

ILC Ireland 2016 Package Itinerary

Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th August



Saturday, 20th August – Arrivals – Transfers from Dublin Airport

Airport transfers will be scheduled from Dublin Airport from 7am on Saturday, 20th of August. Groups will travel to Athlone where delegates will stay for the first four nights.

This schedule will be posted on the ILC Website in August 2016 closer to the event.

In order to assist with this scheduling, please advise us of your flight arrival time via your on-line registration form including the terminal building you will be arriving in to. Group transfers will be scheduled based on arrivals as indicated by delegates and every effort will be made to minimise waiting times on arrival.

Welcome Reception – will take place in Athlone at 19:30

Delegates wishing to participate in the Welcome Reception **must take the transfer from Dublin Airport no later than 17:00**. Please ensure your flight arrives in time to clear security in time to catch this transfer.

Should your flight arrival be too late to catch the 17.00 transfer from Dublin Airport, transfers to your hotel in Athlone will still be available.

Sunday, 21st of August

Technical Conference

Delegates will leave the hotels in Athlone at 08:30 to attend the Technical Conference hosted by Teagasc Grange which is Ireland's centre of excellence in beef research and technology.

Delegates will break for a visit to **Brú Na Bóinne Visitor Centre**. The interpretative centre for the Neolithic monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. A visit to a modern, commercial **Limousin herd** will round off today's activities.

An alternative tour

An alternative tour will run for partners and delegates who prefer not to attend the Technical Conference.

Guests participating in the alternative tours will leave the hotels in Athlone at 11:00. A cruise on the **River Shannon** will be enjoyed before visiting **Clonmacnoise**.

Delegate will spend the evening at their own leisure.

Monday, 22nd of August

This morning's highlight is a visit to **John McNerney's award-winning 'Drummin' Limousin herd** in Co. Clare. This will be followed by a trip to Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland.

A walk along the magnificent **Cliffs of Moher** will capture hearts. The Cliffs are Ireland's most visited natural attraction, standing at 214m.

The drive this afternoon will incorporate part of the **"Wild Atlantic Way"**, which is the world's longest defined coastal touring route, running the length of the Atlantic coast from Donegal to Cork.

Making our way to the **Equestrian Centre in Glenamaddy** where delegates, joined by 'Northwest' and 'Clare' Limousin Clubs, will enjoy the best of Irish hospitality along with a display of their finest Limousin cattle.

Tuesday, 23rd of August

A relaxed start this morning; a 1pm departure and delegates will visit the **Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre**, followed by the group visit to **Ardlea**, Ireland's foremost Limousin herd.

After viewing this magnificent herd, delegates will experience a fun evening of Irish fare and live musical entertainment.

Wednesday 24th August

Today will commence with a visit to **Virginia Show** in Co. Cavan, one of Ireland's most popular agricultural shows. From Cavan the group will travel to Dublin to visit the **Guinness Storehouse**. Housed in an old fermentation plant, this seven storey visitor experience brings you on an unforgettable welcome and a magical journey deep into the heart of the world famous Guinness brand and company.

Delegates will spend the evening at leisure.

Thursday 25th August

A short drive will bring us to the world-renowned **Coolmore Stud**. In the afternoon we will visit **Blarney Castle**, an historic castle most famous for its stone, and **Blarney Woollen Mills**, a retail store housed in one of Ireland's oldest and most authentic Irish woollen mills.

Finally the group will enjoy a visit to the prestigious **Roundhill Pedigree Limousin** herd of Tim and Doreen Corridan where a BBQ meal and entertainment awaits.

Friday 26th August

Today's highlight is our **National Limousin Show** which takes place in The Hub, Cíllin Hill, Kilkenny. Over 2,000 people will attend to see the best of both pedigree and Commercial Limousin. An alternative tour will run for partners and delegates who wish to explore Kilkenny City. Free time and shopping.

Delegates will spend the evening at leisure.

Saturday 27th August

Back to Cíllin Hill today for the Parade of Champions, the Anglo Irish YMA finals and **ILC Elite Sale**. An alternative tour to National Stud, Japanese Gardens and Kildare Village will be also organised.

The **Gala Banquet** and Official Closing Ceremony will take place in The Hub tonight.

Sunday 28th August – Departure Date

Delegates will depart Kilkenny today, being transferred to Dublin Airport or their Dublin hotel if they have decided to extend their trip. There will be a number of return transfers organised to Dublin Airport to accommodate the delegates and their flight departure times. Please make sure your flight departure time is added to your booking itinerary.