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# MUSIC TOUR OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

with PETE DENAHY

INCLUDING ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO



29 July – 19 August 2025

An Exciting Tour Visiting Dublin,  
Westport, Galway, Killarney, Cork,  
Edinburgh, Inverness, Isle Of Skye,  
Oban and Glasgow



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The Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland, with Pete Denahy, is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Ireland & Scotland. Sightseeing highlights include Dublin, Galway, Killarney & Cork (in Ireland), and Edinburgh, Inverness, Isle of Skye, Oban & Glasgow (in Scotland). Ireland & Scotland are famous for their music, so there will be many musical highlights, including the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the outstanding Trad on the Prom show, in Galway, and a fabulous Irish Cabaret show in Dublin. Also, Pete Denahy will take you to many of Ireland's and Scotland's famous music pubs. To top things off, Pete Denahy will do many performances for the tour group....he's an outstanding singer/fiddle player/guitarist/songwriter/comedian. There will be lots of great music and lots of laughs!

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Tuesday July 29, 2025

*Afternoon:* Depart Australia and fly to Dublin.

Depart Australia

### DAY 2 Wednesday July 30, 2025

*Early afternoon:* Arrive in Dublin. Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Dublin with local guide. See the Doors of Dublin (Georgian architecture), St Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, and O'Connell Street (including the GPO). *Evening:* Join Pete Denahy on a walk through Dublin's famous Temple Bar precinct, including a visit to one or two of Dublin's excellent music pubs. *Overnight:* Hilton Garden Inn Dublin Custom House.

Arrive in Dublin

### DAY 3 Thursday July 31, 2025

*Morning:* Visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells (richly decorated Irish medieval manuscript) and the Old Library (1732). Then walk through St Stephen's Green, and along Grafton Street, to the famous statue of Molly Malone. Lunch at a well-known Dublin music pub, including performance by one of Pete Denahy's favourite Irish ballad groups. *Afternoon:* Free time. *Evening:* Attend fabulous Irish Cabaret Show, featuring traditional Irish music & dancing. (B,L,D)

Dublin



### DAY 4 Friday August 1, 2025

Today we travel west, to the coastal town of Westport, Co. Mayo. On arrival in Westport free time to explore the town. *Evening:* Attend an Irish music session in one of Westport's excellent music pubs. *Overnight:* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. (B,D)

Westport

### DAY 5 Saturday August 2, 2025

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. Tour Kylemore's main castle-like building & outstanding Victorian Walled Garden. *Overnight:* Accommodation to be confirmed. (B,MorningTea)

Galway

### DAY 6 Sunday August 3, 2025

Optional day trip by ferry to the fascinating Aran Islands (cost approx. \$85). 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)

Galway

### DAY 7 Monday August 4, 2025

*Morning:* Travel south, through the unusual limestone plains known as The Burren. Visit the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, in beautiful County Clare. Continue through the city of Limerick and the village of Adare (famous for its thatched roof cottages), to Killarney. Killarney is renowned for its natural beauty, including three famous lakes and a lovely national park. *Evening:* Traditional Irish dinner in one of Killarney's best restaurants. After dinner visit some of Killarney's best live music venues. *Overnight:* Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. (B,D)

Killarney

### DAY 8 Tuesday August 5, 2025

Killarney

*Morning:* Coach tour of the Dingle Peninsula, which boasts some of the world's most beautiful scenery. Stop in the lovely fishing port of Dingle followed by visit to cone-shaped stone beehive huts (or clochán) – approx. 8th - 12th century AD. *Afternoon:* Return to Killarney and enjoy a fun-filled ride (optional) in jaunting cars (horse and buggy transport) through Killarney National Park. (B)



### DAY 9 Wednesday August 6, 2025

Cork

Today we travel to Cork, the Republic of Ireland's second largest city. On the outskirts of Cork, visit Blarney Castle. Also, shop in the excellent Blarney Woollen Mills store. On arrival in Cork enjoy a short panoramic tour before checking into our hotel. *Late afternoon:* free time. *Evening:* Pete Denahy will introduce you to one or two of his favourite music venues in Cork. *Overnight:* Clayton Hotel Cork City. (B)

### DAY 10 Thursday August 7, 2025

Cork

*Morning:* Travel to Cobh, the picturesque town/ port from which many of our ancestors left Ireland. Visit the Queenstown Story visitor centre, which explores Ireland's emigration phenomenon. *Afternoon:* Free time in Cork. You may like to visit Cork's English Market, one of the oldest and best covered markets in Europe. *Evening:* Enjoy traditional Irish music with Pete Denahy at one of Cork's lively pubs. (B)

### DAY 11 Friday August 8, 2025

Edinburgh

*Morning:* Travel by coach to Dublin Airport. On the way, see the Rock of Cashel, a spectacular castle-like medieval fortification. *Afternoon:* Fly to Edinburgh, Scotland, where we check into our hotel. *Evening:* Explore the colourful Fringe Festival activity, in the streets of Edinburgh. You may like to attend a Fringe Festival concert (optional). *Overnight:* Accommodation to be confirmed. (B)



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Isle of Skye
- Dingle Peninsula tour
- Attend lots of music 'sessions', in Irish & Scottish music pubs, with Pete
- Edinburgh Castle; Urquhart Castle; Blarney Castle; Dunvegan Castle
- Trad on the Prom (Irish music & dance show, Galway)
- Irish Cabaret Show (Dublin)
- Lots of Pete Denahy performances and he is tour host for the entire tour



**PETE DENAHY** You will love travelling with Pete Denahy. Pete is an outstanding singer, multi-instrumentalist (guitar, fiddle, mandolin), songwriter, raconteur, & comedian. He is famous for songs like Sort Of Dunno Nothin', The Petrol Head Fly, & Lookin' at my, Lookin' at my, Lookin' at my Phone. Apart from being one of Australia's top country music artists and songwriters, Pete is an outstanding Irish/Scottish/Appalachian style fiddle player. No doubt he will participate in some of the fabulous Irish & Scottish 'sessions' you attend, on the tour. 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 2025 Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland.

### DAY 12 Saturday August 9, 2025

Edinburgh

*Morning:* Enjoy a coach tour of Edinburgh, with local guide, including historic Old Town area and New Town area (Georgian architecture). 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 the Fringe Festival. Edinburgh welcomes global talent, from household names to emerging artists, to perform at hundreds of stages and venues across the city. *Evening:* Attend the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – a unique blend of music, ceremony, entertainment and theatre. (B)

### DAY 13 Sunday August 10, 2025

Edinburgh

*Morning:* Visit historic Edinburgh Castle. *Afternoon:* Free time for you to further explore Edinburgh & enjoy the outstanding Fringe Festival. *Evening:* Enjoy a traditional Scottish dinner at one of Edinburgh's best restaurants. (B,D)



Fringe Festival

### DAY 14 Monday August 11, 2025

Inverness

*Morning:* After departing Edinburgh, see impressive Firth of Forth bridges. Visit St Andrews, famous for its golf courses & its university. Visit the ruins of St Andrews Cathedral & see the picturesque ruins of St Andrews Castle. See the famous Old Course (which has hosted 30 British Open golf tournaments) and the beach where some scenes in the movie Chariots of Fire were filmed. Morning tea at a clubhouse overlooking one of St Andrews' golf courses. *Afternoon:* Pass through the city of Dundee. *Late afternoon:* Check into our hotel, in Inverness. *Overnight:* Best Western Palace Hotel. (B,MorningTea)

### DAY 15 Tuesday August 12, 2025

Inverness

*Morning:* Visit the ruins of Urquhart Castle, stunningly located on the banks of Loch Ness. We then visit Fort Augustus, a pretty village where the southern end of Loch Ness joins the Caledonian Canal. See boats negotiate the impressive canal lock staircase. *Afternoon:* Visit Culloden Battlefield, where Prince Charlie's forces were defeated in 1746. *Evening:* Enjoy dinner in our hotel, followed by a performance by one of Pete Denahy's favourite Scottish ballad groups, On the Wagon. (B,D)



Fort Augustus locks



Isle of Skye

### DAY 16 Wednesday August 13, 2025

Isle of Skye

Travel east, to the Isle of Skye. Morning tea at Ledgowan Lodge, a luxurious hotel in Scotland's remote, but beautiful north-west region. Further on, see Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland's most photographed castle. *Afternoon:* Cross the impressive Skye Bridge, to the Isle of Skye. Enjoy short coach tour with local guide plus free time to explore Portree (Isle of Skye's main town). *Evening:* Enjoy an informal music performance by Pete Denahy. *Overnight:* The Royal Hotel, Portree. (B,MorningTea)

### DAY 17 Thursday August 14, 2025

Isle of Skye

*Morning:* Explore breathtaking Isle of Skye landscapes, north of Portree. See the Old Man of Storr (rock formation) and the Kilt Rock (distinctive cliffs). *Remainder of morning:* Back in Portree, morning tea, free time, & lunch. *Afternoon:* Travel to Dunvegan Castle, the historic seat of Clan MacLeod, and explore its lush gardens and ancient artifacts. *Evening:* Enjoy our own informal music session. Please bring your instruments & voices and join in! (B)

### DAY 18 Friday August 15, 2025

Oban

*Morning:* Travel back to the mainland by ferry. Then travel by coach along the beautiful Road to the Isles. Stop at 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. Continue east to the town of Fort William. *Afternoon:* Travel to Oban, a lovely port town in Scotland's Argyll region. 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:* Hotel Alexandra, Oban. (B,D)

### DAY 19 Saturday August 16, 2025

Glasgow

Travel south to Glasgow. On the way see spectacular Inveraray Castle & shop at Inveraray Woollen Mill. Also, travel along the banks of Loch Lomond. *Afternoon:* Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Glasgow, with local guide. See historic Glasgow Cathedral, George Square, and the spectacular University of Glasgow and Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum buildings, in Glasgow's vibrant West End. *Evening:* Enjoy an informal evening of traditional Scottish music, with Pete Denahy, at one of Glasgow's excellent music pubs. *Overnight:* Jurys Inn, Glasgow. (B)

### DAY 20 Sunday August 17, 2025

Glasgow

*Morning:* Free time for you to explore Glasgow at your leisure. *Afternoon:* Visit the outstanding Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, and the Riverside Museum – an outstanding transport museum. *Evening:* Join Pete Denahy for an included farewell dinner, with a few songs from Pete, to celebrate our time in Ireland and Scotland. (B,D)

### DAY 21 Monday August 18, 2025

Departure

*Morning:* Travel to Glasgow airport for our flight, via Dubai back to Australia. (B)

### DAY 22 Tuesday August 19, 2025

Australia

*Morning:* Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.

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## Tour Price

Per person, twin-share	\$ 13,795
Air taxes as of 30/6/2024	\$ 421
Total package per person, twin-share	\$ 14,216
Single supplement	\$ 3395



## Included in the tour price:

- Return economy airfare to Dublin and return from Glasgow ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. Also, one-way economy airfare from Dublin to Edinburgh.
- Tour hosted by popular Australian entertainer, Pete Denahy.
- Ferry trip from Armadale (Isle of Skye) to Mallaig (Scottish mainland).
- 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. 7 Dinners, 1 lunch, 3 morning teas.
- Entertainment as per the itinerary. 'Included' entertainment: performance by Irish ballad group, Dublin, lunchtime, Day 3; Irish Cabaret Show, evening of Day 3; Trad on the Prom, evening of Day 6; Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, evening of Day 12; performance by Scottish ballad group, On The Wagon, evening of Day 15; plus various informal performances by Pete Denahy, & various music 'sessions', in informal Irish & Scottish music venues (mainly pubs). Please note: attendance at Fringe Festival concerts, in Edinburgh, is 'optional'.
- 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.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Tour leadership by a Travelrite tour manager.

## Not included in the price:

- Travel 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.

*If any of the musical acts, or shows, mentioned in the itinerary are not available, we will do our best to replace with similar acts, or shows.*

*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.*

## General information and booking conditions

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**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days prior to departure. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payment by Visa, Mastercard and Amex Cards.

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