

# Ireland Ag Tour Info & Itinerary

June 20<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



## DAY 1: SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026 (D)

Arrive in Dublin and meet our driver/guide. Travel to Portlaoise.

Visit the **Irish National Stud & Gardens**. This thoroughbred horse breeding facility is also home to what is considered to be the finest Japanese gardens in Europe. Spend an easy afternoon touring to fight the jetlag.

Lodging: [Maldron Hotel Portlaoise](#)

## DAY 2: MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and then travel to Athy for a tour of a Ballindrum Farm B&B. This dairy farm runs a few hundred Holstein Friesian cows. Enjoy a farm tour, along with proper tea and scones.

Afternoon: Visit **Kilkenny Castle**. The first stone castle was built on this site in 1260.

Lodging: [Anner Hotel Thurles](#)

## DAY 3: TUESDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and then visit the **Rock of Cashel**, the seat of kings and medieval bishops for 900 years. Afterward, tour **Dualla House Sheep Farm**. This farm dates back to 1798. They keep around 700 ewes and 180 lamb replacements.

Afternoon: Tour the **Jameson Middleton Distillery**. Learn the process of distilling whiskey and see the largest pot still in the world. It has been requested that this tour provide an understanding of the sourcing of barley and corn, along with the grower relationship to the distillery.

Lodging: [Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork City](#)

## DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel before a visit the **Blarney Castle**. This castle was built in 1446 as a defensive fortress. Attendees will have the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone.

Afternoon: Tour **Macroon Buffalo Farm**. The owners imported 31 water buffalo from Northern Italy in 2009 and now have a herd of more than 700. Learn how buffalo mozzarella is made and taste their signature farm fresh cheeses.

Lodging: [Maldron Hotel Shandon Cork City](#) or similar

### DAY 5: THURSDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel followed by a tour a family-owned **grain, beef, and dairy farm** in northern Cork.

Afternoon: Visit the stunning **Cliffs of Moher**! Walk the paths and see the cliffs that serve as one of Ireland's most visited sites for good reason. Travel through **the Burren**, a lunar-like limestone landscape filled with interesting vegetation, including around 20 species of orchids that grow wild.

Lodging: [Menlo Park Hotel Galway](#)

### DAY 6: FRIDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and then a full day spent in the Connemara region. Visit **Connemara Abalone**, a state-of-the-art aquaculture farm located where the Atlantic Ocean meets Galway Bay.

Afternoon: Tour **Kylemore Abbey**. This castle was built in the 1800s to be a private home and has been an abbey for the Benedictine Community of Nuns since 1920.

Lodging: [Menlo Park Hotel Galway](#)

### DAY 7: SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and then travel to visit a **sheep, suckler cow, and potato farm**. This family-owned operation raises around 400 breeding ewes, along with their lambs, and around 350 suckler cows and calves.

Afternoon: Visit the **Céide Fields Neolithic Site**. Tour the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world. The stone-walled fields are the oldest known globally at almost 6,000 years old.

Lodging: [The Glasshouse Sligo](#)

### DAY 8: SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and depart for Belfast. Take a **guided tour of Belfast** to see the city's architecture, the world-famous Belfast Murals, and learn about the history of Northern Ireland.

Afternoon: Visit **Titanic Experience Belfast**. This museum shows the full history of the Titanic, from its construction in Belfast to its launch and sinking, along with the wreckage discovery and present-day circumstances.

Lodging: [Moxy Belfast City](#)

### DAY 9: MONDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B)

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel and then travel to Dublin. The rest of the day will be **free to explore Dublin** in small groups. This a great opportunity for attendees to research the city, do what is of personal interest, and learn to navigate a foreign city semi-independently - while being within reach of experienced travelers and chaperones.

Lodging: [Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley](#)

**DAY 10: TUESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D)**

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel followed by a day of Dublin tours. The first stop is the **Christ Church Cathedral**, then on to **EPIC Irish Emigration Museum**. After lunch there will be a tour of the Guinness Storehouse.

Evening: Dinner and a show at **The Merry Ploughboy**. The show includes traditional Irish music and dancing.

Lodging: [Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley](#).

**DAY 11: WEDNESDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026 (B, L, D\*)**

Breakfast at the hotel and then transfer to the airport for flights home.

MEAL CODE: B = breakfast, L = Lunch, D = dinner. \* Indicates meal on airplane. Breakfast includes coffee or tea and other meals include a beverage.

\*\*Tour stops are subject to adjustment if circumstances require.

## **COST**

\$6,200 - Cost for one student attendee, sharing a room with one other attendee. +\$1,150 for single occupancy room.

\$7,000 - Cost for chaperones.

The cost covers round-trip airfare from PDX to DUB (Dublin, Ireland) (price will differ if flying from a different airport), lodging, ground transportation, tours and activities, three meals per day in Ireland\*, travel insurance (chaperone cost does not include travel insurance, but can be added), local tour guides, tour management, and tips for guides.

Snacks, incidentals, souvenirs, and meals at US airports are not included.

Cost is based on 13 student attendees and one chaperone in addition to the tour leader, the minimum number for the tour to take place.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants who meet the requirements below will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

- 18 to 21 year old FFA members (as of June 21, 2026) from any state (FFA advisor must sign the application)

## **FLIGHTS**

The cost includes flights from PDX to DUB, with a layover in ORD (Chicago).

Attendees from states other than Oregon will need to arrive to ORD by 8:00 PM on June 20 to meet the rest of the group. The cost and tickets will be adjusted to each attendee's airport of choice.

## **VISAS AND PASSPORTS**

- Attendees will need a passport that is valid until at least July 15, 2026.

## **PAYMENT INFO**

- \$250 deposit due within 14 days of acceptance
- \$1,000 payment due by April 1
- Balance of payment due by May 1

Payments may be made by check or credit card. Credit card payments will include a 3% transaction fee.

Checks should be made out to Agrotours and sent to PO Box 29130 Richmond, VA 23242.

## **TRIP MINIMUM**

At least 14 attendees must commit by March 15 for the trip to take place. There are 19 spots available.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellations ninety days [90] or more prior to tour departure will receive full refund of deposit, less a \$250 cancellation charge per person. Cancellations between thirty [30] and ninety [90] days will forfeit the initial deposit amount, and may also be subject to Supplier\* cancellation fees. Cancellations within the thirty [30] day period prior to departure will not be refunded, except in the case that the participant can be replaced.

\*The Supplier is an airline, hotel, charter coach company, restaurant, museum or entrance fee, guide, or unrecoverable administrative charges.

## TOUR LEADER

### JORDYN COON

Jordyn owns an agriculture marketing communications and event coordination business, which includes planning and leading agriculture tours. She is an experienced traveler herself and has previously led student tours to central California, New Zealand, and Italy.

She grew up on a farm in Oregon and was given many opportunities to travel during her upbringing, developing a deep appreciation for both ag and travel. After obtaining a degree in Agricultural Sciences from Oregon State University, Jordyn worked for Syngenta, a global crop protection and seed company, before starting her own business. During that time, she was able to gain an understanding of many diverse agriculture commodities and practices beyond what can be found in her home state. FFA was an important part of her life as a member and still is, as an alumni. Being able to combine her interests in ag and travel and share those with FFA members is an incredible opportunity for Jordyn.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The safety of the participants is of the utmost importance. There are inherent risks in activities such as flying and touring working agricultural operations, but all measures possible will be taken to protect attendees and keep them safe. Parts of the risk management strategy include, but are not limited to:

**Travel insurance:** Travel insurance will be purchased for each student, which will include medical treatment and medical transport coverage.

**Chaperones:** In addition to the trip leader, an appropriate number of chaperones will be selected based on the number of student attendees. All chaperones will be required to pass a background check. At least one chaperone will be CPR & First Aid trained.

**Medical information:** Attendees will be required to provide medical information necessary to receive treatment in the event of an emergency. \*All attendees will be required to provide proof of medical insurance.

**Locations Sharing:** All attendees will be required to download the Life 360 app and have their location available at all times.

**Alcohol Consumption:** Outside of facilitated tour tastings, alcohol consumption is not allowed for students or chaperones and will result in termination of the tour.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 15:** Final day to submit applications

**14 days after application acceptance:** \$250 payment due

**April 1:** \$1,000 payment due

**May 1:** Balance of payment due

\*This tour is not affiliated with any FFA association.

## Testimonials

Here's what parents and students had to say about past tours:

There was a lot of effort put into this trip to make sure all participants saw many different parts of the ag industry. With all travels, hotels, food, and tours covered, as parents we felt it was a great investment in our child's future.

~ Parent of Attendee

They were able to see many new to them parts of the agricultural community. Many networking possibilities were available to be pursued in the future. As well as new friends that could last a lifetime.

~ Parent of Attendee

I really appreciated the specific itinerary and communication. I also appreciated that students changed roommates. I think that allowed the group to bond and learn to be around other students from a variety of backgrounds.

~ Parent of Attendee

I really enjoyed the times we were driving and talking to the different students and chaperones on the trip. Listening to the different tour guide's stories on how they got involved with each company was extremely interesting.

~ Attendee

It was a great experience to travel around to a new environment and learn about different careers and a great place to meet new friends from around the state.

~ Attendee

The experience truly is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The agricultural companies and industries you get to see, along with the friends you get to make, is astronomical.

~ Attendee

It was such a fun trip and we got to see so much that we wouldn't have been able to without this trip. It was a great learning experience and we could use what we learned from the trip in real life.

~ Attendee

These tours are an amazing experience, and have so much to teach us about agriculture outside of Oregon. I think it is very important that we know more about agriculture outside of what we know.

~ Attendee