



# Explore a World Culture: Ireland

10 Days in May, 2025

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**STUDY ABROAD**

Explore Ireland!

Live on a  
college campus!

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## HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit \$500 non-refundable deposit, check made out to Ashland University or a debit/credit card, to the Study Abroad Office (Bixler 211) prior to the deadline. You can call 419-289-5870 with debit/credit card information.
2. Register for spring course linked to tour

## EXPLORE A WORLD CULTURE

Explore hidden gems and popular attractions. Soak up the rich cultural heritage and beauty of Ireland. Visit local shops and taste local food. A 2025 spring semester 1 credit hour course is associated with the tour. It is open to all majors. The course will focus on learning about Ireland and its people, including a cultural assessment of Ireland, country specific topics (ex. healthcare, education, business), beliefs, and practices.

## ON-SITE ARRANGEMENTS

The group will live among local students at Maynooth University, a 30-minute train from Dublin. Maynooth University is of international standing, a community of over 15,000 students and 1200 staff, renowned for research and scholarship, excellent teaching, and as an outstanding environment to learn and work. A Maynooth University student accompanies the group on select outings.

## ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST

**Approximately \$3,500** (Tentative until flights are booked)

**INCLUDED:** Round trip flight from Ohio to Ireland, dormitory accommodations at Maynooth University, hostel accommodations in Galway, daily breakfast, transportation and admission to group day-trips, and international health insurance

**NOT INCLUDED:** Lunches and dinners (\$150+), expenses for passport (\$165), ETIAS travel visa (\$7-\$9), personal spending

## DEADLINES & PAYMENTS

**November 1** - \$500 non-refundable deposit deadline

**February 1** - Remaining balance charged to AU account

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY	LOCATION	PROGRAM
1	Travel	Depart the USA.
2	Maynooth	Arrive at our dormitory accommodations at Maynooth University. Walking tour of Maynooth town. Welcome dinner at traditional Irish Pub.
3	Wicklow	Day trip to Glendalough historic center- hike mountain/lake trail, ancient ruins. Traditional Sheepdog demonstration (this is a student favorite!). Free time in evening in Maynooth.
4	Maynooth	Local activity with free time in evening.
5	Cork/Tipperary	Day trip to the fantastic photo spots: Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle. If you are adventurous enough, climb the steps and kiss the Blarney Stone. Free time in Kinsale, a beautiful port city.
6	Maynooth/Dublin	Lecture by Maynooth professor on either "The Great Hunger" otherwise known as the potato famine, or the Irish up-rising to gain independence from England. Travel by train to Dublin City. Tour historic Kilmainham Jail. Free time in Dublin during the evening.
7	Maynooth/Dublin	Free day to explore Maynooth or Dublin.
8	County Clare, Galway City	Pack up and leave Maynooth University. Travel to the port city of Galway. Free evening in Galway, considered the music capital of Ireland.
9	Galway City	Travel and explore the iconic and breathtaking Cliffs of Mohr. Free time in Galway City. Some optional excursions, at your own expense, include a boat trip to Aran Islands, Connemara National Park, or the Wild Atlantic Way. Farewell to Ireland dinner.
10	Travel	Return to the USA.