

# FLAVORS OF IRELAND

YOUNG ALUMNI TOUR 2021  
BE PART OF THE TRADITION



SEPTEMBER 4 - U.S. DEPARTURE DATE | SEPTEMBER 5 - LAND TOUR START DATE

SEPTEMBER 11 - RETURN HOME

BASE LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$ 1,989



# START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow NC State Young Alumni?

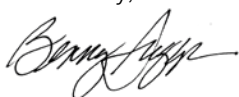
The NC State young alumni travel program offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

Travel with young alumni and friends of peer institutions, ages 22 – 35. These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to the Wolfpack alumni family. They are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 40 years of experience in the young professional travel market.

In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing. Visit our website [www.aesu.com/ncstate](http://www.aesu.com/ncstate) for details on all tours and to book online.

If you have any questions about our young alumni travel program, please contact us by emailing Kathy Hart at the NC State Alumni Association by emailing: [k\\_hart@ncsu.edu](mailto:k_hart@ncsu.edu) or call 301-405-7938.

Sincerely,



Benny Suggs  
Executive Director,  
NC State Alumni Association



## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate.) If not, AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link:  
<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

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8 DAYS



PLACES VISITED:  
Dublin | Cork | Dingle

## ABOUT THE TRIP:

This tour is unique, it speaks to those looking to learn and explore a new lifestyle. Ireland, as rich with history as it is with beauty, offers travelers the chance to explore all of these facets, provided by individuals and families who have spent a lifetime creating and perfecting these beverages and culinary experiences. Prepare to open your mind and your taste buds while travelling along the southern coast of Ireland from Dublin to Dingle. This journey is also filled with behind-the-scenes glimpses, sights you'll never forget, and plenty of knowledge. Come join us on the trip of a lifetime. Sláinte!

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome dinner & orientation \* Dingle Distillery exploration \* Dingle harbor \* Algae/seaweed foraging \* Historic castles \* West Kerry Micro Brewery crafting & sampling \* Macroom castle gate house \* Franciscan Well Microbrewery visit and brick oven pizza lunch \* English Market \* Jameson Distillery experience \* Midleton - historic market town \* Ballymaloe farm-to-table organic gardens including lunch \* Kildare sheep country \* Irish farewell dinner . . . and much more!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 8-day land package includes:  
6 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better 2-share rooms with private bath/shower \* 6 breakfasts \* 3 specialty dinners \* 2 specialty lunches \* Franciscan Well Microbrewery \* English Market \* Guided tour of Ballymaloe organic gardens \* Tour and tastings at: Dingle Distillery • West Kerry Micro Brewing Company • Jameson Distillery \* Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour \* All scheduled sightseeing \* All ground transportation by private motor coach as per itinerary \* All service charges and local taxes

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO IRELAND

Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.

Meals: In-flight

### DAY 2 - ARRIVE IN DUBLIN - LAND TOUR START DATE

Welcome to Ireland! This afternoon, consider a visit to Teeling Distillery, the only operational distillery in the city, for a tasting. Continue to the Guinness Storehouse, making sure to stop by Brewer's Dining Hall for a taste of Guinness straight from the source or tour the historic Dublin Jameson Distillery where the spirit was originally distilled and bottled before moving to its new home in Midleton. This evening, meet your travel companions for a welcome dinner and orientation with your tour director.

*Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare; Welcome orientation; Traditional Irish welcome dinner*

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

### DAY 3 - DUBLIN

Enjoy a free day to explore Dublin on your own. You may want to look into a hop-on-hop-off bus tour to see all that the city has to offer. Want to learn more about the art of distilling whiskey? Consider joining an optional excursion to the Tullamore Dew and Kilbeggan Distilleries. Tullamore Dew is a resoundingly popular Irish blend, particularly in overseas markets, where it is second only to Jameson, and Kilbeggan - the oldest working distillery in the world. This is an option you won't want to miss. Those going on the excursion can expect a full day of whiskey filled knowledge with a pit stop at Birr Castle and lunch between tours.

*Inclusions: Dublin city sights*

Meals: Breakfast,

*Optional activity: Excursion to Tullamore Dew and Kilbeggan Distilleries, Birr Castle and lunch*

### DAY 4 - DUBLIN – CORK

On route to Cork, we stop to explore the Jameson Distillery in Midleton. Continue to beautiful Ballymaloe, a famous cooking school in Southern Ireland run by celebrity chef Darina Allen. The farm is accompanied by a full restaurant, shop, and café. We'll tour the organic gardens of this amazing establishment that practiced 'farm-to-table' service before it was cool. Afterwards we'll enjoy lunch at the farm's restaurant before heading to the hotel in Cork. The rest of the night is open to exploring the city on your own.

*Inclusions: Tour and tasting at the Jameson Distillery in Midleton; Visit to Ballymaloe with a fresh farm to table lunch*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 5 - CORK

On this free day in Cork, see what the city has to offer or take a bus down to the fishing town of Kinsale for the day. This centuries-old port offers a variety of activities from whale watching and sailing to ghost tours. Don't miss out on a deliciously fresh seafood meal if you spend the day in this maritime town. You may want to consider joining an optional excursion to Blarney Castle. Spend the day exploring the grounds; leave a kiss at the Blarney Stone, then visit the heritage town of Cobh.



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Tonight we explore the menu of freshly-prepared meals at a local restaurant.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

*Optional activity: Trip to Blarney Castle & Cobh*

### DAY 6 - CORK – DINGLE

This morning we visit the English Market, which is one of the oldest and most well-known markets in Ireland. A blend of local organic foods mixed with fares from all over, this market has been around since the 18th century. Before heading to Dingle, we stop at the Franciscan Well Microbrewery to enjoy some lunch at the Well's brick oven pizza pub situated right on the River Lee. On the way to Dingle, we stop for refreshments in the picturesque town of Killarney, on the shores of Lough Leane, before continuing to our hotel to check in and enjoy free time.

*Inclusions: Visit the historic English Market in Cork; Visit to Franciscan Well Microbrewery with a fresh brick oven pizza lunch; Picturesque town of Killarney*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

### DAY 7 - DINGLE

Join our seaweed foraging excursion and learn about different types of seaweed and sustainable harvesting or enjoy a free morning before we begin a tour and tasting at the Dingle Distillery. Afterwards we head to the West Kerry Microbrewery for a visit. Meet the brewers who create this local Irish lager before sitting down and enjoying a pint. Spend the rest of the afternoon checking out some of the towns famous sights, insanely gorgeous views, go for a hike, then join us for our farewell dinner at a local pub.

*Inclusions: Seaweed foraging excursion; Tour and tasting at the Dingle Distillery; Tour and tasting at West Kerry Microbrewery; Farewell seafood dinner in Dingle*

*Meals: Breakfast, dinner*

### DAY 8 - FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast the group says goodbye to Ireland, filled with not only delicious Irish food and spirits but also with knowledge of what exactly goes into making some of the great beverages of this country and a feeling of having seen how incredible this isle truly is.

*Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to Shannon airport included with purchased AESU group airfare*

*Meals: Breakfast, in-flight*



Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director and driver with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$5 per day for your tour director and \$2-3 per day for your driver.) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.

# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

## HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$745 will apply.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

Standing and walking for extended periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, absence of elevators, climbing aboard buses or trains with high steps.) Appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in moderate activities.

Please Note: Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

## TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



**“IT WAS MY DREAM  
COME TRUE AND  
I COULDN'T HAVE  
ASKED FOR A  
BETTER TRIP.”**

- past traveler

# BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

**EXCLUSIONS:** These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 120-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 35% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 50%. Cancellation within 15 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE:** All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at [www.aesu.com](http://www.aesu.com).