

## Ireland Ag and Cultural tour October 13-20, 2019

(October 12, Saturday)- Overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

**Day 1 (October 13, Sunday)-** Arrival and departure from airport. Travel to and visit sheep farm on the way to Thurles. Next, take a guided tour of The Rock of Cashel. This landmark is a spectacular display of medieval buildings atop a limestone rock formation. The monastery on Rock of Cashel has dominated the landscape of this area for over 1,500 years.

Overnight Thurles (L,D)



**Day 2 (October 14, Monday)-**Today you'll have the opportunity to see Moorepark, Animal & Grassland Research Center to meet with industry professionals and extension

agents. Next visit a grain farm with winter wheat, winter oil seed rape, and winter oats. Also visit the famous Blarney Castle. Built in 1446, this third structure to be built on this site, remains standing today. You will also have a shopping opportunity Blarney Woollen Mills. Here, there are three levels of unique Irish shops of items such as pottery, sweaters and jewelry.

## **Overnight Cork**

(B,D)





**Day 3 (October 15, Tuesday)-** In the morning visit a potato farm and learn about their harvesting, storage and packing facilities. Next, , visit Spike Island in the Cork Harbour with a guided tour to learn about its unique history. Enjoy some time to explore the local culture and history.

### **Overnight Cork**

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**Day 4 (October 16, Wednesday)-** Depart for a dairy farm and meet with the past President of the Irish Farmers Association and his son, a recent Agricultural Science graduate from University College Dublin. Most Irish dairy farms operate a grass based system. The farm is over 200 acres with 200+ cows (Pedigree Herd, Holsten Friesians) with heifers boing crossed to jersey for easy calving.

In the afternoon, visit a water buffalo farm. This has Ireland's first and only herd of milking water buffalo. They produce a variety of cheeses including mozzarella, parmesan, and haloumi. Now, they herd over 200 animals and milk over 75 buffalo,

which are calving all year round.

# Overnight Killarney (B,L,D)



**Day 5 (October 17, Thursday)-** Day tour of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most spectacular drive. It beings in Killarney and makes a circular route passing several attractions including: Waterville, Coomakista Pass with magnificent views over Kenmare Bay, picturesque village of Sneem, over Molls Gap and along the Lakes of Killarney, through Killarney National and back to Killarney.

# Overnight Killarney (B,L)





**Day 6 (October 18, Friday)-** Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way, crossing the Shannon River by roll-on/roll-off ferry to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most visited tourist destinations. The cliffs stand at an amazing 702 feet at their highest point and stretch for 5 miles along the Atlantic coast of County Clare. In the afternoon spend time in Galway for lunch on your own and some free time. Then travel back to Dublin.

## Overnight Dublin

(B,D)



**Day 7 (October 19, Saturday)-** In the morning, a Dublin local guide will join the group for a panoramic tour around Dublin City to see and learn about the capital and Ireland's largest city. Tour the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College to name a few. Free day in Dublin! Finish the day with dinner at an Irish Cabaret evening filled with traditional Irish food and dancing.

# Overnight Dublin (B,D)





**Day 8 (October 20, Sunday)-** Transfer in the morning to Dublin airport for your return flight home. Arrive back in the U.S. on the same day.

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"This itinerary is subject to change without prior approval. Please note that if a last minute cancellation occurs, a replacement technical visit of equal value will be arranged."

#### Included:

Accommodations

Transportation

Driver

Guide

Tours/Technical Visits

Gratuities for driver/quide

Meals as indicated on itinerary (includes water, coffee or tea)

B= Breakfast

L= Lunch

D= Dinner

#### Not Included:

International airfare (from Philadelphia Est. \$700). <u>Please note\* You're responsible to book your domestic ticket to and from Philadelphia</u>. <u>Please arrive a minimum of three hours (prefer 4 hours) before the international flight which departs at TBD?</u>

Soft drinks or alcoholic beverages

Meals not shown on itinerary

Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for travel to Ireland

Travel insurance coverage

Excess baggage fees

Souvenirs

Leisure activities on free days

Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

### Estimated pricing based on double occupancy, per person

20 travelers	\$2,625
30 travelers	\$2,350

<sup>\*</sup>Single Supplement - \$550

#### **Payment Schedule:**

\$500 non-refundable deposit- March 15, 2019 remaining balance due- August 15, 2019