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FALL IN IRELAND

September 21 – October 5, 2022

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 21: Evening departure from Toronto to Dublin on Air Canada.

Day 2 - Thursday, September 22: Arrival in Dublin, and transfer to the historic town of Drogheda. Visit to the site of the fateful 1690 Battle of the Boyne, a dramatic turning point in the history of the island. Then we check into the centrally located first-class/4-star d Hotel – yes, that’s its name! (www.thedhotel.com). Afternoon free. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 3 – Friday, September 23: Morning visit to Brú na Bóinne (“Palace of the Boyne”), a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring Europe’s largest collection of prehistoric megalithic monuments, much older than the Pyramids of Egypt! On across the now virtually invisible border between the Republic and Northern Ireland to the small town of Downpatrick, for a visit to the tomb of Saint Patrick, located within the grounds of Down Cathedral, and the adjoining Saint Patrick Visitor Centre. Afternoon arrival in the capital, Belfast. Dinner and overnight in the Maldron Hotel Belfast.

Day 4 – Saturday, September 24: Morning sightseeing tour of Belfast, with sights such as City Hall, Saint Anne's Cathedral, Royal Avenue, the main shopping street, Belfast Castle, Stormont Parliament Buildings, and the Political Murals of the nationalist Falls and the unionist Shankill

city districts. Also visit to “Titanic Belfast,” a new, world-class exhibition on the famous liner that was built in a local shipyard (www.titanicbelfast.com/Home.aspx). Rest of the day at leisure. No group dinner this evening.

Day 5 - Sunday, September 25: After breakfast, we drive from Belfast to the most popular tourist attraction in Northern Ireland, the Giants’ Causeway, tens of thousands of interlocking basalt columns, created by an ancient volcanic eruption, starting at the base of a cliff and gradually disappearing in the sea (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giant%27s_Causeway). Afterwards we head for Bushmills, established in 1609, the world’s oldest licensed whiskey distillery, for a tasting of their famous product. On to the historical town of Derry (or, as some prefer, Londonderry) for some free time to explore the ancient fortifications, shopping and overnight in the 4-star Maldron Derry Hotel (www.maldronhotelderry.com).

Day 6 - Monday, September 26: This morning we cross back into the Republic and explore Ireland’s rugged northwestern coastline in the vicinity of towns such as Ardara and Killybegs. Visit to the spectacular Slieve League sea cliffs, among the highest in Europe with an altitude of 600 m! Depending on circumstances, we make our way along the coast or across the majestic Glengesh Pass to Donegal, a picturesque town situated at the mouth of the River Eske and at the base of the Bluestack Mountains. Dinner and overnight in the excellent traditional Abbey Hotel (www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com).

Day 7 - Tuesday, September 27: Departure from Donegal after breakfast. We motor south to Sligo through scenery that inspired much of the poetry of the famous Noble Prize-winning Irish poet, W. B. Yeats, whose grave we visit in the village of Drumcliffe. On to Turlough for a visit to the excellent Museum of Country Life, and to the very picturesque village of Cong, where we explore the ruins of an ancient monastery. Arrival in Galway, the most important city in West Ireland, and a very popular tourist destination full of historical buildings, museums, interesting shops...and lively pubs! Did you know that Columbus visited here prior to his famous crossing of the Atlantic? Dinner and overnight in the first-class/4-star Connacht Hotel (www.theconnacht.ie).

Day 8 - Wednesday, September 28: Today we explore the Connemara Peninsula, barren and windswept but considered to be one of the most beautiful landscapes anywhere in the world, with mountains, lakes, bogs, heaths, and forests. The inhabitants of this region still speak Gaelic, the original, Celtic language of the island. Our tour includes stops in quaint coastal communities such as Clifden and Letterfrack as well as a visit to Kylemore Abbey, Ireland’s most romantic Castle, surrounded by magnificent Victorian gardens. Return to Galway in late afternoon and free time to check out the historical city centre, including the monument to Columbus, shop, have a pint in a pub! No group dinner this evening.

Day 9 - Thursday, September 29: Our excursion today is to the rocky Aran Islands, featuring spectacular scenery, including magnificent cliffs! (http://wikitravel.org/en/Aran_Islands). Return to our hotel and evening free

Day 10 - Friday, September 30: We leave Galway and drive around Galway Bay to explore the Burren National Park, a fascinating karst landscape (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Burren),

and pause to admire the Cliffs of Moher, an impressive wall of rock rising as high as 200 m above the waters of the Atlantic Ocean! On to the quaint village of Bunratty in County Clare for visits to its authentic medieval castle and the neighbouring Folk Park, where reconstructed old cottages and historical buildings recreate the atmosphere of 19th century rural Ireland. In the afternoon we stop in Foynes, where Pan Am Clippers used to land in the 1930s and 1940s, and visit the Flying Boat Museum. Dinner and overnight in the 4-star Hotel Arbutus (www.arbutuskillarney.com) in Killarney, a popular tourist town in Southwestern Ireland's County Kerry.

Day 11 - Saturday, October 1: Today we drive the Ring of Kerry, 150 km of breathtaking scenery and arguably the most beautiful coastal road in Europe! We stop frequently for photos, of course. Also visits to a farm for a sheepdog demonstration and to the Skellig Experience, a series of displays about the lives of the hermits who lived in total isolation on the offshore Skellig Islands during the Middle Ages, and about the wildlife along the coast. Return to Killarney in late afternoon. No group dinner this evening.

Day 12 - Sunday, October 2: Departure from Killarney after breakfast. We motor to Cork and visit nearby Blarney Castle, famous for the Blarney stone that supposedly gives the gift of eloquence to all those who kiss it! Also time for some shopping at the Blarney Woollen Mills, the world's largest Irish gift shop. In the afternoon we visit the Rock of Cashel, "Ireland's Acropolis", with the ruins of its 12th century church on our way to Dublin. Transfer to our superior tourist-category located in the heart of the Irish capital. Group dinner this evening.

Day 13 - Monday, October 3: After breakfast, panoramic coach tour of the Irish capital, with O'Connell Street and the Spire as well as the General Post Office, which served as headquarters of the Irish Rebels during the 1916 Easter Rising; Ha'penny Bridge and the scenic banks of the Liffey River; historic Dublin Castle; Christchurch Cathedral; Merrion Square with its memories of Oscar Wilde; the renovated harbour district with the imposing old Customs House; and Phoenix Park, the largest urban park in Europe, with the residence of the President of Ireland and the US Embassy. In the afternoon, excursion to Glendalough, an idyllic valley associated with one of Ireland's famous saints, St Kevin, and visit to the romantic ruins of St. Kevin's Monastery with its typical round tower and Celtic crosses. Return to Dublin. Evening free.

Day 14 - Tuesday, October 4: Morning visit to Trinity College's Old Library to view the famous Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript dating back to approximately 800 AD, and the Old Library with its famous Long Hall. On to the impressive National Museum of Ireland, featuring artifacts of Prehistory, the Celts, Vikings, etc., for an open-ended visit. The rest of the day is free to shop along nearby pedestrian Grafton Street (where you will undoubtedly notice the famous statue of Molly Malone selling cockles and mussels!) or explore Dublin on your own. This evening, our farewell dinner will be accompanied by traditional Irish music and dance!

Day 15 - Wednesday, October 5: After breakfast, short transfer to the airport in time for the return flight to Toronto.

Tour cost: Land Only - \$4,995 based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$795.

Included in the tour price are:

- Accommodation based on double occupancy in a combination of superior tourist-class (3-star) and first-class (4-star) hotels;
- Breakfast daily and a total of seven 3-course dinners;
- Overland transportation by private coach;
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned;
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.

Not included:

- Airfare;
- Items of a personal nature;
- Travel insurance. It's available from the office.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible. We request you send your registration together with a deposit of \$750.00 per person. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form and a cheque or e-transfer of the deposit.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 85 days prior of the departure date. For cancellation received in writing 84 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

- 84 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost;
- 60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost;
- Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in

which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.

2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.

3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and

agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection. It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice. Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare's conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on "Fall in Ireland" tour September 21 – October 5, 2022

___ I/We have submitted our E-transfer payment (\$750.00 per person) to tours@pauwelstravel.com

___ A cheque is attached for my/our deposit.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR END DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S): Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required? YES NO Are you willing to share? YES
 NO

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) double (1 bed)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers, etc., here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Please let me know about any group flight arrangements. We will make our own flight arrangements.

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____

Signature(s) _____

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