## CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND CASTLES, MARKETS & PUBS NOV. 28 – DEC. 9, 2023 \$2,495 per person sharing land only

- **Tues. 28**<sup>th</sup> Depart for overnight flight to Dublin. Meal served on board.
- Arrive Dublin in the morning where we will be met by our driver/guide Liam Finnegan. Liam will escort us to our private coach and begin our journey heading through the midlands with a stop at Sean's Bar in Athlone. This pub is recognized as the oldest pub in Ireland dating back to 900 AD.!!! Here we will enjoy a welcome pint or a sample of their very own Whiskey, before we continue on to our final destination of Galway City. We'll check into our hotel and have time to relax before we meet for dinner in our hotel. Park House Hotel, Galway (D)
- After breakfast this morning we'll make the drive down the coast to visit the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Take some time to walk/hike up to the top to get some great photos (weather permitting). Check out the interpretive center and of course the gift shop!! It's time for lunch and pint at Gus O'Connors Pub in the beautiful little village Doolin just down the road. It's then back to Galway for a free evening to check out the pubs and restaurants. Park House Hotel, Galway (B & L)
- Fri. 1 Sleep in an relax and take the day to walk around and check out all the Galway has to offer. Be sure to enjoy the **Christmas Market** around the corner from our hotel. You will find local vendors with many unique items for sale and food to enjoy. The spirit of Christmas is in the air!! **Park House Hotel, Galway (B)**
- This morning we say so long to Galway and head for **Co. Donegal** with stops along the way. Our final destination is the beautiful **5 Star Lough Eske Castle Hotel** dating back to 1861. On arrival we'll be welcomed with a local taste of **Donegal Whiskey!** Tonight we will enjoy a lovely **dinner** together in the hotel. **(B D) Lough Eske Castle, Donegal.**
- Sun 3 Enjoy a leisurely morning. This afternoon we'll make a visit to **Triona Design** where we will enjoy a **demonstration of weaving** the old fashioned way while enjoying an **Irish Coffee.** Take some time to shop and purchase some beautiful items for those on your Christmas list. We'll then pop in to Donegal town with some free time before heading back for a relaxing evening. Maybe book a spa tonight?? **Lough Eske Castle (B)**
- After an amazing stay we depart and head back east to Northern Ireland's capital city of **Belfast.** Liam will take us on a **tour** explaining the history and troubles of this great City. We'll stop at the **Peace Wall** and give you an opportunity to sign it. Our hotel should be ready to check in and then the remainder of the afternoon and evening are yours to check out the huge **Christmas Market**. It's a magical place for all to enjoy.

  (B) Europa Hotel, Belfast

- Our stay in Belfast was short but hopefully memorable. We depart for Dublin where Liam again will give us an **orientation tour of the city** and point out many places that you may wish to visit. We will visit the **Guinness Storehouse for a self guided tour and enjoy a pint at the Gravity Bar** overlooking the city. It's time to check in to our hotel situated on O'Connell Street in the heart of Dublin. Enjoy the pubs and restaurants in the neighborhood. **(B) Gresham Hotel, Dublin**
- Wed 6 Take a leisurely morning and enjoy a Free day in Dublin to shop and celebrate.

  As of this time we cannot confirm Christmas Market events. Just enjoy the Christmas Spirit that surrounds Dublin with decorations, lights and beautifully decorated trees.

  The pubs will be cozy and there is Christmas Cheer everywhere. (B) Gresham Hotel
- **Thur 7** Sadly our time together has come to an end. Liam will get us to the airport in plenty of time to check in for our flights home.

<u>Cost</u>: \$2,495 per person sharing. This is based on a minimum of 20 people. If we neglect to reach the minimum a price increase will become necessary or the tour may be canceled.

<u>Single Room</u> is available for an additional \$600. We are limited to 5 single rooms at this price.

<u>Includes:</u> 8 nights accommodations at 4 & 5 star hotels, transport by deluxe private motor coach with certified driver/guide, 2 dinners, 8 breakfast's, 1 lunch at Gus O'Connor's Pub, welcome pint at Sean's Bar, Triona Design demonstration & Irish Coffee, Cliffs of Moher, Guinness Storehouse & pint at Gravity Bar, City tours of Belfast and Dublin, Christmas Markets in Galway & Belfast & shopping galore!! All surcharges and taxes, portfolio of tour documents including small backpack and umbrella and handling of one suitcase.

<u>Not Included</u>: Airfare, Trip Insurance and Tip to your Driver. Group air can be requested from Orlando when it becomes available. Trip Insurance can be purchased on line. We strongly encourage you to purchase some sort of insurance. We recommend tipping your dirver €15 per person per day.

**<u>DEPOSIT:</u>** A deposit of \$500 is due to reserve your spot. \$250 becomes non-refundable prior to final payment and entire deposit is non-refundable after final payment is made.

CHECKS ONLY FOR DEPOSIT PLEASE!!

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**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY: SEPT. 29, 2023** 

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