



## Irish Palatine Heritage Tour 2016

*Ten days of exploring Irish Palatine Heritage in Ireland*

9th – 19th of September 2016

**F**urther to the success of our past tours in Germany and Ireland the Irish Palatine Association wish to announce a 10-day event in Ireland to run between 9<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2016.

On this occasion we will visit new areas associated with the Palatines in Ireland with guest speakers on different aspects of their story as well as visits to an array of new tourist attractions. There will be musical events, banquets and other entertainment. Various bodies will host receptions and dignitaries will meet the group.

In Dublin we plan to visit Collins Barracks, formerly known as the Royal Barracks. It is here that the Palatines were initially housed on arrival in Ireland in 1709. The Barracks is believed to have been the longest serving army base in the world when the Irish Army moved out in 1997. The site was taken over by the National Museum of Ireland, extensively renovated and now houses the Museum's Decorative Arts & History collection. The main square is known as Palatine square and the complex features a meeting room called "The Palatine Room" to mark the Palatine connection. <http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/History-Architecture>

We will also visit Switzer's Store (now Brown Thomas) the most famous department store in Ireland and founded by the Switzer family. A

mosaic sign "Switzer & Co Ltd" from the art nouveau entrance doors on Wicklow street still remains in situ. (See *IPA Journal 13*. Pgs. 24 – 33)

The Abel Ram Estate in County Wexford was home to two parent Palatine colonies at Gorey and Old Ross. We will be stopping at St. Mary's Church of Ireland in Old Ross where generations of Palatine families have worshipped and we hope to meet some of the living descendants including Ruttles, Pooles and Rynharts. (See *IPA Journal 10*. Pgs. 11 – 16)

We will tour the Dunbrody Famine Ship, commissioned by a merchant family from New Ross and built in Quebec in 1845 by an Irish emigrant. The Ship brought timber from Canada, cotton from the southern states of the U.S.A. and guano from Peru. In 1845, the very year of her launch famine struck Ireland. The Dunbrody carried thousands of emigrants to North America. <http://www.dunbrody.com>

We will view the Ros Tapestry Project, a massive community initiative in progress in the County of Wexford. Conceived in 1998, it is being developed by over a 150 dedicated volunteers. Fifteen striking embroidered panels - 6 x 4 foot

each - it is a cultural and historical accolade to its creators. <http://www.rostapestry.com>

Ballyseede Castle was originally the home of the Blennerhassett family who settled Palatines on their lands at Ballyseede and Ballymacelligott near Tralee, Co. Kerry in the 1740's. The house is now a four star hotel where we will have dinner and hear the history of the house. Earlier on this day, we will attend the local Church of Ireland service and have an opportunity to meet local Palatine families.

<http://www.ballyseedecastle.com>

Another area of Palatine settlement was the Leslie estate in Tarbert. We will visit the Bridewell (historical jail and courthouse) to learn how prisoners were dealt with there in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. <http://www.tarbertbridewell.com>

From Tarbert we will cross the Shannon estuary by ferry to visit selected tourist attractions in County Clare.

In Kilcooley Co. Tipperary, the Palatines were invited to settle on the Barker estate in 1772. As well as seeing sites of Palatine interest a lunch will be hosted by some descendants of those families. We will be visiting nearby Kilkenny where there will be an opportunity to visit Kilkenny Castle, an Anglo-Norman stone castle built c.1146-1219) and the Kilkenny Design Centre home of the National Craft Gallery housed in the coach houses and stables of the Castle.

<http://www.kilkennycastle.ie/>

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We will also be visiting the Limerick Palatine settlements where there will be tours of the parent colonies of Courtmatrix, Killeheen and Ballingrane including the Embury Heck Memorial Church as well as the secondary settlement of Adare where we will highlight sites associated with the Palatines.

During the course of the 10-Day tour there will be talks on various topics of Palatine interest by respected authorities including Dr. Vivien Hick on the Wexford Palatines ; Dr. Patrick O'Connor on other aspects of the Palatine Story and Padraig O'Concubhair on the story of the Methodist Society and the Palatines in Tarbert. There will be input from Limerick University, Centre for Irish-German Studies and other bodies as well.

Rathkeale House Hotel will be providing accommodation for our guests for the duration of the holiday programme.

<http://www.rathkealehousehotel.ie>

This event is open to Irish Palatine Association members and patrons from around the world. As with past events it is envisaged that there will be participation from Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, England and Ireland.

Response to our initial announcement is strong. Places will be allocated in order of bookings confirmed by deposits received to our bank account to a maximum of 45 people. Booking Form attached.



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## BOOKING FORM

Details of person to whom confirmation and tour literature is to be sent:

Name:

Address:

Country:  Post/Zip:

Email:

Name of other person/s included in this booking:

2nd Person

3rd Person

4th Person

Please declare any disabilities or other requirements that the organisers need to be aware of:

Type and Number of rooms required:

Number Double rooms at €1,850 (per person sharing)  Number of Single rooms at €2,150

Age Group:- under 50  50 – 65  65+

Total price: €     Booking deposit amount (€400 per person): €

If travelling alone would you be willing to share a room (if available)?

*(price includes 10-days accommodation, breakfast & dinner, lunches on some days, bus, admissions and gratuities)*

*Declaration: I apply on behalf of all those persons listed above to participate in the Irish Palatine Association Ltd 2016 Event. I confirm that I will pay the balance of the price by 30th June 2016. I confirm that I / we accept full responsibility for travel to and from Ireland and for making suitable insurance arrangements to cover medical, cancellation and other risks associated with travel. I / we confirm that we will participate in the Tour entirely at our own risk and that no liability whatsoever shall attach to the Irish Palatine Association Ltd, its officers or its helpers for any loss or damage suffered by us during the Tour however such may be caused and whether by negligence or otherwise.*

Signature:  Date:

Completed **BOOKING FORMS** should be signed dated and returned by post to:-  
**Holiday Booking, Irish Palatine Association, Old Railway Buildings, Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, Ireland.**

**PAYMENTS** should made by direct bank transfer to the Irish Palatine Association Ltd, Holiday Account. Your full name plus the words "IPA Event" should be used to detail the transfer payments. Following are our bank account details:-  
Bank Name: Bank of Ireland. Address: Main Street, Rathkeale, Co Limerick, Ireland. Account Name: Irish Palatine Association Holiday Account. Account No.: 16333336. BIC Code: BOFII2D. IBAN: IE94BOFI90438416333336

*In the unlikely event that the holiday does not proceed or if your application cannot be accepted due to limitation of numbers (places will be allocated in order of bookings confirmed by deposit received to our bank to a maximum of 45 people) your deposit will be returned. Other circumstances must be covered by your insurance.*

**Flights should not be booked until you receive confirmation that your booking has been accepted.**

*If you are arriving into the country through Shannon Airport on the 9th September, there will be a courtesy bus for tour participants between Shannon Airport and Rathkeale House Hotel. The bus will make one journey each way. From Shannon to Rathkeale on the 9th and from Rathkeale to Shannon on the 19th. The travel times of this bus will be determined by the arrival/departure time of the majority of participants. You will be advised when this time is confirmed and whether you will be able to avail of it.*

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