



LEARNING JOURNEY

North of Scotland

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NORTH OF SCOTLAND

Learning Journey

Post Conference

Remote regions | Heritage | Provenance | Scale

A rare opportunity to explore agritourism across some of Scotland's most remote and iconic landscapes, where farming, culture and tourism intersect.

Host Farms & Attractions

[Howe Farm](#) | [Barony Mill](#) | [The Orkney Dairy](#) | [Skaill House](#) | [Skara Brae](#) | [Millburn Farm](#) | [Ring of Brodgar](#) | [Black Isle Dairy](#) | [Black Isle Berries](#) | [The Mill at Fearn Farm](#) | [Ballindalloch Estate](#) | [Rothiemurchas Farm Shop](#) | [Lurgan Farm](#) | [Errichel](#) | [Loch Levens Larder](#)

Northlink Ferry to Orkney

A unique experience in itself, setting sail from Aberdeen at 17:00 after the conference closes on Thursday 25 June, delegates will enjoy cruising to the Orkney islands, arriving at 11pm on the Northlink Ferry.

Tour Information

Start date

Thursday 25 June - Evening

Duration

5 days

- option to do only 3 or 4 days

Start location

Aberdeen

End location

Edinburgh

Regions covered

Orkney, Highlands, Moray Speyside & Perthshire



WHY BOOK?

Learning Journeys at the Global Agritourism Conference 2026

Each Learning Journey offers:

- **Tours of high quality farms, agritourism and farm retail businesses**
- Handpicked farms, agritourism & farm retail businesses at the top of their game
- **Talks on farming enterprise as well as agritourism & farm retail operations**
- Extended time with hosts and peers
- Honest discussion of data, decisions, successes, failures & innovation pipelines
- Deep regional immersion
- Stunning Scottish landscapes
- Authentic Scottish cultural experiences
- **Exclusive behind-the-scenes business tour not available to the public as part of a regular farm tour**

What's Included:

- All quality hotel accommodation
- All transport on coaches and where relevant, ferry transport via [Northlink](#)
- All food and drink including evening meals, lunch, breakfast, coffee/tea breaks with farmhouse home baking
- One on farm evening BBQ event per tour
- A knowledgeable guide for your trip who knows about Scotland, agritourism & farming

Learning Journeys will only proceed subject to a minimum of 20 confirmed bookings per tour made [by 6 March 2026](#)

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HOWE FARM

Orkney

J & S Hay is one of the **largest farming and agri-businesses** on the islands of Orkney.

The farm rears **150 breeding cows** and **120 ewes**, including a pedigree flock of 20 Kerry Hill sheep. A range of cereals are grown including the unique **heritage Bere barley**, linked to Orkney and processed in the nearby Barony Mill.

In addition to the main farm, the family provide contracting services to many farms in Orkney and manage the transport of pot ale from Highland Park Distillery. The farm's **own barley is used as malt at Scapa Distillery**.





BARONY MILL

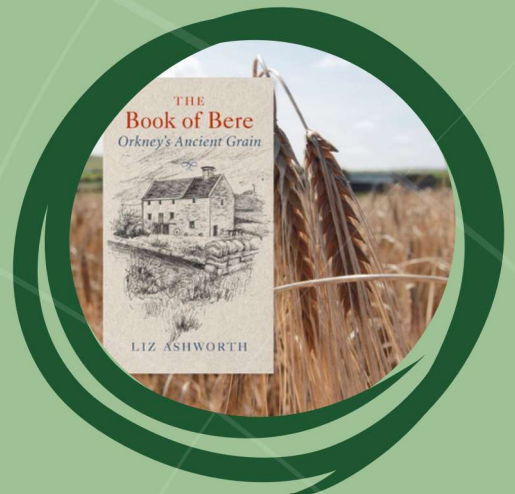
Orkney

Barony mill was built in 1873 and has changed little since. Like most northern mills of this period, a kiln for drying the grain is integral with the building.

Unusually the grain, or corn, ground here is **bere**, an ancient form of barley which is tolerant of the cool temperatures and short growing season of Orkney. Barony Mill is the main mill in the UK that deals with bere, possibly the only one in the world. The flour produced is called **beremeal**.

Grinding is done in the winter; during summer, the mill is open to the public and the running of the machinery is demonstrated by the miller. Beremeal is available for sale for home use and for commercial bakers. The Birsay Heritage Trust has operated the Mill since 1998.

<https://baronymill.com/>





THE ORKNEY DAIRY

Orkney

Lara Hourie is a young farmer who set up The Orkney Dairy in 2021 on her family dairy farm, which was **established over 100 years** prior.

The Dairy has an **honesty shop selling yoghurt, cheese and milkshakes using milk** from the farm as well as **home baking**. Lara and her mum Kirstin also go off-farm catering at many local events.

The **250-acre dairy farm is situated between two world famous archaeological sites** - the Ring of Brodgar and the Neolithic village of Skara Brae. The farm has **50 cows** which are milked twice a day as well as **rearing beef young stock**.

<https://theorkneydairy.com>





SKAILL HOUSE

Orkney

Overlooking the spectacular Bay of Skail, Skail House is the **finest and most intact 17th Century mansion in Orkney**.

It is a Grade A listed property built by Bishop George Graham (Bishop of Orkney 1615-1638) in 1620 and has been added to by successive generations over the centuries. From the first son of Bishop George Graham to today, all 12 Lairds have been related, contributing to the history and collections in the house.

Skail House was the home of William Graham Watt, the 7th Laird of Breckness, when the World famous **neolithic village of Skara Brae was uncovered in the grounds in 1850** following a storm on Orkney.

<https://skailhouse.co.uk>





Photograph by Robbie Thomson

SKARA BRAE

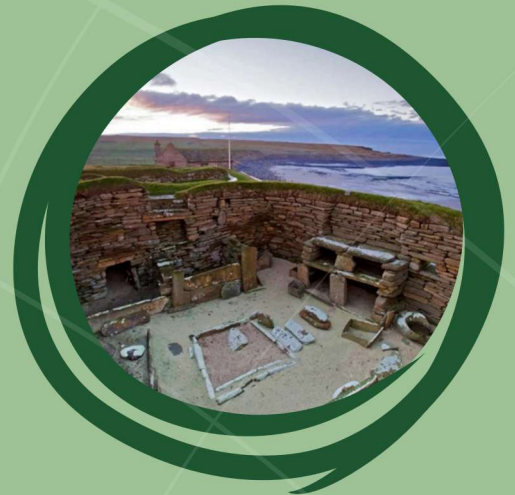
Orkney

Skara Brae is situated in the grounds of Skail House and is **Western Europe's best preserved Neolithic settlement.**

Skail House and Skara Brae's history became intertwined when, in the winter of 1850, a wild storm hit Orkney and uncovered the remains of an ancient dwelling by the coastline of the Bay of Skail.

The village of Skara Brae is **steeped in 5000 years of history** and was inhabited before the Egyptian Pyramids and Stone Henge were even built. Designated a **UNESCO World heritage site** in 1999, the site of Skara Brae is now in the guardianship of Historic Scotland.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/skara-brae/>





MILLBURN FARM

Orkney

Millburn Farm has recently started offering **farm tours** for visitors to Orkney, providing an insight into farming in one of Scotland's most northerly and unique islands.

Hosts Steven and Lorraine Sandison were born and brought up on Orkney and are **first generation farmers**. They bought Millburn in 2006 and are now farming over almost 500 acres.

The farm has **100 Simmental and Saler cross suckler cows** with the offspring which are sold as store, together with **160 breeding sheep** and lambs, also sold as store.

Steven is a Nuffield scholar and **enjoys bringing the story of farming in Orkney to life for guests**.

<https://salers.uk/2021/02/19/commercial-salers-profile-millburn-farm-harray/>





RING OF BRODGAR

Orkney

The ring was **built around 2500-2000BC** and covering an area of almost 8,500 square meters, it is the **third largest stone circle in the British Isles**.

Sitting within a natural amphitheatre of hills and surrounded by a ditch, 27 of the original 60 stones survive today.

According to legend, it was a **religious shrine** and possibly a place of ritual, while others believe the ring was built for the astronomical observation of the equinox and solstice.

Encircled by a vast rock-cut ditch with no defensive purpose, the Ring of Brodgar was built to define sacred ground, not to keep anyone out.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/ring-of-brodgar-stone-circle-and-henge/>





BLACK ISLE DAIRY

Highlands

Black Isle Dairy is an **honesty farm retail shop** selling the farm's own milk, ice cream and cream as well as a range of local food and drink.

Nick Mackenzie is a **4th generation dairy farmer** and along with his wife, daughters and small team make artisan dairy products at Rootfield Farm on the Black Isle in the heart of the Highlands.

Their traditional mixed **herd of Holsteins-Friesians, Ayrshires and Jerseys** spend six months grazing on gently sloping grasslands above the Strathconon Valley and produce all the milk for the dairy products. They are milked by Lely robotic milk machines.

<https://blackisledairy.co.uk>





BLACK ISLE BERRIES

Highlands

Black Isle Berries is a **farm shop and accommodation provider**, ideally located just off one of the main routes north and west through the Highlands, near Inverness. **Selling soft fruit grown on the farm** alongside tasty takeaway salads, cakes and other dishes produced on site, many locals and tourists stop here on their way home or on holiday.

Owners Torquil and Lynn Fraser are supported by Manager, Daisy Hewitt. **The farm has been running for over 25 years**, growing a wide range of soft and stone fruits. **Pick-your-own** strawberries, raspberries, currants and plums are available, too.

Black Isle Berries is part of the Core Community Group for the Agritourism Monitor Farm and Daisy Hewitt is a **board member of Scottish Agritourism**.

<https://www.blackisleberries.co.uk>





FEARN FARM

Highlands

Fearn Farm started agritourism in 2020, opening newly built **self-catering accommodation** to accomodate 14 guests.

The Scott family is **one of Scotland's Agritourism Monitor Farmers** and are currently **investing in fully renovating a hotel and pub** 3 miles from the farm and next to the local beach. The hotel will open in June 2026, in time for this learning journey.

Fearn Farm is a **well-known Scotch Beef and Scotch Lamb farm** specialising in producing **pedigree breeding stock** and **selling animals in on farm sales**.

Fearn Farm itself extends to **1000 acres** and other rented land is farmed nearby. Hosts John and Fiona Scott run the business with their four children and John's parents. The family has been at Fearn for 5 generations.

<https://fearnfarm.com>

<https://shorehotel.co.uk>





BALLINDALLOCH ESTATE

Moray Speyside

Ballindalloch's agritourism offering includes a **historic castle and grounds, café and distillery.**

Delegates will spend almost a full day here taking in all aspects of the estate.

Situated at the heart of Speyside in the northeast of Scotland, Ballindalloch Estate has been owned and managed by the Macpherson-Grant family **since the sixteenth century.**

Guy Macpherson-Grant and his wife Victoria are currently at the helm. The estate consists of **7,000 hectares** of mature woodland, moorland, grazing pastures and arable fields. Ballindalloch is primarily known for breeding the **world's oldest herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, established in 1860**, but also **grows barley for their own distillery** and produces **Scotch Lamb.**

<https://www.ballindallochhighlandestate.com>

<https://www.ballindallochcastle.co.uk>





ROTHIEMURCHUS FARM SHOP

Highlands

On the way south to Perthshire, the learning journey will stop at a **farm shop and butchery run by Rothiemurchus Estate** on the edge of Aviemore.

Rothiemurchus is a **privately owned Highland Estate** which stretches from Braeriach, Scotland's third-highest mountain, to the River Spey at Aviemore.

It covers approximately **7,400 hectares** encompassing businesses, forests, lochs, rivers, mountains and wildlife. The Grant family has owned and managed the estate, located in the **heart of the Cairngorms National Park**, since the 1540s.

The farm shop and butchery sells **produce from the estate including Scotch Beef and venison.**

<https://shop.rothiemurchus.net>





LURGAN FARM

Perthshire

Lurgan Farm's agritourism offering has welcomed many hundreds of visitors to **stay in the farmhouse for bed and breakfast** over a number of decades. A **farm tour offering** is now being established.

The farm is run by the Kennedy family, Martin, wife Jane and their three daughters, near Aberfeldy in Highland Perthshire. Until recently, Martin, was the **President of the National Farmers Union of Scotland** and so as well as sharing insights from this hill farm, he is also an **expert on farming in Scotland and policy**.

The farm has **65 breeding cows and 650 ewes**. 25 **Highland cows** graze on Farragon hill at 762 metres above sea level, a highlight of the farm tour which takes guests to **see the cows in their natural environment**.

<https://lurganfarmbedandbreakfast.co.uk>





ERRICHEL

Perthshire

Located on the edge of the town of Aberfeldy, Errichel, has a **bistro, deli and farm shop serving their own farm and local produce**, and also offers **accommodation and farm tours**.

Errichel is a 200-acre hill farm focused on rearing **rare and native breed livestock for meat and produce**, including Shetland cattle, Shetland sheep, pigs and hens for eggs.

Hosts Paul and Becky Newman place a strong emphasis on **exceptional food experiences**, with Paul bringing his expertise as an **award winning chef**. Together, they offer curated tasting experiences that showcase the very best of their produce.

<https://errichelhouseandrestaurant.co.uk>





LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER

Perthshire

Loch Levens Larder is **one of Scotland's largest cafes and farm retail businesses**, established in 2005.

The café serves food all day using **fresh produce from the farm** and a wide range of Scottish produce.

Situated on the North side of Loch Leven, on the Heritage Trail close to the historic town on Kinross, **many people choose to cycle or walk around Loch Leven before enjoying a meal or coffee.**

Hosts are owners Emma, Robin and Michael Niven, who as well as running this large agritourism and farm retail enterprise, **grow over 20 different types of vegetables, along with cereals.**

<https://www.lochlevenslarder.com/>



TOUR ITINERARY

North of Scotland - Post-conference Learning Journey

Day 1 - Thursday 25 June

Meet at designated meeting point at P&J Live and board your coach transfer to the ferry terminal. Ferry departs Aberdeen at 17:00. Independent dinner on the ferry. Arrive Kirkwall at 23:00 and transfer to your hotel. Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in either the Albert Hotel or the Kirkwall Hotel.

Day 2 - Friday 26 June

Enjoy 3 visits in the Orkney area. Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits. Return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in either the Albert Hotel or the Kirkwall Hotel.

Day 3 - Saturday 27 June

Enjoy 2 visits in the Orkney area. Lunch will be provided at one of the visits. Transfer to Stromness for ferry back to the mainland at 16:45. Independent dinner on the ferry. Arrive 18:15 and transfer to your hotel in the Strathpeffer area (arrival 20:00 approx.). Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in the Ben Wyvis Hotel in Strathpeffer.

Day 4 - Sunday 28th June

Delegates will enjoy 3 farm visits in the North Highlands area. Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits. Return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in the Ben Wyvis Hotel in Strathpeffer.


Day 5 - Monday 29th June


Enjoy an estate day in the Cairngorms area. Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits. Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Moness House Hotel, Aberfeldy.

Day 6 - Tuesday 30th June

Enjoy 2 farm visits in the Perthshire area. Lunch will be provided at one of the visits. The programme will conclude around 17:00. There will be a drop off in Edinburgh city centre and Edinburgh Airport. Accommodation is not provided so please make your arrangements. Airport hotel rates available on request.

Delegates can opt to end the North Learning Journey after three, four or five days but please note, transport for delegates leaving before the end of Day 5 is not included in the cost. You should arrange your own transport or you can request a private transfer at additional cost.



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TOUR PRICING

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Price of Learning Journey

For 3 nights

- £1495 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1795 per person based on single sup.

For 4 nights

- £1595 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1695 per person based on single sup.

For 5 nights

- £1495 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1995 per person based on single sup.

Prices exclusive of VAT (20%)

Includes:

- Accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Transport by coach (or equivalent), and ferry, as part of the tour programme
- Meals and catering as outlined in the itinerary
- Knowledgeable & engaging guide experienced in Scotland's agritourism sector
- Visits, activities, and services as described
- Additional information and timings will be communicated in due course. Itinerary subject to change

Does not include:

- Travel to/from the tour start and end point
- Travel back to start point for those booking a 3 or 4 day tour as part of a 5 day tour
- Your own travel insurance (which is strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses, optional activities, tips, or items not specified in the itinerary

