Leadership Idaho Agriculture

The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland October 12 – 22, 2025

Sunday, October 12 Departure (-/-/-)

Independent flights out of the US to Ireland.

Monday, October 13 Dublin – Cork (-/-/D)

Upon arrival in Dublin (please arrive before 9:45 am), meet your language capable tour manager before transferring to Cork

Visit - Rock of Cashel. Set on a dramatic outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale, The Rock of Cashel, iconic in its historic significance, possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Among the monuments to be found there is a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House.

https://heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/rock-of-cashel/

Sheep Farm visit - Dualla House Sheep Farm, Cashel, Tipperary

Dualla House dates to 1798. The farm is 300 acres in size comprising two blocks of land. On the home farm of 236 acres they keep 700 ewes and 180 ewe lamb replacements and 42 acres of cereals mainly Spring or Winter Barley. The group will learn all about farming sheep and how a working sheep farm operates from the breeding season in October to lambing in mid-March.

Arrive in Cork and check in to hotel

Dinner and overnight at Clayton Hotel Cork City: www.claytonhotelcorkcity.com/

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Cork (B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit - Blarney Castle https://www.blarneycastle.ie/. Built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains, Cormac MacCarthy, and has been attracting attention ever since. Over the last few hundred years, millions have flocked to Blarney making it a world landmark and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. That might have something to do with the Blarney Stone, the legendary Stone of Eloquence, found at the top of our tower.

After the Castle you can visit the Blarney Woolen Mills Store https://www.blarney.com/ before visiting Tim O'Leary Dairy Farm. This farmer is the former Vice-President of the Irish Farmers Association https://www.ifa.ie/

Area:128 Hectares: 120ha grass, 8ha woods and roadways

34 hectares owned, 88 hectares leased

Herd size: 245 Dairy cows (Holstein Friesian and cross breed)

18 Bulls

All Heifers have been crossed to Jerseys Yield per cow: 5154 liters per cow All male calves sold at 6 weeks Spring Milk producer

Visit + Tasting - Jameson Midleton Distillery Experience

Tour of the old distillery where you will see the machinery and manual tools used in the past. There is also a giant waterwheel which once powered all the machinery and still turns today. Your distillery guide will explain the process of distilling whiskey and will show you the largest pot still in the world. The tour ends in the Jameson bar where there will be a tasting and drinking of Whiskey. https://www.jamesonwhiskey.com/en-IE/visit-us/jameson-distillery-midleton Overnight at Clayton Hotel Cork City

Wednesday October 15, 2025

Cork - Killarney

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Farm visit - Glen South Farm

Aine McSweeney is now the 4th generation farmer of Glen South.

Committed to producing the highest quality beef. Everything is focused on the wellbeing and welfare of animals and controlling the impact on the environment. Their relaxed cattle have fresh food as required with an "a la carte" nutritional menu. Glen South meat carries full Bord Bia Quality Assurance. What makes Glen South Farm different is the foresight and confidence for the farm's future and that of the Irish beef industry. The farm is currently home to a herd of 340 top quality heifers with a plan to increase to 1000 at full capacity. Taking an innovative step into the future, in January 2014 a Lely Vector automatic feeding system was installed at Glen South Farm - the first of its kind for beef cattle in Europe, in conjunction with a state-of-the-art handling system. Efficient beef production largely depends on feeding the herd consistently, timely and sufficiently. The assistance of the Vector delivers on all the above. The consistent availability of fresh feed at the fence increases feed intake, growth rate and ensures a dependable quality and live weight gain. http://www.glensouthfarm.com/

From commercial beef production we move next to niche Wagyu Beef farming

Farm Visit + Wagyu beef burger Lunch on the farm - Finnow Farm

Conor is the third generation to farm here. Dairy farmers for over 80 years, Conor turned to beef farming in 2010 and began breeding Wagyu

https://finnowfarm.ie/

Dinner and overnight at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney https://www.thebrehon.com/

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Kerry

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day tour of the Ring of Kerry via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O' Connell, known as "The Liberator" to Caherdaniel. Travel via Sneem, Moll's Gap, Ladies View, Killarney National Park and along the Lakes of Killarney. Group lunch in Killarney.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring_of_Kerry

Visit - Kerry Woollen Mills

https://www.kerrywoollenmills.ie/

Open evening in Killarney

Overnight at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney https://www.thebrehon.com

Friday, October 17, 2025

Kerry - Clare - Galway

(B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Please note we will see it if is possible to meet a Coillte representative today after the cliffs.

Coillite is the is the commercial forestry government agency and they have an office in Kilcolgan which is on route. https://www.coillte.ie/

Ferry crossing: Tarbert → Kilimer

Visit - Cliffs of Moher. One of Ireland's favorite visitor experiences, the Cliffs of Moher tower over the rugged west Clare coast. Walk the safe, paved pathways and view the famous Cliffs on Europe's western frontier and enjoy the spectacular vistas over the Atlantic Ocean and the Aran Islands. Their natural beauty has inspired artists, musicians, and poets for generations, as well as absorbing scientists and geologists, drawn by the unique landscape in which they sit. The Cliffs of Moher, the most famous cliffs in Ireland, will leave you awestruck, creating memories that will stay with you forever. www.cliffsofmoher.ie/

Arrive in Galway early and enjoy the City (if Coilllte visit not possible)

Dinner and overnight at Imperial Hotel Galway https://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie/

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Galway

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

Tour the loop of Connemara via Oughterard & Maam Cross before travelling up the spectacular Inagh valley with the 12 Bens of Connemara on your left and the Maumturks on your right as you travel to Leenane. From breathtaking scenery of the hill and bogs before you reach Leenane village, the scenery change as you return toward Galway to some beautiful coastal scenery. Returning to Galway via the town of Clifden.

Farm visit - Connemara Abalone (Mungo Murphy's Seaweed Co.)

Connemara Abalone is an aquaculture company in the west of Ireland that is 100% dedicated to the cultivation of abalone. Our abalone are born and reared in a state-of-the art aquaculture farm on the austere rocky shoreline where the Atlantic Ocean meets Galway Bay. We specialize in growing the premium Japanese species known as Ezo (latin name haliotis discus hannai). Abalone are a highly-prized shellfish delicacy, especially now that they have become scarce in most countries around the world where they used to be plentiful.

Having been introduced to Ireland in the 1980s, abalone are now farmed commercially by several producers in Ireland, including Connemara Abalone in Galway and <u>TowerAqua</u> in Cork. http://www.abalone.ie/

Lunch and visit at the Kylemore Abbey

The story of Kylemore – both Castle and Abbey – is a truly remarkable one. The twists of fate which its occupants experienced, from moments of romance and happiness to sadness and courage have all combined to create a fascinating history spanning over 150 years. Kylemore is home to a community of nuns of the Benedictine Order who came here in 1920 after their abbey in Ypres, Belgium was destroyed in World War I. Settling at Kylemore, the Benedictine Community opened a world-renowned boarding school for girls and began restoring the Abbey, Gothic Church and Victorian Walled Garden to their former glory.

https://www.kylemoreabbey.com/

Return to Galway

Overnight at Imperial Hotel Galway

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Breakfast at the hotel

Galway - Offaly - Belfast

(B/-/D)

Depart for Belfast with a visit to Clonmacnoise on the way

Founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon. The site includes the ruin of a cathedral, 7 churches (10th to 13th century), 2 round towers, 3 high crosses and the largest collection of Early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe. The original high crosses and a selection of grave slabs are on display in the visitor center.

https://www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/clonmacnoise/

Today we will have a farm visit / meeting with either/or:

the Horse sport or horse racing industry

OR Tilage farmer

OR Dublin Solar Farm

Dinner and overnight at Europa Hotel Belfast City Center www.hastingshotels.com/europa-belfast/

Monday, October 20, 2025 Belfast (B / - / -)

Breakfast at the hotel

Local Step-On Guide Belfast

This Panoramic City Tour of Belfast covers breathtaking architecture and feats of engineering, including the renowned Queen's University, the giant H&W cranes, Titanic's birthplace and Cathedral Quarter and Queen's Quarter. The tour takes in the dark Crumlin Road Gaol and the world-famous Belfast murals on the republican Falls Road and the loyalist Shankill road.

Visit - Titanic Experience Belfast

Titanic Belfast extends over nine galleries, with multiple dimensions to the exhibition, drawing together special effects, dark rides, full-scale reconstructions and innovative interactive features to explore the Titanic story in a fresh and insightful way; from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her infamous maiden voyage and catastrophic demise. The journey goes beyond the aftermath of the sinking, to the discovery of the wreck and continues into the present day with a live undersea exploration center. www.titanicbelfast.com/

Meeting with the Lough Neagh Partnership (TBC) – Lough Neagh is the largest body of fresh water in Northern Ireland and is the main source for Belfast, it is presently struggling with invasive species and algae. We will hear about their work including infrastructure, environmental conservation and community development (among other topics). https://loughneaghpartnership.org/

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Dublin (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for Dublin.

On arrival in Dublin, we experience a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city with a local step-on guide. The tour includes O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, Ha'penny Bridge, Georgean Houses and Dublin Doors. Following the city tour, the group will get a guided visit of Christ Church Cathedral www.christchurchcathedral.ie before free time in the afternoon.

Dinner and Show (+ 1 drink per person) - The Merry Ploughboy https://www.mpbpub.com/ 2 starters, 2 mains 1 Dessert. Tea or Coffee.

Overnight at Clayton Hotel Leopardstown https://www.claytonhotelleopardstown.com/

Dublin

(B/-/-)

Breakfast at the hotel

One group transfer to the airport included based on the best time for the majority of the group.

LAND ONLY COST (per person):

Double Occupancy US \$4,145 Single Occupancy US \$5,210

Flight:

Please contact us should you have any questions regarding flight options. There may be the possibility to add guests to the group flights held.

Included:

- Flights (unless passenger opts for LAND ONLY program)
- Tour Manager
- Transportation
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 5 dinners B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = dinner
- All sites/ tours/ entries as noted above
- Ferry crossing
- Gratuity
- Luggage handling at hotels

Not Included

- Optional insurance
- Items of a personal nature (souvenirs, additional tour not included above etc.)
- Meals not listed as included above
- UK ETA (Visitor Visa) 16 GBP, please visit <u>www.gov.uk/eta</u> to apply