

**Carroll FFA Alumni Travel Seminar  
To Scotland, Northern Ireland, Irish Republic,  
Wales & England  
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Travel Itinerary  
June 21 – July 1, 2012  
Cost: \$3600.00**

**Thursday  
June 21**

**Chicago - Glasgow, Scotland.**

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Schedule air travel from either Indianapolis or Chicago to Glasgow. Dinner and feature film on your overnight flight.

**Friday  
June 22**

**Glasgow – Livingston.**

**B\*\*, L, D**

Arrive at Glasgow International Airport early morning and clear customs and immigration formalities, then meet your charter coach and driver just outside the baggage collection area. Because hotel check-in is not until 2:00 PM, we will stop at the Scottish Museum of Country Life, which will give you an idea of how farming has developed over the years in Scotland. We'll have some sandwiches and a soft drink for lunch.

A stop to see some typical cattle and sheep will be made at the Macaulay Institute, Hartwood Home Farm, Hartwood, Shotts at 1:30 PM. George Corsar is the officer in charge. After a walk through the pastures to see the livestock we head over to Livingston, a suburb of Edinburgh.

We'll check in at our hotel, and the balance of the day is free to relax or explore the vicinity. Dinner in the hotel dining room at 6:30 PM, then rest from the jet-lag!

**Overnight at:**

Ramada Mount Royal Hotel  
Princes Street  
Edinburgh, EH2 2DG  
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**Saturday  
June 23**

**Livingston – Edinburgh – *Royal Highland Show!***

**B, -, D**

After our first Scottish breakfast, we board the coach for the short drive to Ingliston, site of the famed Royal Highland Show. You'll have the entire day to see the horses, cattle and sheep in their pens. First off in the morning is the Scottish Young Farmers international livestock judging contest, where you can watch US members of FFA and 4H compete in judging dairy and beef animals, and sheep.

Get lunch at any of the many food stalls and restaurants on the show grounds, then perhaps in the afternoon head to the main show ring to see the Parade of Champions! And don't forget to see the massive display of tractors and farm machines, even some that you won't see in the USA. Then try free samples of food and drink in the Scottish Food Hall.

When the show closes, we make our way back to the waiting charter coach, and drive to your hotel. Dinner again in the dining room.

**Sunday  
June 24**

**Edinburgh – Stranraer – Belfast – Dublin, Ireland.**

**B, -, D**

A leisurely Sunday breakfast this morning, and then we'll check out and board the coach heading toward the Irish Sea. We arrive at Stranraer about 11 AM and board the Stena Line ship for Belfast. We sail at 12 noon and arrive in Belfast harbor about 3 PM. Lunch is available aboard the ship!

Meet your Irish driver and waiting coach, then enjoy a sightseeing tour of Belfast city, Northern Ireland. We continue the drive across the border to the Irish Republic, and check in at our hotel in Dublin, the capital city.

**Overnight at:**

Bewley's Hotel Ballsbridge

**Monday  
June 25**

**Dublin – Kilkenny.**

**B, -, D**

After your breakfast, check out of the hotel, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin City. You'll see St. Patrick's Cathedral, and stop at Trinity College to view the famed *Book of Kells* – an Irish National Treasure. Then we are off to tour the Irish National Stud, where you will be up close to many of Ireland's best race horses!

Next on today's schedule is a farm visit to one of the really good registered Angus breeders.

Later we arrive near the town of Kilkenny and disburse to several different farm families for dinner and overnight, organized by our friend Greta Powers. Enjoy the opportunity to discuss rural Irish life with the family members after a great dinner meal!

**Overnight at:**  
Farm Families

**Tuesday  
June 26**

**Kilkenny – Cork.**

**B, -, D**

A wonderful farm breakfast awaits you this morning! Then after our "goodbyes" we board our coach once again and head out for a meeting with the Irish Draught Horse Society and a visit to one of the area's "draft" horse operations.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Irish farmer needed a more versatile horse than the popular heavy draft. He needed an animal that could work the land throughout the week, go fox-hunting all day Saturday, jumping anything he faced, and then be ready to bring the family trap to church on Sunday morning. It was from this need that the Irish Draught (pronounced draft!) was born.

The famed landmark, the Rock of Cashel, can be seen from a distance as we approach the town of Cashel. The Rock was the traditional seat of the Kings of Munster for hundreds of years prior to the Norman Invasion. The remaining buildings date from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Be sure to get some photos with your group!

Following Cashel, we plan to visit the Coolmore Stud [subject to availability], and then we'll stop at the Jameson Distillery in Middleton so that everyone can see the process of turning good Irish barley into whiskey – and the adults can try a sample or two!

Arrive in Cork, Ireland's second largest city, with dinner served at your hotel.

**Overnight at:**  
Gresham Metropole /or/ Imperial Hotel Cork

**Wednesday  
June 27**

**Cork – Killarney – Ring of Kerry.**

**B, -, D**

Load your bags on the coach, then get breakfast before we head for Blarney – a “must” stop for visitors to Ireland. Perhaps you’ll climb the 120 narrow steps to the top and have the opportunity to “kiss the Blarney Stone”! Then you are assured to attain the “gift of gab”! Then go over to Blarney Woolen Mills next door for some great shopping for linens, wool sweaters, crystal and much more! Finish the morning with a typical Irish lunch at the cafeteria.

After lunch, continue our drive over to Killarney, and start out on the famous “Ring of Kerry”. Be sure to have your camera battery fully charged to take advantage of the best scenery in all of Ireland.

We’ll make it about half way around the Ring, and then stop for dinner and overnight at the village of Sneem, where you’ll enjoy a beautiful Seaview!

**Overnight at:**

Sneem Hotel

**Thursday  
June 28**

**Ring of Kerry – Waterford, Ireland.**

**B, -, D**

Breakfast near the Sea, then we board our coach and continue the drive to Killarney passing by the village of Kenmare. We soon arrive along the Lake of Killarney and see the Irish National Park and its well-known Muckross House and Gardens. Muckross also has a nice display of early farm buildings and machinery.

Get a bit of lunch at the Muckross cafeteria, then we head for Waterford with an afternoon stop to inspect a commercial Angus herd, and visit with the owners. After our visit, we arrive in the town of Waterford.

Check in at your hotel, and dinner in the dining room.

**Overnight at:**

Tower Hotel Waterford

**Friday  
June 29**

**Waterford – Rosslare – Fishguard – London.**

**B, -, -**

Our last Irish breakfast is early this morning, and then we depart at 7 AM for Rosslare Harbor. Check in for the Stena Line ship departing at 9:00, and we arrive at Fishguard, Wales about 12:30. Lunch and snacks or drinks are available during the crossing.

Meet your English coach and driver waiting for you, then we’ll first stop for a Welsh farm visit at Henry and Margaret Dixon’s Walterston Farm, Hayscastle, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 5HT. You’ll be amazed at the antique collection of farm tractors that Henry has collected!

We then continue our drive to London, and check in at our hotel. Dinner on own tonight.

**Overnight at:**

Hilton Wembley Plaza  
London.

**Saturday  
June 30**

**London.**

**B, -, D**

After breakfast, meet your licensed city guide in the hotel lobby, then board the coach for a comprehensive sightseeing tour! You'll see Westminster Abbey and "Big Ben", cross the Thames and see Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, then St. Paul's cathedral and the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace!

In the afternoon perhaps visit the Science Museum, the Victoria & Albert Art Museum, and the Museum of Natural History adjacent to each other. Or visit Madame Tussard's wax museum, or maybe try the great London Eye for a birds eye view of the world-class city.

Dinner on own, and overnight at your hotel.

**Sunday  
July 1**

**London.**

**B, -, D**

Have your breakfast at leisure and then you'll have the entire day to explore the city, go shopping on Oxford Street or at Harrod's famed department store, check out the jewels at the Tower of London, or spend a few hours in one of the fine parks!

We suggest that you buy a "day pass" for the underground, and use that to meet at 7 PM at the Texas Embassy for some authentic Tex-Mex food. Overnight again at your London hotel.

**Monday  
July 2**

**London – Chicago.**

**B – D\*\***

Check out and load bags on the coach, then breakfast in the dining room before heading to Heathrow or Gatwick Airport for your return flight to the USA.

Mid-afternoon arrival at Chicago O'Hare Airport, clear US customs, and welcome home!

B = breakfast; L = Lunch; D = dinner; S=snack; \* assumes with hosts; \*\*airline meal. Breakfast includes coffee or tea; for other meals beverages are ordered and paid separately.

We reserve the right to substitute technical visits if circumstances require.

**Many of the technical visits are hosted by people who give their time quite freely. A small gift on behalf of the passengers is appreciated, and considered good etiquette.**

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