of the distinctive Highland way of life and culture. The exhibition here allows the whole Culloden story to be told in an innovative and interactive way. Onward to visit **Cawdor Castle & Gardens**. This fairytale castle dates from the late 14th century and has three stunning gardens, the Walled Garden, the Flower Garden and the Wild Garden. Return to Inverness for some free time. **Overnight Thistle Hotel, Inverness (B, D)**

30 June - Leaving the Highlands, we will travel southwards to Scotland's capital city – Edinburgh. On route stopping in **Tomatin for a guided tour of the distillery**. Formerly established in 1897, the tour will unravel the mysteries of whisky making before we enjoy a wee dram of Tomatin single malt! Continue onto the bustling market town of Perth on the River Tay. Some time here for lunch and independent exploration. The city's streets and public gardens are filled with color. It also has excellent shopping and galleries. **Overnight Jurys Inn, Edinburgh (B, D)**

1 July - A **local guide** will meet us this morning for a tour of Edinburgh including Princes Street, the Royal Mile and the Queen's official Scottish residence **Holyroodhouse**. The tour will end at **Edinburgh Castle** where we will have a **guided tour**. This extraordinary building perched high above the city on a volcanic crag houses the Honours of Scotland (a sceptre, sword and the Crown of Scotland), the oldest building in Edinburgh (a tiny chapel over 900 years old) and the room where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James VI of Scotland/James I of England. The afternoon will be at our leisure. Maybe take in some shopping or visit one of the many attractions (including the Royal Yacht Britannia) or sample some fine Scotch whisky in the Scottish Whiskey Center. **Overnight Jurys Inn, Edinburgh (B, D)**

2 July - This morning depart Edinburgh and drive south through the Southern Uplands and along the coastline. At Cairnryan take a **ferry ride** across the narrow channel between Scotland and Ireland. Arrive in Larne, just outside Belfast. Travel west to Derry. Time to freshen up or do some exploring on our own before dinner. After dinner Seamus will have some suggestions for the evening's entertainment. **Overnight City Hotel, Derry (B, D)**

3 July - After our first full Irish breakfast, a **walking tour of this ancient walled city** – walk atop the oldest and best preserved walls in Europe. Then we will board our coach and travel into the heart of Donegal to visit the **Glenveagh Castle and National Park**, which lies, to the east of the Derryveagh Mountains. High walls and conifers provide shelter for exotic plants and a large herd of red deer. Glenveagh is a granite castle which was built in 1870 on the shores of Lough Veagh. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore the beautiful gardens and lunch on our own. After dinner enjoy a bit of 'craic' with Seamus. **Overnight City Hotel, Derry (B, D)**

4 July – Today you have a choice. You can enjoy a free day to rest, relax or explore Derry independently. Ask Seamus for suggestions of how to spend your day. Or take an afternoon trip to the **Ulster American Folk Park**. This is an outdoor museum of cottages, including that of Thomas Mellon's ancestors. See traditional cottages and displays of rural Irish life together with portrayals of the Atlantic crossing to the United States and the life of early Appalachian settlers, the "Ulster Irish" who played a major role in the American Revolution. **Overnight City Hotel, Derry (B, D)**

5 July – This morning journey along the beautiful northern coast stopping briefly to view stunning Dunluce Castle. Continue up the coast to the **Giant's Causeway**. After a short audiovisual presentation, we will have an opportunity to walk along the cliff tops to view the spectacular hexagonal rock columns formed by nature 60 million years ago. Legends about giants abound, especially Finn McCool, a hardy Ulster hero. Next a brief photo stop at the Carrick-a-Reede Rope Bridge, originally constructed as a fisherman's crossing. Onto **Bushmills** for a guided tour of the Distillery, the oldest licensed distillery in Ireland. At the end of the tour we will be able to sample some of their famous product. Journey along the spectacular "Nine Glens of Antrim" with mountains on one side and coastline. Arrive in Belfast in the early evening. **Overnight Europa Hotel, Belfast (B)**

6 July – This morning a guided **walking tour** of Belfast, the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland, and learn about the diverse history of this ancient city. The afternoon will be on our own; ask Seamus for suggestions of what to see in his hometown. **Overnight Europa Hotel, Belfast (B, D)**

7 July – This morning we will travel the short distance to the airport. After bidding farewell to Leslie and Seamus, we'll have some time to shop in the Duty Free before boarding our flight home.

Circumstances beyond our control may require us to change the schedule.