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A Thousand Years of Ireland

September 8 – 17, 2019

Sunday, September 8, 2019 ~ The Cliffs of Moher ~ Burren Centre ~ Bunratty Feast ~

Arriving **Shannon, Ireland** per our own schedules, we'll meet as a group this morning at **Bunratty Castle Hotel**. Our adventure begins with a visit to **The Cliffs of Moher**, rising some 700 feet over the rugged Atlantic coast. After lunch we stop at **The Burren Centre**, with state-of-the-art exhibits covering an array of flora and wildlife, ancient megalithic tombs, and monuments older than Egypt's pyramids. Next door are the ruins of scenic **Kilfenora Cathedral**. Returning to our hotel, the evening promises a special Welcome Dinner at **Bunratty Castle**, a medieval citadel where we'll be treated to an ancient banquet featuring costumed actors, musical performances, and food and drink from the period.



Monday, September 9, 2019 ~ The Dingle Peninsula ~ Bunratty ~

After breakfast we'll travel to the stunningly beautiful **Dingle Peninsula**, western most part of Ireland. *Residents are fond of saying, "The next parish over is Boston."* Dotted with fascinating remnants of prehistoric Ireland, it's a gorgeous area, perfectly suited for photos, scenic walks and picturesque picnics (*yes, we've planned one for today*). Returning to Bunratty this afternoon, we'll enjoy another dinner in this picturesque village.



Tuesday, September 10, 2019 ~ Connemara ~ Clifden Bay ~ Yeats ~ Sligo ~



We'll breakfast at the Bunratty this morning before journeying through gorgeous **Connemara**, and to **Dan O'Hara's Homestead Farm**, a restored pre-famine cottage and farm operated by the O'Hara family until they were forced to emigrate in the 1840's. Lunch today is at the **Boardwalk Café**, with homemade Irish cuisine and spectacular seaside views of **Clifden Bay**. Outside **Sligo**, we'll pause at **Drumcliffe Church**, final resting place of **W. B. Yeats**, one of Ireland's literary immortals. Yeats helped to found Ireland's national theatre, The Abbey. In his later years he served as a Senator of the Irish Free State. Dinner and overnight tonight at **The Glass House** hotel.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 ~ Sligo ~ Londonderry ~ Belfast ~

After breakfast we'll travel to Londonderry, home to the **Museum of Free Derry**, focusing on the turbulent era known as **The Troubles** and the Free Derry Irish nationalist movement of the early 1970s. It was here, on January 30, 1972, a day which would become known as '**Bloody Sunday**,' when Catholic protesters were gunned down by British soldiers. The killings brought worldwide attention to the sectarian crisis. We'll also cross Derry's famed **Peace Bridge** spanning the **River Foyle**, representing a 400 year old physical and political gap within a once bitterly divided community. This afternoon we'll check into the world-class **Grand Central Belfast**, boasting the best views in town.



Over, please ...

Thursday, September 12, 2019 ~ Ulster American Folk Park ~ Belfast ~

We'll breakfast at the hotel before exploring **Ulster American Folk Park**, which brings to life the human drama behind three centuries of Irish emigration, telling the remarkable story of the vast human tide that crossed the Atlantic for the New World. Tour thatched cottages, including the famous **Mellon Homestead**, climb aboard a crowded sailing ship of the period, and explore homesteads of our American frontier. An array of period characters share their traditional crafts and tell tales of Irish lore. This afternoon we'll visit the **Belfast Botanic Gardens**. Established in 1828, these spectacular gardens boast hundreds of exotic species from the Southern Hemisphere.



Friday, September 13, 2019 ~ Giant's Causeway ~ Titanic Museum ~ RMS Titanic Feast ~

After breakfast we'll explore the eerie geological formation known as **The Giant's Causeway**. Some 40,000 massive basalt columns rising from the sea, they have inspired legends of giants striding over to Scotland. After lunch, we visit **Titanic Belfast**, the world's largest Titanic attraction and Europe's most popular museum. Experience the shipyard on an automated ride, the excitement of launch day, and a stroll on her decks, as nine spectacular interactive galleries bring the story of RMS Titanic dramatically to life. This evening we have arranged something extra special – the same **Nine-Course Dinner Menu** served to the first-class passengers on the fateful night of **April 12, 1912**. We'll enjoy this dinner at **Rayanne House**, built in 1886, with lovely views of **The Lough** from which Titanic first sailed.



Saturday, September 14, 2019 ~

We'll breakfast at the hotel before visiting the fields of the **Battle of the Boyne**, site of the infamous battle between two faiths that occurred on July 1, 1690. Here rival monarchs James II and William III clashed violently with lasting consequences for French dominance in Europe, religious power in Ireland, and the British throne itself. Arriving **Dublin**, lunch today is in **Brewer's Dining Hall** at the **Guinness Storehouse & Museum**, regarded as "the Holy Grail" of brewing by many a beer lover. After lunch we'll be treated to **The Guinness Story** tour. This afternoon we visit **Kilmainham Gaol**, the former prison that held many Irish revolutionaries, including leaders of the 1916 Rising, who were later executed by the British. Our lodgings for the next three nights are at the incomparable **O'Callaghan Mont Clare** hotel, situated in the heart of downtown Dublin.



Sunday, September 15, 2019 ~

After breakfast at the hotel we'll visit **Dublin Castle**. Originally built in the 13th century on a site previously settled by the Vikings, it has functioned as a military fortress, prison, treasury, courts of law and seat of English governance in Ireland for 700 years. Next, we'll tour **EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum**, an immersive, interactive museum whose twenty galleries relate the history of the Irish diaspora. After lunch, we'll experience **Evensong** at **Saint Patrick's Cathedral**. Dinner this evening is on our own.



Monday, September 16, 2019 ~ Dublin ~ Book of Kells ~ GPO ~ Gardens ~



We'll breakfast at the hotel before visiting **Trinity College**, home to **The Book of Kells**, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval text. Written around 800 AD, it contains a richly decorated copy of the four gospels in Latin. After lunch we'll visit the **General Post Office**, headquarters of the 1916 Easter Rising, which now houses an extensive museum recalling that historic week. Our last stop today is at the **Garden of Remembrance**, a memorial to the memory of those who gave their lives in the cause of **Irish Freedom**. The balance of this afternoon free. A special **Farewell Dinner** this evening.

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 ~ Dublin ~

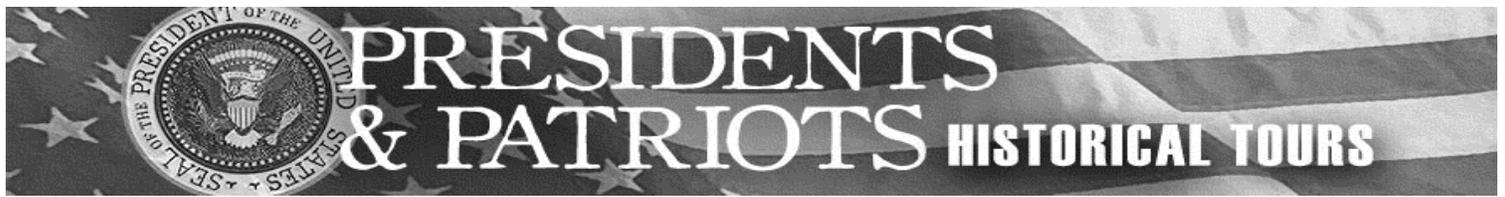
Breakfast is again included this morning before departing Dublin per our own schedules.

\$5995 pp DOUBLE OCCUPANCY / \$6,995 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

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Your Escorted Tour Includes:

- Entire tour hosted and narrated by author and presidential historian **Richard Norton Smith**.
- **Deluxe transportation** via climate controlled motor coach, featuring on-board restroom, individual **110-volt power supply** access (for cell phones, DVD players, iPads or lap tops), as well as **Wi-Fi** (if available) throughout.
- Meeting/Departing from the lobby of **The Bunratty Castle Hotel** in **County Clare, Ireland** on the morning of **Sunday, September 8** at **9:00am**. The hotel is approximately 8 miles east of **Shannon Airport**.
- **Nine (9) nights outstanding accommodations** at **The Bunratty Castle Hotel** in **County Clare** (September 8 and 9); **The Glass House Hotel** in **Sligo** (September 10); **The Grand Central** in **Belfast, Northern Ireland** (September 11, 12 and 13); **The O'Callaghan Mont Clare** in **Dublin** (September 14, 15 and 16).
- **Complete baggage handling** for one bag per person.
- **Meals: Tour includes nine (9) breakfasts, seven (7) lunches, and eight (8) dinners.**
- **Admission fees** to all historic sites, attractions and museums listed on the itinerary.
- **All taxes and gratuities** for all group functions, including meals, guides, bellmen, and motor coach driver.
- Please note that there will be a fair amount of walking involved on this tour.
- **Arriving Early?** We have set aside a number of rooms at the Bunratty Castle Hotel for those wishing to arrive a day or two early to get accustomed to the time change. Guests may arrive on September 6 or September 7, be sure to let us know and we will book your early room for you. Guests responsible for additional room cost.
- **Insurance: Presidents & Patriots Tours offers highly affordable travel insurance through *I Travel Insured* to protect your travel investment from unforeseen circumstances. To obtain insurance, please telephone ITI at (866) 347-6673 and simply mention "Presidents and Patriots tour in Ireland, September 2019".**
- **Deposit:** To maintain quality, space on this tour is limited. A **\$1,000.00** deposit per person is required to confirm your reservation. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Tour arrangements by **Presidents & Patriots Historical Tours**, which reserves the right to modify this itinerary in order to maintain the quality of the tour.
- **Balance:** Final payment must be received by Presidents and Patriots Tours on or before **June 15, 2019**. Cancellations made after this date are subject to loss of full tour cost unless suppliers grant exception.
- **NOTE:** Presidents & Patriots Historical Tours is not a full-service travel agency. Tour participants can save by making their own transportation arrangements TO Bunratty Castle Hotel near **Shannon, Ireland**, on or before **September 8, 2019** and FROM Dublin, Ireland on or after **September 17, 2019**.
- The major airport servicing Shannon, Ireland is **Shannon Airport (SNN)**. The ride to The Bunratty Castle Hotel is approximately 8 miles by taxi. The **Dublin Airport (DUB)** is the primary airport serving Dublin, Ireland and is approximately 7 miles from the Mont Clare Hotel.

\$ 5,995 pp / Double Occupancy ~ \$ 6,995 / Single Occupancy

Tour Reservation Line: (202) 657-7444 OR Info@presidentsandpatriots.com



PRESIDENTS & PATRIOTS HISTORICAL TOURS

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TRAVELER # 1 INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

TRAVELER'S NAME: _____	MOBILE PHONE: _____
PREFERRED FIRST NAME ON NAME TAG: _____	WORK PHONE: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____	DIET RESTRICTIONS?: YES / NO _____
HOME PHONE: _____	PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____
ABLE TO WALK MEDIUM DISTANCES, STAND FOR PERIODS AND USE THE STAIRS? YES / NO _____	IF ANSWERING NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

TRAVELER # 2 INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

TRAVELER'S NAME: _____	MOBILE PHONE: _____
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CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	DIET RESTRICTIONS?: YES / NO _____
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ACCOMODATIONS PREFERENCES (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

* ROOM TYPE: ONE BED / TWO BEDS

** Based on hotel availability. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests.*

RESERVATION & DEPOSIT (\$1,000.00 PER PERSON REQUIRED TO HOLD RESERVATION)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$ 5,995 PP

SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$ 6,995 PP

PERSONS TRAVELING: _____

CHECK #: _____

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 P.P.): \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER AND RELEASE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOUR REGISTRATION IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BELOW. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ, SIGN, AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT. YOU WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED ON THE TOUR UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND SIGNED THE TOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Each registrant named on the reverse desires to participate in the tour(s) listed thereon. Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily WAIVES, RELEASES, SAVES, HOLDS HARMLESS and INDEMNIFIES Presidents and Patriots History Tours LLC, also referred to as Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation, its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, attorneys, contractors and sub-contractors, past, present, and future, and their respective heirs, legal and personal representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, "Released Parties"), and all of their respective properties, assets and interests ("Released Property") from, any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, costs, losses, liabilities, expenses, compensation, controversies, disputes, obligations, debts, dues and liens whatsoever, on account of, or in any way arising out of, any and all known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen loss of life or personal injury, loss or damage to property, and the consequences thereof, directly or indirectly resulting from, incident to, in connection with, or arising out of that registrant's participation in the tour(s) (collectively, "Claims").

Deposit and Cancellation Policy - I/we have read the Deposit and Cancellation Policy and I/we understand, consent to and agree to be bound by the conditions and provisions stated in said policy. Cancellations made after the cut-off date for this tour (see date at bottom of this page) are subject to loss of full tour cost unless suppliers grant exception. Except for the health problems that I/we listed on this registration form, each registrant is in good physical health and able to tolerate the physical demands of the tour(s). Any controversy, claim or cause of action arising out of or relating to this Release and Indemnity Agreement or the performance by the Released Parties of their obligation of the tour, including, without limitation, any claim or cause of action relating to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall first be submitted by Registrant and the Released Parties to non-binding mediation in Allegan County, Michigan.

If the controversy is not settled at mediation, the controversy, claim or cause of action shall be submitted, at the sole discretion of Released Parties, to arbitration in Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing and applying the laws of the state of Michigan. No waiver of this agreement to arbitrate shall be enforceable on the parties, and judgment hereon may be entered by a court in Allegan County, Michigan having subject matter jurisdiction. If Released Parties do not elect to have a controversy, claim or cause of action submitted to arbitration, exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any suit based upon a claim otherwise subject to arbitration under this agreement shall be in Allegan County, Michigan. Released Parties shall have the right, even after suit is filed, to require submission to arbitration by motion filed in the case within 120 days after service of process, summons, citation or statement of claim on Released Parties. Registrant and Related parties agree and stipulate that this agreement to arbitrate and the related agreements and transactions are in or affect interstate commerce.

This agreement to mediate, arbitrate, or submit controversies or claims to courts does not waive or modify the Release and Indemnity as contained in this Release and Indemnity Agreement. I/we have read and understand this Release and Indemnity Agreement, which contains the entire and final agreement relating to the subject matter thereof. Its terms shall be binding on me/us and on my/our heirs, legal representatives and assigns. If any provision of this Release and Indemnity Agreement is determined to be void, unenforceable, ineffective, or against public policy, that provision shall be disregarded and deemed removed from this Release and Indemnity Agreement, and shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Release and Indemnity Agreement. The terms of this Release and Indemnity Agreement are contractual and not mere recitals. This Release and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Michigan. Venue for any action between registrant, Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours, LLC and any other party arising out of this agreement or the tours offered by Presidents and Patriots Historical Tours LLC shall be in Allegan County, Michigan.

Notice of Host Responsibilities - This tour is scheduled to be hosted and led by author and presidential historian Richard Norton Smith. In the event of illness or other unforeseen event, Presidents and Patriots reserves the right to replace Mr. Smith with another host of its choosing.

Travel Insurance Recommendation - Presidents and Patriots History Tours LLC strongly recommends that all tour participants purchase travel insurance to protect their travel investment. Travel insurance is insurance that is intended to cover transportation, medical expenses and other losses incurred while traveling. If tour participants elect not to purchase travel insurance, by signing below they understand they are subject to loss of entire deposit and tour cost should an unexpected event occur and they are unable to travel on this tour.

I have read the foregoing Release and Indemnity Agreement and understand the Release and Indemnity Agreement, and agree to be bound by the Release and Indemnity Agreement. I have also read and agree to be bound by the Deposit and Cancellation Policy, and have read and understand the Travel Insurance Recommendation.

CUT-OFF DATE: August 15, 2019

Traveler/Participant #1 - Signature: _____ Date: _____

Traveler/Participant #2 - Signature: _____ Date: _____

KINDLY COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT TO:

**PRESIDENTS & PATRIOTS TOURS
ATTN: TOUR RESERVATIONS
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