

Trevor Marmalade's

GAELIC FOOTBALL TOUR

To our New Group Member,

Firstly I would like to welcome you to Trevor Marmalade's "Gaelic Football Tour". It has been two years since Australia won the series for the first time on Irish soil. The Irish not doubt will be desperate to hold on to the trophy, which they won back last year. This makes for an exciting tournament ahead. As a country Ireland is full of cultural highlights for the tourists. This provides us with the perfect location to support the Australian team and the opportunity to take advantage of some magnificent sightseeing.

Trevor Marmalade: We are delighted to have Trevor host this tour on our behalf. Trevor is notorious as the man "behind the bar" on Channel Nine's "Footy Show". We are sure that Trevor will not feel out of place at many of the local Irish Bars on tour. Trevor's sharp wit and relaxed personality will compliment our tour beautifully. Our host is very excited about this tour and has played a crucial role in the planning. Trevor has insisted on a nice mix of sightseeing, free time and nightlife.

Visas: Australian passport holders do not require a visa to enter the Ireland for a stay of up to 90 days.

Water: Tap water is considered safe to drink in Ireland. Bottled water is recommended for those with a weak stomach.

Travel Insurance: Highly recommended for any international travel. In the case of illness or accident the Covermore Top Insurance coverage will cover medical expenses to an unlimited amount. It is also important to have insurance for any personal luggage which may get lost or broken. Travel insurance forms are enclosed with this letter.

Money: The Irish currency has recently changed to Euros. The exchange rate for Euros is approximately EUR 0.57 = AUD 1. Australian dollars can be readily

exchanged at all major banks or any of the international hotels that we are staying. Most ATM's in Ireland do not accept foreign credit cards for withdrawing money. A Cash advance from your credit card is available at all of the major banks. The most commonly accepted cards are Visa, Master Card and American Express.

Meals: Buffet breakfast is included at each of the hotels during your stay. Please note that meals are included with a number of your optional tours. This will make your additional expenses on tour minimal. All the restaurants and pubs which we will use on tour are used frequently by our land operator. All restaurants are chosen for the value for money, atmosphere, hospitality and quality.

Accommodation: All of your accommodation in Ireland is of an international standard. Each property has been chosen based on their convenient location, cleanliness, hospitality and value.

Itinerary: Your itinerary has been designed to allow us to see as much as possible in the shortest amount of time. You will note that in each city there will be some free time available for each traveller to do some exploring on their own.

Punctuality: In fairness to all we request that all members adhere to meeting and departure times. Maintaining our schedule will allow us to get the most out of our optional tours. Please note that all tours will be operated at a slow pace.

Tipping: If you believe that you have received good service, it is customary to tip the drivers, guides and restaurant staff.

Dress: Ireland in October is the end of their Autumn. It is recommended that each person take some warm clothing to wear on tour. The mornings and evenings may be cool with the average daily temperature around 16 degrees. It is recommended that for all tours, you wear comfortable clothing as there will be some walking involved. At night when we eat as a group, we ask that each member will wear a smart casual attire.

Staying On: Emirates Airlines fly out of the following cities in Europe: Rome, Paris, London, Frankfurt and Milan. Why not extend your air ticket and fly out of a different city in Europe. It is totally free of charge and allows you to combine your

trip to Ireland with your own “European Adventure”. Let Tailor Made Travel know if this is of interest to you.

Frequent Flyers: Unfortunately Emirates Airways is not affiliated with either the Qantas or Singapore Airlines frequent user schemes. Emirates Airways have their own frequent user program called “Skywards”. It is free to join and gives you an opportunity to earn points towards free travel or seating upgrades..

Emirates Airways: Launched in 1985 Emirates Airways is already a world class airline. Their safety record is excellent and their inflight service is exceptional. The Emirates fleet is the most modern of any global carrier. Emirates is best known for their television screens within the seat in front of you which boast over 18 channels and games to choose from.

Payment: A deposit of \$500.00 is payable immediately to secure your spot on tour. Final payment is required by Monday the 02nd of September, 2002. We have a fantastic tour planned and look forward to having you join us. Should you require any further information relating to this tour, please do not hesitate to call me on 9909 7211.

Yours Sincerely

Haydn Thompson
(Group Tour Coordinator)