

Be part of John Howie's and Travelrite's outstanding 2019

MUSIC TOUR OF **Ireland & Scotland** with **Pete Denahy**

including Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

July 15 - August 5, 2019

Belfast, Derry, Donegal, Westport, Galway, Dublin,
Liverpool, Glasgow, Oban, Isle of Skye, Ullapool,
Orkney Islands, Inverness, Edinburgh

PLUS Optional
Extension tour to
**Maastricht &
Amsterdam**
including
Andre Rieu
concert (TBC)

**Tour also includes
Liverpool, UK,
visiting the fabulous
The Beatles Story museum!**



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Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland

with Pete Denahy

The Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland, with Pete Denahy, is an opportunity to enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Ireland & Scotland, plus Liverpool and the Lakes District (in the UK). Sightseeing highlights include Dublin, Belfast, Donegal, Westport and Galway, in Ireland, and Glasgow, Edinburgh, Isle of Skye and Orkney Islands, in Scotland. Ireland, Scotland & Liverpool are famous for their music, so there will be many musical highlights, including the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and The Beatles Story (a fabulous museum in Liverpool). The tour, fully escorted by Pete Denahy and tour manager John Howie, is full of sightseeing & musical highlights, including the best of what John has discovered during his 24 years of taking tour groups to Ireland & Scotland.



Pete Denahy is a musician and comedian from Yackandandah, Victoria. He is an outstanding singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist (guitar, mandolin, fiddle), and raconteur. He is famous for songs like *Sort Of Dunno Nothin'*, *The Petrol Head Fly*, & the *Toilet Paper* song. His bluegrass album, *Singin' Shoes*, won a Golden Guitar award at Tamworth, in 2016. Pete is looking forward to sharing his passion for music with you, on the 2019 Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland.



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Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 Monday July 15, 2019

Afternoon: Depart Australia on Emirates Airlines flight, via Dubai, to Dublin.

Depart

DAY 2 Tuesday July 16, 2019

Midday: Arrive Dublin. Travel by coach to Belfast, Northern Ireland. On arrival, coach tour of Belfast with local guide. Visit the Crown Liquor Saloon and see the colourful political murals on buildings in the Catholic and Protestant areas of West Belfast. **Evening:** Attend music 'session' at Belfast's excellent music pub, Madden's Bar. **Overnight:** Park Inn by Radisson, Belfast. (B)

Belfast

DAY 3 Wednesday July 17, 2019 Londonderry / Letterkenny

Travel along Northern Ireland's spectacular Antrim Coast, to Derry. See Carrickfergus Castle, the Glens of Antrim, and the ruins of Dunluce Castle. Visit the Giant's Causeway (famous natural rock formations). **Afternoon:** Coach tour of Derry with local guide, including a short walk on Derry's famous 17th century walls. We will then visit one of Derry's famous music pubs, for afternoon drinks & live traditional music. **Evening:** Enjoy an informal performance, by Pete Denahy, at our hotel. **Overnight:** Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny. (B, Morning Tea, D)

DAY 4 Thursday July 18, 2019

Tour County (Co.) Donegal, in the far north-west of Ireland. Lunch at Leo's Tavern. Leo Brennan (Enya's father) established this 'Singing' pub many years ago. We will be entertained by a local ballad singer and one or two of the pub's staff, including Leo's son Bartley (if available). Pass through Kincasslagh, internationally renowned singer Daniel O'Donnell's hometown. Visit the Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre, in the town of Dungloe. Continue south to the fishing port of Killybegs, before proceeding to Donegal Town.

Donegal

Evening: Prior to dinner visit a pub near our hotel, where you will enjoy a typical Irish music 'session'. **Overnight:** Abbey/Central Hotel, Donegal Town. (B, Morning Tea, L, D)

DAY 5 Friday July 19, 2019

Westport

Today we travel south, to the coastal town of Westport, Co. Mayo. Soon after leaving Donegal Town, enjoy a guided tour of the Belleek Pottery factory. Then travel through Co. Sligo, including a visit to Sligo town. On the outskirts of Sligo town visit Toberalt Holy Well, and see Ben Bulbin (a distinctive mountain). On arrival in Westport free time to explore the town & go shopping. **Evening:** Attend an Irish music session in one of Westport's excellent music pubs. We will endeavour to have outstanding whistle player, Olcan Masterson, involved if available. **Overnight:** Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. (B, D)

DAY 6 Saturday July 20, 2019

Galway

Travel south to Galway. On the outskirts of Westport see Croagh Patrick (a mountain, famous for an annual religious pilgrimage). Then travel through an unforgettable valley we have discovered, as we make our way to the Connemara region - famous for its unique, rocky landscapes. Visit much-photographed Kylemore Abbey. Guided tour of Kylemore's main, castle-like building. Take a 'back roads' coastal route to Galway, through some of the most beautiful parts of the Connemara. On arrival in Galway, see the Claddagh region and sing Galway Bay. **Evening:** Explore Galway's renowned session pubs with John Howie and Pete Denahy. **Overnight:** Jurys Inn Galway. (B, Morning Tea)

DAY 7 Sunday July 21, 2019

Galway

Optional day trip by ferry to the fascinating Aran Islands (cost approx. \$50). Tour the island of Inishmore by minibus, including the amazing stone Dun Aengus Fort (a cliff-top fortress dating back to the 5th century). Those not going on the Aran Islands excursion are free to spend the day exploring Galway city. **Evening:** Attend Trad on the Prom, fabulous Irish music and dance theatre show. (B)

DAY 8 Monday July 22, 2019

Dublin

Depart Galway and head east to Dublin. On the way, visit the town of Athenry and sing *The Fields of Athenry*. **Afternoon:** In Dublin visit Trinity College. See the Book of Kells (richly decorated Irish medieval manuscript) and the Old Library (1732). Afternoon drinks at O'Donoghue's Pub (famous Dublin music venue), including performance by one of John Howie's favourite Irish ballad groups. **Evening:** Join John Howie on a walk through Dublin's famous Temple Bar precinct, including a visit to one or two of his favourite music pubs. **Overnight:** Hilton Garden Inn Dublin Custom House. (B)

DAY 9 Tuesday July 23, 2019

Dublin

Morning: Coach tour of Dublin with local guide, including St Patrick's Cathedral, the Doors of Dublin (Georgian architecture), & St. Stephen's Green. See statue of Molly Malone. Tour concludes with lunch at a well-known Dublin music pub, including performance by another of John Howie's favourite Irish ballad groups. **Afternoon:** Visit the excellent National Museum, then free time for you to explore Dublin at your leisure. **Evening:** Attend fabulous Irish Cabaret show, featuring hilarious comedian Noel V. Ginnity and traditional Irish music and dancing. (B, L, D)



Optional pre-tour extension to Maastricht and Amsterdam including Andre Rieu concert (TBC)



DAY 1 Thursday July 11, 2019

Depart Australia on flight to Brussels, Belgium.

Depart

DAY 2 Friday July 12, 2019

Maastricht

Mid Afternoon: Arrive in Brussels, capital of Belgium. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city and then travel through scenic Belgium, as we make our way to Maastricht, one of the most beautiful and romantic cities in the southern Netherlands. **Overnight:** Novotel Hotel, Maastricht.

DAY 3 Saturday July 13, 2019

Maastricht

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Maastricht and surrounding region, with local guide. **Afternoon:** Free time for you to explore Maastricht at your leisure. **Evening:** We are hoping you can attend a fabulous concert by Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, in Maastricht. This concert (to be confirmed) will be optional. For this series of summer concerts, Andre transforms the Vrijthof Square, in his hometown, into a grand, romantic, open-air concert hall. (B)

DAY 4 Sunday July 14, 2019

Amsterdam

Morning: Travel by coach to Amsterdam, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It's a city of canals, bridges, bicycles (there are millions of them!) and distinctive canal houses, with their stately facades and striking gables. On arrival, enjoy a sightseeing

coach tour, with local guide. **Evening:** Enjoy a one hour canal cruise. After the cruise, John Howie will take those interested on a walking tour of Amsterdam's famous Red Light District. **Overnight:** NH Carlton Hotel, Amsterdam (B)

DAY 5 Monday July 15, 2019

Amsterdam

Morning: Free time. You may like to visit the Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum, or the Van Gogh Museum (all optional). Afternoon/evening: Coach tour to Volendam and Hoorn. In Volendam, get a glimpse of traditional Dutch dress, windmills, cheese, etc. In Hoorn, visit Cafe 't Schippershuis, where Dutch musician Pierre Partner wrote the famous song The Red Rose Cafe in 1974. Have dinner and enjoy a fun-filled singalong session, with local musicians, at 'The Red Rose Cafe' before returning to Amsterdam. (B,D)

DAY 6 Tuesday July 16, 2019

Depart

Fly to Dublin to meet up with those who have just flown in from Australia. Commence main tour. (B)

DAY 10 Wednesday July 24, 2019

Liverpool

Morning: Fly from Dublin to Liverpool, UK. Liverpool is famous as the home of The Beatles. **Afternoon:** Sightseeing tour of Liverpool, with local guide. Visit Penny Lane & Strawberry Fields. See the Mersey River and sing the Gerry & The Pacemakers song, Ferry Cross the Mersey. Visit The Beatles Story exhibition and Mathew Street, location of the Cavern Club (where The Beatles performed in their early days). **Evening:** Enjoy an informal performance by Pete Denahy, especially for our tour group. **Overnight:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool. (B)

DAY 11 Thursday July 25, 2019

Glasgow

Morning: Travel north, to Glasgow, Scotland. On the way visit the beautiful Lakes District, in north-west England. **Afternoon:** Coach tour of Glasgow, with local guide. **Evening:** Enjoy an informal evening of music at The Scotia Bar, a famous Glaswegian music pub (Est. 1792). **Overnight:** Jury's Inn, Glasgow. (B)

DAY 12 Friday July 26, 2019

Oban

Travel north, to Oban, a lovely port town in Scotland's Argyll region. On the way see Loch Lomond and sing The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. **Afternoon:** On arrival in Oban, free time to explore the town centre. **Evening:** Enjoy relaxing group dinner in our hotel, followed by an informal performance by Pete Denahy. **Overnight:** Regent Hotel, Oban. (B,D)

DAY 13 Saturday July 27, 2019

Isle of Skye

Travel north, to the town of Fort William. Visit Neptune's Staircase, a staircase lock comprising 8 locks on the Caledonian Canal. Continue west along the Road to the Isles. Visit the Glenfinnan Monument, which marks the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie commenced his ill-fated attempt to restore the Stuarts to the British throne in 1745. **Afternoon:** Travel by ferry to the Isle of Skye. On arrival, short coach tour with local guide and free time to explore Portree (Isle of Skye's main town). **Evening:** We will have our own informal music session. Please bring your instruments & voices and join in! **Overnight:** The Royal Hotel; The Pier Hotel, Oban. (B)

DAY 14 Sunday July 28, 2019

Ullapool

Return to Scottish mainland, via Skye Bridge. See Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland's most photographed castle. Continue north to the pretty west coast fishing village of Ullapool. **Evening:** Dinner and local music performance at The Ceilidh Place, one of the best live music venues in the west of Scotland. **Overnight:** Royal Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 Monday July 29, 2019

Orkney Islands

Travel along the spectacular north-west coast of Scotland. Travel by ferry to the Orkney Islands. Orkney is famous for its prehistoric sites and beautiful scenery. **Afternoon:** Visit Skara Brae (4,500 year old village), and the Ring of Brodgar standing stones. Then proceed to Kirkwall, the largest town in the Orkneys. **Evening:** Have our own informal music 'session' in one of Kirkwall's live music venues. We will invite local musicians to join us for this session. **Overnight:** Kirkwall Hotel / Shore Hotel, Kirkwall. (B,Morning Tea,D)

DAY 16 Tuesday July 30, 2019

Orkney Islands

Morning: Travel across the Churchill Barriers causeway to the island of South Ronaldsay. Visit the fascinating Italian Chapel (built by Italian POWs in 1943), and Scapa Flow (important wartime anchorage for British fleets). Return to Kirkwall, where we visit spectacular St Magnus Cathedral. **Afternoon:** Visit Maeshowe (5,000 year old chambered tomb). Then free time in Kirkwall. **Evening:** Attend Orkney Accordion and Fiddle Club concert. Hear some lovely Jimmy Shand type music. (B)



DAY 17 Wednesday July 31, 2019

Inverness

Return to Scottish mainland by ferry. Travel south, to Inverness. Visit Loch Ness and see the ruins of Urquhart Castle. **Evening:** Enjoy a performance by one of John Howie's favourite Scottish ballad groups, On the Wagon. **Overnight:** Best Western Palace Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 18 Thursday August 1, 2019

Edinburgh

Morning: Visit Culloden Battlefield, where Prince Charlie's forces were defeated in 1746. **Afternoon:** Visit St Andrews. Afternoon tea at clubhouse overlooking one of St Andrews' famous golf courses. Near Edinburgh, cross one of the spectacular Firth of Forth bridges. On arrival in Edinburgh, check into our hotel. **Evening:** Attend an Edinburgh Fringe Festival concert (optional). **Overnight:** Hotel TBC. (B,AfternoonTea)

DAY 19 Friday August 2, 2019

Edinburgh

Morning: Coach tour of Edinburgh with local guide, including: historic Old Town area; New Town area (Georgian architecture); drive through Holyrood Park (Arthur's Seat area) if possible. Also, visit port of Leith. Tour concludes with a walk down the 'Royal Mile'. Sense Edinburgh's medieval past as you explore the alleys & closes that run off the Royal Mile. See the festival's colourful street performers in action. **Afternoon:** Free time for you to explore Edinburgh and attend Fringe Festival concerts. **Evening:** Enjoy a traditional Scottish dinner at one of Edinburgh's best restaurants. (B,D)

DAY 20 Saturday August 3, 2019

Edinburgh

Morning: Visit historic Edinburgh Castle. **Afternoon:** Free time for you to further explore Edinburgh & enjoy the outstanding Fringe Festival. **Evening:** Attend the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – a unique blend of music, ceremony, entertainment and theatre. (B)

DAY 21 Sunday August 4, 2019

Departure

Free morning in Edinburgh. **Midday:** Travel to Edinburgh airport for Emirates flight, via Dubai, back to Australia. (B)

DAY 22 Monday August 5, 2019

Australia

Morning: Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.

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Tour price:

Per person, twin-share	\$ 9,995
Air taxes as of 1/9/18*	\$ 325
Total package per person, twin-share	\$ 10,320
Single supplement	\$ 1,995



The tour manager will be John Howie.

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours for 24 years.



The assistant tour manager will be Gill Delaney.

Gill (accordion/ukulele/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with the tour group.

The organisers reserve the right to change any details of the tour that they believe will enhance the safety, quality, success and smooth running of the tour. For instance, there may be a small amount of change regarding hotels – we are always striving to provide our tour groups with the best centrally located hotels possible. If any entertainment mentioned in the itinerary is unavailable, we need to replace that entertainment with something similar.



Included in the Ireland & Scotland Music Tour:

- Return economy airfare to Scotland/Ireland/Brussels flying Emirates Airlines ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. Also, one-way economy airfare from Dublin to Liverpool.
- Ferry trips as follows: (1) from Mallaig (Scottish mainland) to Armadale (Isle of Skye), & (2) return voyage from Scrabster (Scotland) to Stromness (Orkney Islands).
- 19 nights' accommodation in centrally located first-class and moderate first-class hotels, with private facilities, on twin share basis. Full Scottish or Irish breakfast daily. There may be 1 or 2 continental breakfasts, but it's more than likely all breakfasts will be full Scottish or Irish cooked breakfasts. 9 Dinners, 3 lunches, 4 morning teas, 1 afternoon tea.
- Entertainment. Ireland: Music session at Madden's Bar, Belfast; live traditional music at one of Derry's famous music pubs (Day 3); informal performance by Pete Denahy (evening, Day 3); Irish music at Leo's Tavern; Irish music 'session' in Donegal Town; Irish music session, with Olcan Masterson (if available) in Westport; Trad on the Prom (Irish music & dance theatre show) in Galway; ballad group at O'Donoghue's Pub (1st day in Dublin); ballad group at a well-known pub (2nd day in Dublin). Liverpool: informal performance by Pete Denahy. Scotland: music at The Scotia Bar (Glasgow); our own informal music session (Portree); informal performance by Pete Denahy (Oban); live music at The Ceilidh Place (Ullapool); our own informal music session, with locals invited, in Kirkwall; Orkney Accordion & Fiddle Club (Kirkwall); Scottish ballad group, On the Wagon (Inverness); Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (Edinburgh).
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' or 'own expense'. If the itinerary says 'see' a particular attraction, it means we simply see it, rather than paying for entry and 'visiting' it.
- All tours, as per itinerary. Aran Islands tour is optional, and paid for on day of tour.
- Transport by luxury, air-conditioned motor coach throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Portage of 1 piece of luggage per person.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Tour leadership by John Howie, of The Howie Brothers, including the organisation of excursions to hear the best of Irish & Scottish music, most nights of the tour. Also, tour escorted throughout by popular Australian entertainer, Pete Denahy. Gill Delaney will come on the tour, as assistant tour leader, as long as we receive a reasonable number of bookings.
- You can extend your stay at the end of the tour for minimal extra cost. Please check with us for other tours, car hire, hotels, bed and breakfasts, etc.

Not included in the price:

- Insurance – travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in the itinerary. Meals included are marked B,D,L, 'morning tea', etc, in brackets, at the end of each day's text in the itinerary.
- Entry to concerts, pubs, and other musical entertainment not listed above. All Fringe Festival concerts are 'optional'. Also, not included in the price is entry to musical entertainment marked 'optional' in the itinerary.
- International airport and departure taxes above the rate quoted.
- Domestic flight connections to and from departure cities.

Extension Pre-tour price:

Twin-share per person:	\$ 2,795
Single supplement:	\$ 695



Included in the extension pre-tour:

- 2 nights' accommodation in first-class hotel in Maastricht; 2 nights' accommodation in first-class hotel in Amsterdam.
- Tour leadership by John Howie. Gill Delaney will be assistant tour leader, providing we get a reasonable number of bookings on the Extension Tour.
- Pete Denahy will not be accompanying the tour group on the Extension Tour.

- Breakfast daily & 1 dinner
- Orientation tour of Brussels. Sightseeing coach tour of Maastricht & surrounding region, with local guide. Sightseeing coach tour of Amsterdam, with local guide.
- One hour evening canal cruise, in Amsterdam.
- Coach tour to Volendam and Hoorn
- Live local singalong/folk music at the 'Red Rose Café' in Hoorn
- Flight from Amsterdam to Dublin

General information and booking conditions

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