

Welcome to the 2016 WJCB Tour

UK Jerseys and the World Jersey Cattle Bureau invite breeders from around the world to attend the 2016 World Jersey Meeting in Ireland, Scotland, England and on the Island of Jersey. This exciting event will include visits to some of the country's best herds and farms. It will showcase some of the best research and development relating to Jerseys on home soil and enable attendees to see cutting edge diversification projects utilising Jersey milk as well as the best culture and tourism we have to offer. The trip will conclude in Jersey with celebrations marking the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Jersey Herd Book, the oldest Dairy Herd Book in the world. It promises to be an exciting trip and whilst we would encourage participants to attend the whole trip we appreciate that some people will not have the time available.

At the end of this document you will see the cost for the whole trip and cost for individual segments. If these breakdowns do not meet your exact needs Farm Tours who are looking after the logistics of the trip will be happy to work with you to provide a costing that meets your needs.

Itinerary:

Friday 3rd June – Arrival into Dublin

Delegates arrive into Dublin.

Most delegates will arrive by air, so we will convene at an airport hotel to facilitate a phased arrival during the day.

This evening there will be a Welcome drinks and canapé reception.

Dinner to your own account in the hotel.

Saturday 4th June – Moorepark Research Centre and Limerick

Breakfast at the hotel before departing to the world famous Moorepark Research Centre. Here the group will review some interesting work being conducted by Moorepark involving Jerseys and Jersey crosses as part of an extensive grazing regime trial.

A packed lunch will be provided to accommodate a busy schedule.

The group will then travel to Limerick for an afternoon herd visit to Smithfield Jerseys in Adare.

Following on the overnight stay is in Limerick with dinner at the hotel included in the cost.

Sunday 5th June – Irish National Stud and an Irish Night Out

After breakfast the group will leave Limerick and drive to the National Stud and its associated Japanese Gardens.

The Irish National Stud was set up to enable small breeders to have access to some of the world's best Thoroughbred Stallions at affordable prices. After this visit there will be time to visit the Japanese Gardens.

Lunch to your own account in Dublin.

The afternoon will be free in Dublin itself, but do not get too tired as this evening we will be going out for a Irish themed evening with traditional Irish food, dancing and music.

Monday 6th June – A Conversion to Jersey's, Alltech and an Irish Dinner

This morning the farm visit is to Mr Cormack Quinn's. He is changing his herd from Holsteins to Jerseys and has an interesting tale of how this is radically changing the kilos of solids produced per acre.

We will then visit Alltech's European headquarters, who will provide lunch and then offer us an insight into their current research projects.

In the evening there will be a Taste of Ireland dinner at the Dublin hotel with a key note Irish Speaker.

Tuesday 7th June – Woodtown Jerseys and moving to Northern Ireland

Woodtown Jerseys are one of the oldest established herds in Ireland and this will be the final visit of the Southern Irish part of the trip. Local agricultural businesses will be present to demonstrate their support of the growing Jersey Breed in Southern Ireland.

After lunch on the farm the group will move to Northern Ireland.

Dinner will be in the hotel in Belfast.

Wednesday 8th June – Irish Whisky and the Giants Causeway.

Bushmills Irish Whisky is well known worldwide as a quality Irish product. This morning starts with a visit to the Distillery before heading to the Giants Causeway.

The Giant Causeway is 40,000 interlocking basalt columns resulting from an ancient volcanic eruption.

Making our way back to Belfast along the North Antrim Coastal drive considered by many to be one of the best drives in Ireland.

Dinner in the hotel.

Thursday 9th June – Belfast City Tour and Yoghurt

A city tour of Belfast in the morning including a visit to Stormont to see the Northern Ireland Government (if circumstances permit).

Lunch will be provided en-route with an afternoon visit to the impressive Clandeboye herd of Jerseys and Holsteins. This herd has diversified into an ever expanding yoghurt making business.

Before returning to the hotel in Belfast for dinner.

Friday 10th June – Titanic Quarter and Jersey Show Herd

In the morning there will be a visit to the famous Titanic Quarter, enabling delegates to visit one of the world's largest urban waterfront regeneration projects.

Lunch will be provided followed by a visit to the superb Potterswalls Jerseys herd, home to many prize winning cows.

An Evening dinner will be held at the hotel with Irish entertainment provided by the Northern Ireland Club.

Saturday 11th June – Ferry, Jersey Cattle Sale and Scottish Night Out

There will be an early morning departure on the ferry from Larne to Stranraer before a journey through the Scottish Borders. We will arrive at the Dunblane Hydro, our hotel for the next two nights, in time for lunch.

Shortly after lunch the group will be welcomed by the Grahams Family Dairy at Stirling Castle with a presentation on local history.

The group will then move onto Aithrey Kerse, head office of Grahams Family Dairy, where there will be an overview of the business, before the day is rounded off with an evening meal. The Graham's Gold

Top Invitational Auction sale will be held at the conclusion of supper and the evening will wrap up with some Scottish entertainment.

Sunday 12th June – Edinburgh Discovered

There will be a World Jersey Meeting for delegates at 7am this morning. This will be followed by the meeting of the European Jersey Forum (those delegates will be transferred direct to the farm visit which will include a classification workshop.)

After breakfast the group will be transferred to near-by Edinburgh and we will have a hop-on, hop-off bus. This will allow you to discover Scotland's Capital City - so much to appreciate.

For those that wish in the afternoon there will be a visit to Gordon Hastie's Alderston herd to the East of Edinburgh.

The group will then return to the hotel for dinner.

Monday 13th June – Gold Top Milk and a journey to the English Lake District

Grahams Dairies are a major processor of Jersey Milk in Scotland and they have given us the opportunity to look at their impressive plant to see how the product produced on farm has value added to it in the processing procedure.

We will then journey down to the English Lake District and en-route to our hotel see some of the spectacular countryside that inspired both William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter.

Dinner will be in the hotel.

Tuesday 14th June – A trip on the Lake and an Ice Cream

No trip to the Lake District would be complete without a boat trip on one of the many lakes. This morning we will allow the scenery to do the talking as we glide peacefully along on the lake.

Our next visit will be to Steven Bland and family where lunch will be served on the farm.

The Clifton herd of Jerseys at Abbots Lodge supports a thriving ice cream making business and it is inconceivable you will leave without tasting the product.

We'll then return to the hotel for dinner.

Wednesday 15th June – The Lakes, Morecambe Bay and Chester

There will be some time this morning in Windermere, the centre of the English Lake District. Free time - with options to look at things like the Beatrix Potter Experience or a fine museum of steam powered lake cruisers.

We will leave the Lake District and head down to near Carnforth in Lancashire where we will visit the Pye family and their impressive Bayview herd of Jerseys.

From there we will travel down to the Chester area, with our stay for the next three nights being the Carden Park Hotel.

Dinner tonight at the Hotel.

Thursday 16th June – Chester and Cattle Judging

There will be a meeting of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau this morning starting at 7am with a planned finish by 10am.

After this there will be one option to visit nearby historic Chester, with another option to visit the Patten family's Baddington herd near Nantwich, Cheshire. This will incorporate a judging competition.

Both groups will return to the hotel with options to utilise the extensive leisure facilities including golf, spa and archery.

Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

Friday 17th June – Chester and Cogent Bull Stud

The group will transfer this morning to a nearby facility for the more formal side of the Jersey Meeting. Cogent, a major sponsor of the trip will welcome you to their home area.

A panel of Young Jersey Breeders will address the group on the subject of "The Jersey Breed is my Future".

After lunch the group will head out to the Cogent Bull Stud and its associated farms and visit the various facilities.

The evening will culminate in a hog roast/barbecue hosted by Cogent at the impressive new dairy unit before returning to our hotel.

Saturday 18th June – Jersey Island

For those continuing to Jersey there will be transportation to the appropriate airports for flights to Jersey. On arrival in Jersey you will be transferred to the Century Hotel with the rest of the day to discover Saint Helier.

Dinner tonight (at your own expense) in Saint Helier.

Sunday 19th June – Jersey Islands Premier Jersey Show

Transfer to the Show to watch the Islands best cattle compete.

Lunch will be provided at the Show.

At the end of the Show there will be a Taste of Jersey Evening, before returning to the hotel.

Monday 20th June – Jersey Herd Visits and Barbecue

After breakfast this morning we will visit a number of well known Jersey herds with lunch along the way before the day finishes with a barbecue at a Jersey landmark.

Tuesday 21st June – Herd Book Celebrations

There will be further farm visits this morning, as well as lunch on farm.

There will be some time at the end of today to prepare for the evening's festivities. Whilst the foundation of the Herd Book is important to not only Jersey Breeders, it also plays a significant part in the history of 'Jersey

The Island'. This evening's Finale Celebration of the trip is designed to demonstrate how involved the development of the Jersey Breed has been in the history of the culture of this unique island. Look out for some interesting twists to this evening.

Return to the hotel.

Wednesday the 22nd June – Departure

Hopefully it will only seem like yesterday that this trip started, but now it's time to leave. Transfers will be arranged to airports as required. Should any participant wish to extend their stay, our agents will be pleased to help in any way that they can.

Tour Options:

Option 1:

DUBLIN TO CHESTER – This cost is from arrival at Dublin Airport to dispersal from Carden Park Hotel, Chester. It includes most meals, all transfers, and ferry cost. The cost will be £2279.00

Option 2:

SCOTLAND TO CHESTER - From arrival at the Scottish Hotel in Dunblane until dispersal from Carden Park Hotel, Chester.

It includes most meals, all transfers, visits and items, meals etc as indicated above. The cost will be £1299.00 (Please note participants will have to arrive at the hotel by no later than 12 noon on the Saturday)

Option 3:

JERSEY ISLAND EXTENSION – please note this cost is in addition to either of the costs above and includes transfer to a suitable airport, all items and transfers in Jersey, but does NOT include the cost of the flight. The flight cost will be added once contracts are available. The cost will be £825.00 without the UK to Jersey flight.

Included in the Tour

Breakfast on all days, except Saturday the 11th June.

All evening meals except Saturday 18th June.

Most lunches except Sunday 5th June, Wednesday the 8th June, Monday 13th June and Thursday 16th June (Chester option).

Comfortable transportation throughout as appropriate to the needs of the itinerary.

Quality hotel accommodation – based on double or twin share occupancy. Please ask for single supplement surcharges.

All entry fees and associated cost for items listed in the itinerary unless otherwise stated.

Full support from Tour Manager throughout the trip.

Not included:

Items of a personal nature.

Transfers on arrival at Edinburgh Airport to hotel at Dunblane.

Transfers on departure from Carden Park Hotel, Chester to airports other than those servicing the flights to Jersey.

Please note that we will be happy to quote for these transfers as a separate item.

* Note: The tour organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme if deemed necessary for the success of the trip*

HOW TO BOOK!

Farm Tours, a well established UK Farm Tour Operator is looking after all booking and logistic enquires for the trip.

They can be contacted on +44 (0) 1509 618800

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They are fully ABTA, ATOL and IATA bonded for your protection.