



# The Ancient Order of **HIBERNIANS** Irish • Catholic • American

**2025 AOH History Tour of Ireland**  
Hosted by Dan Taylor AOH National Historian  
Tuesday March 25th through Friday April 4th  
Costs: Double Occupancy \$1865  
Single supplement \$2650

Working with Derry Blue Badge Tours we have put together a historical tour of Ireland for 2025. Space is limited to 40 travelers; reservations will only be held based on receipt of non-refundable deposits.

This trip is open to all AOH members and guests. The total cost will include all ground transportation while in the Ireland\*\*\*, ten nights lodging, nine breakfasts and three dinners. Please note due to space limitations on bus there is a ONE suitcase limit per person, no carry on luggage.

**Air transportation is the responsibility of the traveler.**

Itinerary attached.

Limited availability

Payment schedule: A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due by Monday November 25th with the balance due by Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>. **Travelers are urged to purchase travel insurance to cover trip cancellation or illness.**

Make Checks payable to Sean Pender, credit cards not accepted, checks or money order only.

Payment can also be made via Venmo to Sean Pender @Sean-Pender-4

Please write in memo area: AOH 2025 History Tour

Mail deposit and reservation form below to:

Sean Pender AOH President  
13 Scullin Drive  
Yardville NJ 08620

SEAN PENDER contact info phone 609 462 7056 and email [paddyspeed@yahoo.com](mailto:paddyspeed@yahoo.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of deposit(s) enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Single room requested YES / NO

Double occupancy request to room with \_\_\_\_\_

Flight arrival info (if known) flight, time, airport.

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Flight departure info (if known) flight, time, airport.

Costs\* are inclusive of ground transportation, lodging and meals listed, there will be no refunds for tours or meals not taken by traveler. Any questions email Sean Pender [paddyspeed@yahoo.com](mailto:paddyspeed@yahoo.com)

## **2025 AOH History Tour of Ireland Hotel Information**

Kilford Arms Hotel <https://www.kilfordarms.ie/>  
John Street, Kilkenny, Ireland  
Phone: [353 56 7761018](tel:353567761018)  
Overnight Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Depart March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trident Hotel, Kinsale <https://www.tridenthotel.com/>  
World's End, Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland - P17 NT38  
Phone :353 (0) 21 4779 300  
Overnight Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Depart Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Fairview Hotel, Killarney <https://killarneyfairview.com/>  
College Street, Killarney Town Centre, Co Kerry  
Phone: 353 64 6634164  
Overnight Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Depart Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Holiday Inn Express Dublin City Centre  
[Central Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Dublin City Centre \(ihg.com\)](https://www.ihg.com)  
28-32 O'Connell Street Upper, Dublin, D01 T2X2  
[info@hiexdublincc.com](mailto:info@hiexdublincc.com)  
Overnight Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Depart for Airport Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

This trip is open to all AOH members and guests. The itinerary and costs may be updated depending on availability and attendance. Total cost is **\$1865** double occupancy and includes all ground transportation while in the Ireland\*\*\*, ten nights lodging, nine breakfasts and three dinners. Single occupancy is **\$2650**.

\*\*\*Airport Transfers: If arriving in Dublin Tuesday, March 25<sup>h</sup> morning, airport pickup will be provided. If you are arriving elsewhere or arriving prior to March 25<sup>th</sup> it will be up to the traveler to be at Dublin airport by 0900am for tour start and bus pickup. The tour will end on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Airport transfers back to Dublin airport are the responsibility of the traveler. The Holiday Inn hotel is located on O'Connell Street in Dublin with easy access to taxis and express shuttles to Dublin airport. Every 30 minutes a shuttle departs from across the street from the hotel, non-stop, to the airport. Visit <https://www.aircoach.ie/> and choose Depart from: Dublin City Centre, O'Connell St, opposite RIU Gresham Hotel to Dublin Airport Terminal 2 (Zone 20)

*(FLIGHTS ARE NOT INCLUDED AND MUST BE BOOKED BY THE TRAVELER) Please note you will need to travel Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> to make morning arrival on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Example: United – Flight 23 Flight time 6hr 55min

Convenient flights Dublin departing from Newark Airport.

Convenient flights with service to Dublin also from JFK and many other US airports.

## **Itinerary (subject to change)**

### **Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> Welcome to Ireland: Bodenstown, Enniscorthy and Kilkenny**

Bus departs Dublin Airport 9:00 am

Visit to Wolfe Tone's grave Bodenstown.

The gravesite of Theobald Wolfe Tone, father of Irish Republicanism, has been a place of pilgrimage for Irish Nationalists since at least 1873, when the 75th anniversary of his death was recognized with much pomp. Patrick Pearse delivered the traditional graveside oration in June of 1913 declaring to those assembled that they had come to the "holiest place in Ireland," and that he found it difficult to speak in so hallowed a place. In this, the first stop of our tour, we will join the long line of Irish men and women who have paid their respects to the man whose goal was "to substitute the common name of Irishmen in place of the denomination of Protestant, Catholic and Dissenter...."

Travel to Enniscorthy, visit Vinegar Hill site of 1798 rebellion.

The high-water mark of the Rebellion of 1798 in Wexford came at Vinegar Hill on June 21, 1798. After early successes, the United Irish forces had consolidated on this high point east of Enniscorthy. Among those in the Irish camp was the famous Father John Murphy of Monageer Parish (Boolavogue) who had acceded to the requests of his parishioners to take up arms and lead them in the fight for Ireland's freedom. The homemade pikes of the Irish people, alas were no match for British artillery and in the words of the poet Seamus Heaney, "the hillside blushed, soaked in our broken wave..." At this stop, we will stand atop Vinegar Hill, where the view is much as it was in 1798 and reflect upon the events of 1798 and the Irish men and women who gave their lives pursuing the dream of Liberty.

Visit The National 1798 Rebellion Centre, Enniscorthy

Travel to Kilkenny, check in Kilford Arms Hotel

Group Dinner at Hotel

### **Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> Kilkenny, Graiguenamanagh, St Mullins, Borris**

The bus departs from the hotel at 10 am for a day in the country and off the beaten path.

Travel to County Carlow, photo stop at Clashganny and weather permitting

travelers can choose to take a walk or a bike ride on the Barrow Way. Walk the beautiful Barrow Way from Clashganny to Graiguenamanagh, just a little under 2 miles or bike the Barrow Way from Graiguenamanagh to St Mullins, about 4 ½ miles. (Additional cost for bikers). Arrive St. Mullins, a beautiful, picturesque village in County Carlow. Local historian will accompany us as we tour the village churches, high cross, round tower, holy well, cemetery and historic motte (moat). We will visit Blanchfield's pub in the village, where we will have dinner and be entertained by local musicians. Departing St Mullins, we will stop in Borris County Carlow to visit O'Shea's old world grocery pub to enjoy some traditional Irish music before heading back to Kilkenny.

### **Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> Depart Kilkenny, Cobh, Midleton and Kinsale**

Depart Hotel 1000am travel to Cobh to visit the Annie Moore statue at the Cobh Heritage Center.

Ancestors of many on our trip will have undoubtedly taken their last look at Ireland as the ship taking them to North America sailed out of C  bh harbor. The statue of Annie Moore, the first person to be processed through Ellis Island, stands on the waterfront, a silent sentinel and tribute to the more than two million Irish men and woman who passed through this port town as they emigrated to America. The R.M.S. Titanic made its last port call in C  bh before proceeding on its ill-fated voyage. C  bh (Spike Island) was also one of the strategically important "Treaty Ports" initially retained by the British in the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, then handed over to the Free State, to the delight of Eamon de Valera and horror of Winston Churchill, in 1938.

Depart Cobh, travel to Midleton and visit the Kindred Spirits memorial to the Choctaw Native Americans who sent donations to Ireland's starving during the Great Hunger. Depart the memorial and travel to Midleton distillery for a tour and tasting at the home of Jameson. Once the tour is completed travel to Trident hotel Kinsale, check in and group dinner.

#### **Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> Free Day in Kinsale.**

One of Ireland's most beautiful towns, famous for its history, food, and location. Enjoy a free day in Kinsale, the site of the infamous siege and battle of 1601/02 that ended in defeat for O'Neill, O'Donnell, and their Spanish allies, with disastrous results for Gaelic Ireland.

Optional tour to be offered to those that would like to visit the Kinsale 9/11 Garden of Remembrance. Kinsale native Kathleen Cait Murphy was a senior staff nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, where she befriended Father Mychal Judge. Shocked by the loss of life on 9/11, she decided to create a memorial to all the members of the FDNY who were lost on that day. 343 trees were planted to remember each fire fighter that was lost.

#### **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> Depart Kinsale, B  al na Bl  ath, Cork, Killarney**

Depart Hotel 9am

B  al na Bl  ath, Cork A roadside monument marks the spot where Michael Collins was mortally wounded when his column was ambushed by Anti-Treaty forces on August 22, 1922. We will stop at this site to examine the events that led to that fateful day and consider what followed from Collins' death, what was and what might have been. Travel to Killarney and visiting Muckross House, Gardens and Traditional Farms, Kerry's premier visitor attraction. Set in the heart of Killarney National Park, Muckross is known throughout the world for its scenic beauty and cultural attractions, including the magnificent house itself. After the visit, travel to Killarney hotel, the Fairview, group dinner at local restaurant being arranged.

#### **Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> The Ring of Kerry with stop at Derrynane**

Depart hotel 930am and travel the Ring of Kerry, a scenic drive around the Iveragh Peninsula in southwest Ireland's County Kerry. Its 111 mile-long, circular route takes in rugged and verdant coastal landscapes and rural seaside villages.

Located on the Ring of Kerry, we will visit Derrynane House, the home of Daniel O'Connell, champion of Catholic Emancipation and leader of the Irish Nationalist Party in the British Parliament. Located in the far reaches of County Kerry, on the Iveragh Peninsula, Derrynane

House, now an Irish National Monument, will serve as the focal point of our exploration of the life, triumphs and failures of the man who was known as “The Liberator.”

### **Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> Free Day in Killarney**

Enjoy yourself in one of Ireland’s most famous towns. Visit <https://killarney.ie/things-to-do/>  
To plan your day.

### **Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> Depart Killarney, Rock of Cashel, New Grange, Hill of Tara, Dublin**

Depart hotel 800am.

Rock of Cashel sometimes known as the “High King of Irish Monuments,” was the traditional seat of the Kings of Munster. This magnificent group of structures, situated on a mound rising from the County Tipperary countryside, is the finest example of medieval architecture in Ireland. Brian Boru, who wrested the kingship of Munster from the Eónanochta clans and then established himself as the High King of Ireland, was crowned here in 978.

New Grange/Hill of Tara. These remarkable pre-Christian sites speak to the highly developed civilization that existed in ancient Ireland. The Stone Age builders of the Newgrange monument in the Boyne Valley demonstrated their sophistication by aligning the passage to the main chamber to take light at the Winter Solstice every year. The burial mound at the Hill of Tara dates to the Iron Age and later became the seat of the High Kings of Ireland.

Travel to Dublin check in Holiday Inn at O’Connell St, group dinner.

### **Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Dublin**

GPO and Kilmainham Jail on April 24, 1916, Patrick Pearse stepped out in front of the General Post Office (“GPO”) on O’Connell Street in Dublin and proclaimed an Irish Republic. Pearse famously acknowledged Irish America in the Proclamation, noting that Ireland, in striking for her freedom, was “supported by her exiled children in America.” Our group of descendants of those exiled children will visit the GPO and other 1916 battle sites. We will also visit Kilmainham Jail, where Pearse and other leaders of the Rising were executed between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

We will then travel to Glasnevin, Ireland's National Cemetery where the stories of 1.5 million people are faithfully preserved at Ireland's largest burial place, a beautifully restored garden cemetery featuring epic monuments to Ireland’s past. From poets and presidents, singers, and suffragettes, the ordinary and the extraordinary - the stories of those who shaped Ireland's history are brought to life.

### **Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Free Day in Dublin**

All travelers will have a 24-hour bus pass included with this trip. The first stop of the tour is 200 yards from the hotel. More information at

<https://city-sightseeing.com/en/50/dublin>

### **Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> Tour ends, depart for US.**

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