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MUSIC TOUR OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

with **BRENDAN SCOTT**

INCLUDING ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO



6 to 26 August 2026

**A fabulous music tour: Belfast,
Londonderry, Donegal, Westport,
Galway, Killarney, Cork, Waterford,
Dublin, Liverpool, and Edinburgh**

Many musical highlights, including the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Trad on the Prom (Irish music/dance show in Galway) and the fabulous The Beatles Story museum (Liverpool)



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The Music Tour of Ireland & Scotland, with Brendan Scott, is an opportunity to enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Ireland, plus two nights in Liverpool and three nights in Edinburgh. Also, on the way to Edinburgh we will visit England's beautiful Lakes District. Sightseeing highlights include Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Donegal, Westport, Galway, Killarney and Cork (in Ireland), Liverpool and the Lakes District (in the UK), and Edinburgh & Glasgow (in Scotland). Ireland, Scotland, & Liverpool are famous for their music, so there will be many musical highlights, including the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Trad on the Prom Irish music & dance show (Galway), The Beatles Story (museum in Liverpool) and, of course, many performances by Brendan Scott. The tour, fully escorted by Brendan and tour manager John Howie, is full of sightseeing & musical highlights, including the best of what John has discovered during his 30 years of taking tour groups to Ireland & Scotland.

DAY 1 Thursday August 6, 2026

Afternoon: Depart Australia and fly to Dublin.

Depart

DAY 2 Friday August 7, 2026

Mid-day: Arrive Dublin Airport. Travel by coach to Belfast, Northern Ireland. *Mid-afternoon:* Check into our hotel, then free time. *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Express Belfast City.

Belfast



DAY 3 Saturday August 8, 2026

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Belfast, with local guide. See the political murals on buildings in the Catholic and Protestant areas of West Belfast. See the Stormont parliament building and the impressive new Titanic Belfast building. Visit Belfast's iconic Crown Liquor Saloon (ornate 1880s pub). *Afternoon:* Free time. You may like to visit the excellent Ulster Museum, the Botanic Gardens (both free admission), or the Titanic Belfast museum/exhibition (optional). *Evening:* Enjoy Welcome Dinner, with a few songs from Brendan Scott. After dinner, attend a music 'session' at one of Belfast's excellent music pubs. (B,D)

Belfast

DAY 4 Sunday August 9, 2026

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:* A 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 a special concert....Brendan Scott Live in Derry! *Overnight:* Holiday Inn Express, Derry'. (B,MorningTea,D)

Londonderry

DAY 5 Monday August 10, 2026

Tour County 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. Continue south to the fishing port of Killybegs,

Donegal



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

DAY 6 Tuesday August 11, 2026

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. See Ben Bulbin (a distinctive mountain). On arrival in Westport free time to explore this charming town & go shopping. *Evening:* Attend an Irish music session in one of Westport's excellent music pubs. *Overnight:* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. (B,D)

Westport

DAY 7 Wednesday August 12, 2026

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. Take a 'back roads' coastal route to Galway, through some of the most beautiful parts of the Connemara. On arrival in Galway, see the Claddah region and sing Galway Bay. *Evening:* Explore Galway's renowned session pubs with John Howie and Brendan Scott. *Overnight:* Victoria Hotel. (B,MorningTea)

Galway



DAY 8 Thursday August 13, 2026

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 9 Friday August 14, 2026

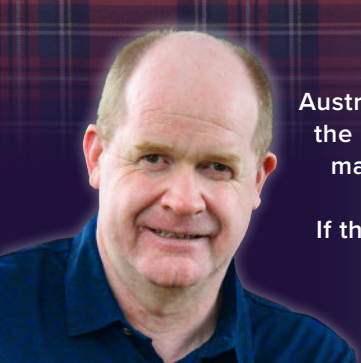
Visit the town of Athenry, where we sing the famous Irish song *The Fields of Athenry*. Then travel south, through the unusual limestone plains known as The Burren. Visit the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, in beautiful County Clare. Continue on through the city of Limerick and the village of Adare (famous 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. (B,MorningTea,D)

Killarney

DAY 10 Saturday August 15, 2026

Coach tour of the Dingle Peninsula, which boasts some of the world's most beautiful scenery. Enjoy never-to-be-forgotten scenery at Sleat Head, and stop in the lovely fishing port of Dingle. Visit Beehive Huts and the Gallarus Oratory, one of the best preserved early Christian church buildings in Ireland (over 1,000 years old). *Afternoon:* Return to Killarney. Free time, for shopping. Also, enjoy a fun-filled ride in jaunting cars (horse and buggy transport) through Killarney National Park. *Evening:* Explore Killarney's restaurants & music venues (there is usually a top Irish artist performing at The Gleneagle Hotel, and admission is often free for guests staying in the hotel). (B)

Dingle Peninsula / Killarney



BRENDAN SCOTT is an accomplished and experienced performer who has been part of the Australian entertainment industry ever since his stage debut at age 4. He has worked in all facets of the entertainment industry and continues to use his wealth of experience to entertain audiences in many parts of Australia. In his performances, Brendan showcases his many talents. Not only does he sing many well-known songs, he also plays piano, guitar, saxophone, banjo, and violin. If that's not enough, Brendan often surprises audiences by launching into a Tap Dance. Add to this Brendan's flare for audience interaction and participation as well as his ability to have people in stitches with his comedy, and you have a complete entertainment experience.

DAY 11 Sunday August 16, 2026

Cork

Today we travel to Cork, the Republic of Ireland's second largest city. On the way, visit the charming town of Kenmare. On the outskirts of Cork, visit Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone. 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:* John Howie & Brendan Scott will introduce you to some of their favourite music venues in Cork. *Overnight:* Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork City. (B)



Rock of Cashel

DAY 12 Monday August 17, 2026

Waterford

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. Then proceed to County Tipperary (we will sing *It's a Long Way to Tipperary*). In the town of Cashel, enjoy a guided tour of the Rock of Cashel, a spectacular castle-like medieval fortification. *Afternoon:* Proceed to the attractive harbour town of Waterford, where we visit the Waterford Crystal Retail Store. *Evening:* Enjoy a fun-filled music session with local musician, Ben Delaney, & friends (including Brendan Scott & John Howie). *Overnight:* Treacys Hotel. (B)

DAY 13 Tuesday August 18, 2026

Dublin

Depart Waterford and head north towards Dublin. On the way, visit the excellent Avoca Handweavers mill, shop & café. Also, visit the ruins at Glendalough, a 6th century monastic site (see one of Ireland's most impressive round towers). On arrival in Dublin, afternoon drinks (own expense) 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 and Brendan Scott on a walk through Dublin's famous Temple Bar precinct, including a visit to one or two of John Howie's favourite music pubs, & a walk across the famous Ha'penny Bridge. *Overnight:* The Spencer Hotel. (B)

DAY 14 Wednesday August 19, 2026

Dublin

Morning: 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). We then visit Trinity College. See the Book of Kells (richly decorated Irish medieval manuscript) and the Old Library (1732). Then visit the excellent National Museum. We then walk through St. Stephen's Green, and along Grafton Street, to the famous statue of Molly Malone. Our tour concludes with lunch at a well-known Dublin music pub, including performance by another of John Howie's favourite Irish ballad groups. *Afternoon:* Free time. *Evening:* Attend fabulous Irish Cabaret Show, featuring traditional Irish music & dancing. (B,L,D)



DAY 15 Thursday August 20, 2026

Liverpool

Morning: Fly to Liverpool, UK. *Afternoon:* Visit The Beatles Story exhibition. *Evening:* Free time. You may like to visit Mathew Street (location of the Cavern Club, where The Beatles performed, early days). Or, you may like to visit The Caledonia (a popular live music venue in Liverpool). *Overnight:* Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool. (B)

DAY 16 Friday August 21, 2026

Liverpool

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Liverpool, with local guide. Visit Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields, Mathew Street, and other important Beatles sites. *Afternoon:* Free time. *Late afternoon:* Enjoy 50 minute Mersey River cruise, perhaps on the colourful Dazzle Ferry (if available). We will sing the Gerry & the Pacemakers song, *Ferry Cross the Mersey*. *Evening:* Enjoy a special concert... Brendan Scott Live in Liverpool! (B)

DAY 17 Saturday August 22, 2026

Edinburgh

Today we travel, by coach, to Edinburgh, Scotland. On the way visit England's beautiful Lakes District, including the charming villages of Windermere and Bowness. *Afternoon:* Arrive in Edinburgh – one of Europe's most beautiful & historic cities. While we are there, the city will be hosting the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and the colourful Fringe Festival. *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 TBC (to be confirmed). (B)



Edinburgh Fringe Festival

DAY 18 Sunday August 23, 2026

Edinburgh

Morning: Enjoy a coach tour of Edinburgh, with local guide, including historic Old Town area (including Royal Mile) and New Town area (Georgian architecture). Also, visit the port of Leith. *Afternoon:* Free time for you to explore Edinburgh and the Fringe Festival. Sense Edinburgh's medieval past as you explore the alleys & closes that run off the Royal Mile. The Fringe Festival welcomes global talent, from household names to emerging artists, to perform at hundreds of stages and venues across the city. *Evening:* Enjoy a traditional Scottish dinner at one of Edinburgh's best restaurants. (B,D)

DAY 19 Monday August 24, 2026

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 20 Tuesday August 25, 2026

Departure

Morning: Depart Edinburgh. Travel by coach to Glasgow, for our flights back to Australia. Before arriving at Glasgow Airport enjoy a short sightseeing coach tour of Glasgow. Our flight departs Glasgow Airport at 2.35pm. (B)

DAY 21 Wednesday August 26, 2026

Australia

Morning: Arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.

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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 & music cruises for 30 years.



Included in the tour price:

- Return economy airfare to Ireland/Scotland ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. Also, one-way economy airfare from Dublin to Liverpool.
- 18 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/Irish/Liverpool cooked breakfasts. 7 Dinners, 2 lunches, 4 morning teas.
- Entertainment (i.e., 'included' music): Evening of Day 3: a few songs from Brendan Scott, at Welcome Dinner; after dinner, attend music 'session' at one of Belfast's excellent music pubs. Day 4: Afternoon: live traditional music, at one of Derry's famous music pubs; Evening: Brendan Scott concert. Day 5: Lunchtime: Irish music at Leo's Tavern; Evening: Irish music 'session', in Donegal Town. Day 6: Evening: Irish music 'sessions', in various pubs, Westport. Day 7: Evening: Explore various music venues in Galway. Day 8: Evening: Attend *Trad on the Prom* (Irish music & dance theatre show) in Galway. Day 9: Sing *The Fields of Athenry*, in Athenry. Evening: explore Killarney's best live music venues. Day 10: Attend a top music show at Gleneagles Hotel, Killarney (usually free for guests). Day 11: Explore live music venues in Cork. Day 12: Music 'session', with Ben Delaney & friends, in Waterford. Day 13: Afternoon: Irish ballad group at O'Donoghue's Pub, Dublin. Evening: Visit music pubs in Temple Bar precinct, Dublin. Day 14: Lunchtime: Irish ballad group, at well known pub, Dublin. Evening: Attend Irish Cabaret Show, Dublin. Day 16: Liverpool. Sing *Ferry Cross the Mersey*, on Mersey River cruise. Evening: Brendan Scott concert. Day 19: Attend Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Note: Music 'sessions' in Belfast, Donegal Town, Westport, Galway, Killarney, & Dublin are 'optional' (i.e., any admission cost is not 'included' in our tour), but they are almost always 'free admission'.
- All tours, as per itinerary.
- Transport by luxury, air-conditioned coach throughout. All airport/hotel transfers.
- Porterage 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, Brendan Scott.

Tour Price

Per person, twin-share	\$ 13,995
Air taxes as of 30/8/2026	\$ 475
Total package per person, twin-share	\$ 14,470
Single supplement	\$ 2,995

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.

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.



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