

Carrickfergus Castle

'Belfast & Donegal' Tour, April 2027

Belfast City, Titanic Experience, Walled City of Derry, Ulster American Folk Park, Fanad Lighthouse, Glenveagh National Park & Castle, Crolly Distillery,

10 Nights: Wed April 14th – Fri 23rd April (Dispersing Saturday morning of 24th April)

The Park Inn at Shannon AirportCo Clare	1 Night
Belfast Hilton , BelfastCo Antrim	4 Nights
Rathmullan House Hotel, Co Donegal	4 Nights
The Park Inn at Shannon AirportCo Clare	1 Night

(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

Check or money order only, payable to Mahog Music. (No credit card, sorry)

Mahog Music, PO Box 1256, Talent, OR 97540 USA

Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B – Coach - Activities/Visits - Meal-tips.

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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Proposed Itinerary: Weather in April can affect slight changes.

Day 1 Wednesday 14th April, 2027

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the

Park Inn, and check in under MAHOG MUSIC TOURS.

6.00pm, we gather in the bar for a Welcome Drink, prior to Dinner at 7.00pm

Evening After Dinner: Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.

Hotel Park Inn, Shannon Airport, Co Clare

Day 2 Thursday 15th April, 2027

Activity After breakfast we depart the Park Inn for a visit to the **EPIC** – The Irish

Emigration Museum, in Dublin, then on to Belfast for 4.00pm arrival.

(Independent Lunch at Battle of the Boyne)

Evening After Dinner: Entertainment free to settle in.

Hotel Belfast Hilton, Belfast...Co Antrim

Day 3 Friday 16thApril, 2027

Activity Depart from our hotel for a guided walking tour of the city of Belfast through

sites of historical and political interest, and key landmarks throughout the city. In the afternoon we will visit the Titanic visitor center for **The Experience**.

(Independent Lunch)

Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.

Hotel Belfast Hilton, Belfast...Co Antrim

Day 4 Saturday 17th April, 2027

Activity Today we will visit **Crumlin Road Gaol** for a guided tour; discover over 150

years of history through Northern Ireland's only remaining Victorian Era prison. After lunch we will embark on the black taxi tour. This is a Belfast political mural tour where passengers get to explore and experience the famous West Belfast murals. We will hear first-hand the raw side of historic Belfast City, and its colourful history, with local guides who have lived through the troubles and

have many stories to tell. (Independent Lunch)

Evening After Dinner: Free night to head into town or relax at the hotel.

Hotel Belfast Hilton, Belfast...Co Antrim

Day 5 Sunday 18th April, 2027

Activity Morning free in Belfast. After lunch we will visit Carrickfergus Castle, a

Norman castle on the northern shore of Belfast Lough. For more than 800 years, Carrickfergus Castle has been an imposing monument and is one of the best-preserved medieval structures in Ireland. We will then take a short drive to **Belfast Castle**. Belfast Castle sits at the foot of Cave Hill and is one of the most

iconic locations from which to view the stunning skyline of Belfast.

(Independent Lunch)

Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.

Hotel Belfast Hilton, Belfast...Co Antrim

Day 6 Monday 19th April, 2027

Activity Depart Belfast for Donegal via Omagh where we will we visit the <u>Ulster</u>

<u>American Folk Park</u> in Co Tyrone. This facility is under the auspices of National Museums Northern Ireland. Immerse yourself in the story of the brave emigrants who made the journey across the Atlantic to America hundreds of years

ago.

Arrive at Rathmullan approx. 5.30pm. (Independent Lunch at the Folk Park)

Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.

Hotel Rathmullan House Hotel, Co Donegal

Day 7 Tuesday 20th April, 2027

Activity After breakfast we depart for Glenveagh National Park and Castle which lies in

the heart of County Donegal, nestled among the wild and rugged landscape of the Derryveagh Mountains. Its pristine habitats and protected wildlife, and its trails taking in the stunning Victorian Castle and Gardens along Lough Veagh make Glenveagh the ideal escape for lovers of the natural world. From Glenveagh we drive to Gweedore to visit the <u>Crolly Distillery</u>, Donegal's first functioning

licensed whiskey distillery in 180 years. (Provided Lunch at Loe's Tavern in Crolly)

Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.

Hotel Rathmullan House Hotel, Co Donegal

Day 8 Wednesday 21st April, 2027

Activity Morning Free!

Morning free to explore the village of Rathmullan, take a swim, a walk, etc... After lunch, we will drive the <u>Wild Atlantic Way</u>. Untouched and virtually unexplored, this ruggedly beautiful and remote region lies in the far north of Donegal. We will visit <u>Fanad Lighthouse</u> for a fantastic insight into the history

of the lighthouse and the beautiful Fanad Peninsula. (Lunch on your own in town or at the hotel)

Evening After dinner: Entertainment with James, Hughie Boyle and world champion Irish

dancers Niamh and Gavin Shevlin.

Hotel Rathmullan House Hotel, Co Donegal

Day 9 Thursday 22nd April, 2027

Activity Today we travel to the famous **Walled City of Derry** for a guided walk. This

city is alive with history, not only from centuries ago, but also more recent. Some

free time in Derry for an independent lunch and shopping.

Arrive at Rathmullan approx. 5.30pm.

(Independent Lunch in Derry)

Evening After Dinner: free to relax and pack for our return to Shannon.

Hotel Rathmullan House Hotel, Co Donegal

Day 10 Friday 23rd April, 2027

Activity Depart for return to Shannon. En route, we will stop at <u>Yeats's grave</u> in

Drumcliff, Sligo.

Arriving back at the Park Inn, Shannon at 5.30pm for our final dinner.

(Independent Lunch at Drumcliffe)

Evening 7pm Dinner: James hosts a final concert program with Special Guests: Andrew

MacNamara (Accordion) Mark Donnellan (fiddle) Brendan Hearty (Guitar &

Vocals)

Hotel Park Inn, Shannon Airport, Co Clare

Day 11 Saturday 24th April, 2027

Activity Breakfast is included and served between 6:30am and 10.00am. (Not as a group)

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!

You could plan to fly out of this morning...or make other plans.

For those staying an additional night, or nights, at the Park Inn before or after the tour, we will ask you in good time if extra nights are required and will process and make the reservations on your behalf. You don't need to contact the Park Inn; just show up with your Credit Card.

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