

Important Reminders:

- Be prepared for spending lots of time outdoors.
- Wear comfortable, water-resistant shoes. Bring a 2nd pair of shoes!
- Bring a good raincoat with a hood.
- Bring a comfortable backpack as your personal item and for daily use as needed.
- Bring a reusable water bottle and stay hydrated.
- Pack light!
- We have advised hotels and group meal venues of the dietary requirements for the group.
Participants with food allergies or dietary concerns – please reconfirm dietary requirements directly with the staff at all food venues. Don't hesitate to ask your wait staff for a list of ingredients of any particular dish.
- Please also ensure that anyone with a severe allergy is equipped with an **epi-pen** in the event that an adrenaline injection must be administered, and please ensure a nominated person from the group is available to assist.

ITINERARY: March 13-21, 2026

<p>FRI MAR 13: DEPART USA [-/-/-]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9pm Depart IND on Air Lingus flight #82 to DUB – arranged by Purdue
<p>SAT MAR 14: ARRIVE DUB AIRPORT – TULLY (45m) – CASHEL (1hr15) – CORK (1hr15) [-/L/D]</p> <p>✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Full day private coach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45am Group arrival at Dublin International Airport (DUB) • Upon arrival, proceed through baggage claim and customs to the arrivals hall, where you will be met by your program guide/coordinator, who will accompany your group for the duration of the program (guide/coordinator will be holding easily recognizable “AEA Purdue” signage) • Board private coach and depart for Cork, stopping in Tully and Cashel along the way • On the coach, your guide/coordinator will provide an overview of safety tips in Ireland, particularly for Dublin as it will be important for the group to stick together (no venturing off alone), and to avoid certain areas of Dublin • Visit to the <u>Irish National Stud</u> a thoroughbred horse breeding farm known for breeding some of the most famous racehorses in history. <u>Meet with the staff who care for the horses and learn about their work during this wonderful season of breeding and foaling</u> • Group lunch included at the National Stud • Continue via coach to Cashel • Guided visit of the historically significant medieval fortress, Rock of Cashel, also known as St. Patrick's Rock • Continue by private coach to hotel in Cork, Ireland's second largest city known for its university, vibrant atmosphere and cultural offerings • Enjoy your group welcome dinner at a local restaurant • Overnight at <u>The Address Hotel</u>

<p>SUN MAR 15: CORK – ROSSCARBERY (1hr15) – SKIBBEREEN (20m) – CORK (1hr30) [B/-/-]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Full day private coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Depart by private coach for Rosscarbery, West Cork • Visit J.J. O'Sullivan's dairy farm, winner of Carbery Milk Quality and Origin Green Sustainability awards; observe the Irish dairy farming practice and learn about how dairy farmers balance their efforts to improve quality and yield with their work to minimize their farm's environmental impact. John Joe and his son also have a keen interest in bee-keeping. <i>(As it is calving season, it is an exciting, busy and unpredictable time for Irish dairy farms. Some flexibility will be required as the farmers have to be on hand if a calf is arriving. We may need to adjust times or location on the day.)</i> • Free time in Skibbereen to get lunch on own expense • Visit the Skibbereen Heritage Center to learn the history of the Irish Famine & Emigration. The Great Famine Exhibition commemorates this tragic period of Irish history and serves as a tribute to the suffering of the local community. Skibbereen was one of the worst affected areas in the country, losing a third of its people to hunger and disease following the repeated failure of the potato crop from 1845 – 1847 • Return transfer to Cork • Dinner on own expense • Overnight at <u>The Address Hotel</u>
<p>MON MAR 16: CORK [B/-/-]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Half day private coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Board coach and transfer to the local Gaelic Athletic Association; enjoy a Gaelic Games experience; learn the skills used in the traditional Irish sports of Hurling and Gaelic Football (GAA clubs are integral to Irish community life) • Walking tour of Cork city with your guide, including the English Market, Trading since 1788, the English Market is one of Europe's oldest covered markets. Explore and enjoy its diverse vendors selling organic and locally produced food; meat and fish, herbs and spices, fruit and vegetables, sauces and oils, chocolates and cakes, cheeses and pastas. Many traders are family businesses, handed down through the generations • Free time in Cork city • Lunch and dinner on own expense • Overnight at <u>The Address Hotel</u>
<p>TUE MAR 17: CORK – CLIFFS OF MOHER (3hrs) – DOOLIN (20mins) GALWAY (1hr40) [B/L/-]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Full day private coach 	<p style="text-align: center;">Today is St Patrick's Day – Ireland's National Holiday!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel, followed by check-out • Depart by private coach to County Clare • Explore the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, rising 700+ feet above the Atlantic Ocean (entrance included) • Continue to the town of Doolin • Group lunch at local restaurant in Doolin • then attend the local St. Patrick's Day Parade • After, visit St. Tola Irish Goat Farm. Siobhán Ní Gháirbhith and her team make the very finest quality goat milk cheeses produced from their herd of 300 goats. Award winning cheeses range from soft logs & crottin to Greek style to hard gouda cheese. As part of the GEOfood network, St. Tola is proud to promote the sustainable development and appreciation of an ancient food tradition rooted in geology.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After, continue to Galway, considered the cultural capital of Ireland • Check-in to hotel • Dinner on own expense • Overnight at Hyde Hotel
WED MAR 18: GALWAY – CONNEMARA – GALWAY (~3hrs45) [B/L/-] ✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Full day private coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Depart via private coach for a full day excursion to Connemara, known for its beautiful and rugged coastal landscape • Stop at Mungo Murphy's Seaweed & Abalone Farm. Tour the shore and the farm and learn about sustainable aquaculture farming, followed by a lunch (included) of soup and sandwiches with a tasting of seaweed tacos and sea lettuce tempura. • Visit Joe Joyce's hill sheep farm, nestled between the Maumturk and Partry Mountains. Joe will tell us about grazing management, health and husbandry in upland sheep farming and we will watch his Border Collie sheepdogs at work, herding Connemara Blackface sheep. • Continue to Kylemore Abbey & Gardens for a photo opportunity at this beautifully restored Victorian castle overlooking Kylemore Lough (exterior visit only) • Return transfer to Galway • Dinner at own expense • Overnight at Hyde Hotel
THU MAR 19: GALWAY – ATHENRY (40m) – DUBLIN (2hr15) [B/L/-] ✓ Full day guide/coordinator ✓ Full day private coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel, followed by check-out • Depart Galway for Dublin by private coach • Along the way, stop in Athenry for a visit to the Bia Innovator Campus - the National Centre for Excellence for business supports from farm to fork. Bia Innovator works with entrepreneurs, farmers and food producers, to progress their businesses in the agri-food industry, supporting over 40 businesses on site and hundreds more remotely. Learn about the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the agri-food industry in Ireland. (We can request a visit focused on the faculty leader's specific interests – please let us know.) • Continue to Dublin • Group lunch at local restaurant en route • Arrive in Dublin and check in to hotel • Guided 1-hour walking orientation tour of Dublin city center • Overnight at Harding Hotel
FRI MAR 20: DUBLIN [B/-/D] ✓ Full day guide/coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Free morning (your guide can offer suggestions if students have any particular interests) • Lunch on own expense with recommendations from your guide • Reconvene for visit to Guinness Storehouse in St James's Gate Brewery, boasting 7 floors of interactive exhibits, for a self-guided tour: learn about the Guinness family, how the business expanded over time, and how Guinness is brewed. End with a pint of Guinness (or a non-alcoholic alternative) while enjoying expansive views of Dublin from the top • Farewell Dinner with Purdue Alumni in Dublin city center • Overnight at Harding Hotel

<p>SAT MAR 21: DUBLIN – DUB (~40mins) – USA [B/-/-]</p> <p>✓ Half day guide/coordinator</p> <p>✓ Half day private coach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel, followed by check-out • Transfer by private coach to Dublin airport for your group flight home • Part ways with guide • 2:40pm Depart DUB on Aer Lingus flight 83 to IND – arranged by Purdue • 7:30pm Arrival in IND
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