



Day 1 Wednesday 12th August 2026

Activity: After your arrival into Shannon airport, you will depart by bus to Bunratty Castle for a tour (20-minute drive) Early lunch in Durty Nelly's beside the castle. Arrive at your accommodation, Bellefield, in the early afternoon. (1 hour drive) Stop on route to pick up your favourite tippie.

Evening: Dinner and time to relax.

Day 2 Thursday 13th August 2026

Activity: Crossogue Preserves (50-minute drive) This artisan product was established in 1995 by Veronica Molloy, after she began making homemade preserves for local country markets and delicatessens. Scones and coffee/tea on arrival.

Onto Holy Cross Abbey for lunch (10 minutes) and tour of this beautifully restored 12th century Cistercian abbey renowned for its striking Gothic architecture, peaceful riverside setting, and its historic relic of the True Cross, which made it one of Ireland's most important medieval pilgrimage sites.

Optional excursions, Cabragh Wetlands (8 minutes), The Cottage Loughmore (on way home) for afternoon tea or The Rock of Cashel (20 minutes)

Evening: Dinner and Trad music session afterwards in Ryan's Corner House Pub, Cloughjordan.

Day 3 Friday 14th August 2026

Activity: Coorevin Farm Tour (25 minute) This is an historic family-run beef and tillage farm and owned by the Moran family since the pre-famine 1840's.

Onto Cloughjordan (15 minute) for an 11-5.30 pm Riot Rye Level 1 Sourdough Baking class. Tea/coffee on arrival. There is one hour for lunch and an hour in the afternoon to have a tour of the eco-village where the class is held.

Evening: Dinner and relax.

Day 4 Saturday 15th August 2026

Activity: Brookfield Farm Tour (45 minutes) This tour will be led by farmer and beekeeper, Ailbhe Gerrard. The farm is situated on the shore of Lough Derg and

is known for its regenerative farming practices, organic sheep farming, raw Irish honey, handmade beeswax candles, biodiversity projects and immersive visitor experiences.

Afterwards, a short 3-minute bus ride to Mota Quay where you will board a Rigid Inflatable Boat and enjoy a thrilling journey to your next destination...lunch.

After lunch you will board the bus once more and drive 15 minutes to Portumna E-Bike cycle on the Lough Derg Blueway. A 5km (3.1mile) short, flat link between Portumna Forest Park and Portumna bridge along the Shannon /Lough Derg waterfront.

Evening: Corbett's Traditional Irish Food Experience, in Bellefield to include dinner.

Day 5 Sunday 16th August 2026

Activity: Optional visits. Church and Birr Castle train journey through the gardens.

Evening: Relax and dinner.

Day 6 Monday 17th August 2026

Activity: Killeen cheese visit outside Portumna (50-minute drive) This is an award-winning Irish Farmhouse cheese produced by Dutch-born cheesemaker, Marion Roeleveld. Since 2004, Killeen has specialised in Gouda-style cheeses made from both goat's milk and cow's milk, using milk from their own herd of goats and nearby local farms.

After lunch the bus will travel along the western shore of Lough Derg, offering glimpses of the lake and onto Caherhurley nursery (1 hour) This nursery is run by horticulturalists Gert and Elisabeth Stam and specialises in unusual hardy perennials, pollinator-friendly planting and chemical-free growing methods.

Evening: Dinner in Killaloe (25 minutes) but beforehand a chance to stroll through this historic town on a guided tour with Una.

Day 7 Tuesday 18th August 2026

Activity: A tour with the head gardener, Jennifer at Ballintubbert Gardens (1hour drive) This Garden is run along organic and biodynamic principles. It is situated in a peaceful valley between Stradbally and Athy in County Laois. The gardens surround a restored Georgian house dating back to around 1725. Spread across 14 acres, they are designed as a series of interconnected "garden rooms"

blending formal and naturalistic landscapes. Visitors move through rose gardens, canals, woodland walks, wildflower meadows and ornamental potagers.

Onto Ballykilcavan Farm and Brewery (10 minutes) This farm sits on land that has been farmed by the same family for over 13 generations. David, the owner will lead this tour after lunch which will be served at the farm. This brewery produces a range of award-winning beers using barley grown on the farm itself, making it a strong example of “field-to-glass” brewing.

Evening: Farewell dinner.

Day 8 Wednesday 19th August 2026

Depart Bellefield for Shannon airport after breakfast.