



# Seamus Kennedy's Scotland & Ireland Adventure June 18<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2011

\$2989\* (per person sharing plus airline taxes)



## Your Scotland & Ireland Vacation Includes:

- ♣ Round-trip air from Newark/Edinburgh/Dublin/Newark
- ♣ Breakfast Daily
- ♣ 8 Dinners
- ♣ 10 nights 1<sup>st</sup> class hotels
- ♣ Fully escorted via deluxe motorcoach and Irish Drive Guide
- ♣ Ferry from Scotland to 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"
- ♣ A free Seamus Kennedy CD of your choice
- ♣ And a "special surprise" Seamus gift for use on the trip

### Payment Schedule:

*A deposit of \$300 secures place on tour  
Final Payment will be due by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011  
Tour price is based on double occupancy*

*Of course, there will be grand sessions and sing-alongs with accordianists, banjoists, bodhránists, vocalists, penny-whistleists and fiddleists. Most, but not all evenings, I conduct a little musical soirée in the residents' lounge of our hotel as nightcap before retiring.*

## \*Not Included:

- ♣ Airline taxes of \$330 (taxes are subject to change until tickets have been issued)
- ♣ Single Supplement is \$685.
- ♣ Travel Protection/Insurance from \$204

**Sightseeing Highlights:** Tour of Edinburgh, Sterling Castle, Tomatin Distillery, Culloden Battlefield, Cawdor Castle & Gardens, Loch Ness Cruise, Tour of Glasgow, Ferry across the Irish Sea, Navan Fort, Armagh Cathedral, Knowth, Kilmainham Gaol, Trinity College, Powerscourt House & Gardens

### PRINT FIRST & LAST NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT

Please submit a copy of the picture page from your passport with payment.

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Sharing Accommodations Desired: Double: \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Bedded: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send your deposit to:

Isle Inn Tours – 1023 Queen St., Alexandria, VA 22314 – Attn: Fiona  
(800) 237-9376 Ext 18 Email: fiona@isleinntours.com

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## Seamus Kennedy's Scotland & Ireland Itinerary

**Sat. 18 June** – Depart US. Depart Newark International Airport on Continental Airlines at 8pm.

**Sun. 19 June** - Arrive into Edinburgh Airport at 7.45am. 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 travel the short distance to our hotel located in the heart of Edinburgh city, to relax or go explore the city on foot. **Overnight Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh (B, D)**

**Mon. 20 June** - After our first Scottish breakfast 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. The afternoon will be at our leisure. Visit the historic castle perhaps, or a little shopping or sample some fine Scotch whisky in the Scottish Whiskey Center. A session with Seamus tonight after dinner. **Overnight Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh (B, D)**

**Tue. 21 June** – Leaving Edinburgh, we will travel north. Visit the mighty **Stirling Castle**, captured from the English by William Wallace and again by Robert the Bruce. Then on to the bustling market town of Perth on the River Tay. Some time here for lunch and independent exploration of the city's streets and colorful public gardens. It also has excellent shopping and galleries. Our next stop will be **Tomatin for a guided tour of the distillery**, established in 1897, where we'll enjoy a dram of Tomatin single malt! And maybe a wee session in the Hootenanny Pub tonight...you never know. **Overnight Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (B, D)**

**Wed. 22 June** - After breakfast, travel the short distance to the **Culloden Visitor Center**. Walk around the battlefield where, on April 16, 1746, British Government forces defeated the army of Bonnie Prince Charlie, and his hopes to restore the Stuarts to the British throne. Here, Seamus will sing songs about the battle and Prince Charlie's subsequent exile. Onward to **Cawdor Castle & Gardens**, dating from the late 14th century, with three stunning gardens, the Walled Garden, the Flower Garden and the Wild Garden. Return to Inverness. **Overnight Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness (B, D)**

**Thu. 23 June** – Leaving the Highlands behind us we will journey south. At Fort Augustus, a short **cruise on Loch Ness** for beautiful scenery and a possible monster-sighting, and on through Fort William to stop at **Spean Bridge Woollen Mills**, which offer a good selection of quality Scottish goods. At **Glencoe** Seamus will sing the moving song about the Campbell massacre of the Clan Macdonald in 1692, and at the beautiful **Loch Lomond**, hear him sing the lovely ballad of the same name. Arriving in Glasgow, we'll drive around George Square with its ornate City Chambers and nearby Glasgow Cathedral. After dinner in our hotel dining room, how about some music with Seamus and one of his Scottish musical friends? **Overnight Jurys Hotel, Glasgow (B, D)**

**Fri. 24 June** - This morning depart Glasgow and drive south through the Southern Uplands and along the coastline. Take a **ferry ride** across the narrow channel between Scotland and Ireland. Arrive in Larne, just outside Belfast. Travel south to Newry. Time to freshen up or do some exploring on our own before dinner. **Overnight Canal Court Hotel, Newry (B, D)**

**Sat. 25 June** – Our first stop today will be at **Navan Fort** just outside **Armagh**, perhaps the most venerable ancient monument in Northern Ireland. It can be identified with virtual certainty as Émain Macha was the seat of the ancient kings of Ulster, and here lived the mythical hero Cú Chulainn before going out to face the army of Queen Maeve. We'll visit **Armagh Cathedral** in the heart of the Ecclesiastical Capital on the hilltop where St Patrick built the first stone Church in 445. Onward to Downpatrick, the burial place of St. Patrick, St. Columba and St. Bridget. Tour the **St. Patrick Center** where a series of interactive displays we help us better understand St. Patrick's history and his legacy. Return to our hotel in Newry. After dinner enjoy a bit of 'craic' with Seamus. **Overnight Canal Court Hotel, Newry (B, D)**

**Sun. 26 June** – After breakfast, we'll go south into the Boyne Valley to the Brú Na Bóinne Visitor Center (11am) where we will learn about the fascinating Megalithic Passage Tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. We'll tour the site at Knowth a UNESCO designated World Heritage Site. There will be time here for lunch on our own. We will stop briefly (but remain on bus) at site of the Battle of the Boyne. Our next stop just outside of Drogheda is the Battle of the Boyne Center. Learn about the 1690 conflict between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II for dominance over the British throne and religious power in Ireland. **Overnight Davenport Hotel, Dublin (B,D)**

**Mon. 27 June** – After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour around Dublin City. You will see elegant Georgian squares and houses, colorful parks, and bustling shopping areas. Next a visit to **Kilmainham Gaol**, which was built in 1796 and closed as an active prison in 1924; now it houses a museum on the history of Irish nationalism. Take a guided tour of **Trinity College**, one of the oldest centers of learning, dating to the 16th century, and see the renowned illuminated manuscript from the 9th century the **Book of Kells**. The afternoon and evening will be free to explore Dublin on our own. Ask Seamus about what pubs to visit. He might even grab his guitar and take you to a good one. **Overnight Davenport Hotel, Dublin (B,)**

**Tue. 28 June** – Today you may choose to spend the day at your leisure in the city or join our fellow travelers for an afternoon trip to the enchanting **Powerscourt House & Gardens**. The finest designed gardens in Ireland set to dramatic effect at the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Bring your camera for some terrific nature shots. Some time to relax before dinner and your final night of entertainment with himself **Party Piece Time!!** **Overnight Davenport Hotel, Dublin (B, D)**

**Wed. 29 June** – This morning depart **Dublin Airport**. There will be some time to shop in the Duty Free before boarding our flight home. Depart Dublin on Continental Airlines at 9am. Arrive into **Newark International Airport** at 11.25am approx. **(B)**

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