



LEARNING JOURNEY

West of Scotland

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WEST OF SCOTLAND

Post Conference Learning Journey

Organic Systems | Community Models | Experience-led Tourism

From organic production to destination dining and farm-based visitor attractions through the west of Scotland known and undiscovered parts.

Host Farms & Attractions

Hugh Grierson Organic | Glogaburn Farm Shop & Café | Glenturret Distillery

Comrie Croft / Tomnah'A Market Garden |

Portnellan Farm | Lennox of Lomond | Ardardan

Estate | Ernespie Farm | 3 Little Huts & 1 Little

Farm Shop | Grobdale of Girthon | Bowmuir Farm

Holidays | Errington Cheese | The Wee Farm

Distillery & Steak and Still Farm Shop |

Craufurdland Country Estate | Humeston Byre -

Milk House & Farm Shop | Kilmacolm Farm Tours

Information

Start date

Thursday 25 June - Evening

Duration

5 days

- with option to do only 3 or 4 days, also

Start location

Aberdeen

End location

Glasgow

Regions covered

Perthshire, Stirling & Forth Valley, Scottish Borders, Lanarkshire and Dumfries & Galloway, plus Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



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
- 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

 **Book Now**



HUGH GRIERSON ORGANIC

Perthshire

Hugh Grierson Organic **sells a range of high-quality organic Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb, chicken and eggs directly to the consumer** from their farm in Perthshire.

The businesses two farming sites are located in the Starthearn Valley, 5 miles outside of the city of Perth. The farms **first received organic status in 2002** for beef and lamb and have since moved into new areas of production that complement their meat products namely organic egg production and organic table chicken.

The beef herd is **purebred Aberdeen Angus**, and they rear **Easycare ewes crossed with Texel rams**.

Hosts Hugh and Sasha Grierson, enjoy hosting visitors on the farm to share their farming story and advocate for traditional farming methods and organic produce.

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





GLOAGBURN FARM SHOP & CAFE

Perthshire

Gloagburn Farm produces **free range eggs, Scotch Beef, pork and cereals**. Much of this produce is **sold directly to visitors via the farm shop and the farm café**.

The farm shop and café was established in 2003 and is now **one of Scotland's best known and largest agritourism and farm retail enterprises**, located in the centre of Scotland, near to the city of Perth.

The Niven family including Ian and Alison, the third generation to farm at Gloagburn, and brothers Fergus and Crawford, the fourth generation, work alongside each other with **each family member responsible for a different enterprise**. The farm hosts seasonal events such as sunflower and tulip festivals and regular monthly steak nights.

Crawford has a **popular You Tube channel** telling the story of daily life at Gloagburn to **40,000 followers**.

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





GLENTURRET DISTILLERY

Perthshire

The Glenturret Distillery is regarded as one of Scotland's oldest, with records dating back to 1763 when it was known as Thurot Distillery.

Renamed The Hosh, in 1814, and officially becoming The Glenturret in 1873, the distillery expanded under brothers David and William Mitchell, who began exporting globally in the late 19th century.

Production ceased in 1923, though significant stocks continued maturing during its silent years.

Revived in 1957 by James Fairlie, who later **established one of Scotland's first distillery visitor centres in 1980**, The Glenturret had **welcomed its millionth visitor by 1991**.

After ownership by Highland Distillers from 1993, it was acquired in 2019 by a joint venture led by The Lique Group and Hansjörg Wyss.

<https://theglenturret.com>





COMRIE CROFT/TOMNAH'A MARKET GARDEN

Perthshire

Comrie Croft is a **231-acre regenerative farm and rural destination** offering **on-farm accommodation, Nordic Katas, weddings, events, a café and farm shop, alongside extensive mountain bike trails** that attract hundreds of riders each week.

Led by Andrew Donaldson, the team has **built the business through hands-on learning and training** rather than farming inheritance. Five acres operate as a **Community Supported Agriculture scheme supplying 150 local families, foodbanks, an award-winning restaurant and the farm shop**, while two acres of flower farming serve around 50 weddings annually.

Over **100 acres of woodland and rewilding support recreation and nature tourism**, including biking, camping and sauna experiences.

<https://www.comriecroft.com>





PORTNELLAN FARM

Loch Lomond

Portnellan Farm is a **230-acre family farm on the shores of Loch Lomond** within Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. Purchased in 1952 and certified organic in 2001, the Scott-Park family produce **high-quality organic beef from Aberdeen Angus and Shorthorn cattle, all bred and finished on grass** on the farm.

Alongside farmhouse accommodation, the farm offers **tours, direct meat sales and a highly distinctive watersports enterprise where farmland meets the loch**. For over 10 years, they have delivered speedboat tours sharing the story of the farm, the loch and the surrounding landscape, as well as paddleboard and kayak hire.

David and his son Chris lead the farming and water sports businesses, while their respective wives, Freda and Arwyn, are the farm's resident vets, supporting herd health. Portnellan is also a **teaching farm for Glasgow University Vet School**. Freda has maintained a long-running **on-farm weather station**.

<https://portnellanfarm.co.uk>





LENNOX OF LOMOND

Loch Lomond

Lennox of Lomond has been **welcoming visitors to stay for 55 years**, first as bed and breakfast in the 1970s, then today in **bespoke hand-built lodges**.

The farm hosts **several thousand visitors each year for farm tours** and seasonal events, including lambing tours with an increasing number of **international visitors via the travel trade**.

Guests enjoy panoramic views over Loch Lomond. Shemore Farm is situated on the western side, near Luss, where the 11th generation of the Lennox family (Bobby, Anne, Kay and Dougie) are now farming this land, totalling **4000 acres, rented from the same landlord since 1750**.

The farm produces **Scotch Lamb from 1150 black faced ewes which are direct descendants of the original 1750's sheep**. The farm also produces **Scotch Beef from 30 Luing cows**. There is an Iron Age fort on the farm as well as glacier deposits from the ice age.

<https://lennoxoflomond.com>





ARDANDAN ESTATE

Argyll & Bute

Ardardan Estate boasts a **farm deli, gift shop, tearoom and recently developed, Monty's Family Farm Park**. With a background in farming throughout Scotland, May and Grant Montgomery, ran the Brown Egg Farm in Inchinnan for over 20 years and had many happy times growing their small poultry and farm shop business while bringing up daughters, Sara and Sue.

The Montgomerys found Ardardan Estate in 1996. Despite being left derelict for over 15 years and in a real state of disrepair, Grant and May saw a great opportunity and with ambition, ideas and the courage of their convictions **the Montgomerys set about bringing Ardardan Estate back to life**.

Sara and Sue were studying, travelling and working elsewhere at the time however, growing up, working together had simply been a way of life and a passion to work and achieve as a family brought Sara and Sue to the business.

<https://ardardan.co.uk>





ERNESPIE FARM CENTRE

Dumfries & Galloway

Ernespie includes a **farm café, farm shop and children's activity park**, with a seasonal event offering. In 2025, Ernespie began making their own **ice cream from their dairy herd** which has been well received by locals and tourists.

The dairy farm is family-run, led by David McMiken, his partner Hollie and his parents, Brian and Jane. The McMiken family have been farming for over 100 years with David farming in his own right at Ernespie for over 15 years. The farm spans **700 acres** and has a herd of **300 pedigree Holsteins**, milked on a fully robotic system of 6 DeLaval robots.

200 acres of their land is used for **arable** – wheat, barley and oats. The farm's beef herd is **Simmental cross**. 150 are fattened and finished on the farm each year. **600 store lambs** are purchased and fattened on grass and forage rape also. Brian has **15-20 bee hives** on the farm which he tends, jars the honey and sells in the on-farm shop, a tradition passed down from his mother. **Ernespie is a current Agritourism Monitor Farm.**

<https://ernespiefarm.co.uk>





3 LITTLE HUTS & 1 LITTLE FARM SHOP

Dumfries & Galloway

3 Little Huts offers **bespoke accommodation for couples**, while 1 Little Farm Shop, located by the beach on the Solway coast, **serves takeaway food** made on site, **farm-produced meat** and hosts **pop-up food events**.

The McConchie family have farmed at Mossyard Farm, Castle Douglas, since 1911. They purchased the original 300-acre holding in 1956 and expanded in 1970 with neighbouring Laggan Farm, adding a further **1,000 acres** of hill ground. Now fourth-generation farmers, Murray and Amy run the business alongside Murray's parents Kerr and Caroline. A fifth generation is growing up on site and wider family members operate their own enterprises from the farm.

The farm produces **Scotch Beef from 100 Aberdeen Angus cows** and **Scotch Lamb from 400 ewes**, with **pork** recently added for direct sale. Mossyard and Laggan were also among **Scotland's first Agritourism Monitor Farms in 2014**.

<https://www.3littlehuts.co.uk>





GROBDALE OF GIRTHON

Dumfries & Galloway

Grobddale of Girthon offers self-catering **holiday cottages** and a **small farm shop selling pork and lamb** from the farm.

The Hunter family – Andrew, Sarah and Lauren arrived at the 65 acres mixed farm at Grobdale in the summer of 2017 with **no prior farming experience**.

They started with 5 sheep and 4 pigs and now have **100-150 Herdwick sheep** and **8-20 Tamworth pigs**. They are reared and bred on the farm to supply local chefs, Grobdale's own farm shop and guests staying on the farm.

<https://grobddale.co.uk>





BOWMUIR FARM HOLIDAYS

Lanarkshire

Bowmuir Farm is an excellent example of turning a love of dogs into the **ultimate dog-friendly holiday experience** for guests.

The **on-farm cabins** are the only agritourism - or indeed tourism business in Scotland - **welcoming unlimited numbers of dogs** to accompany their owners. You can also use a **dog arena to train your dog**, during your stay.

Hosts Sarah and Tom Parker, have a range of animals on the farm including **sheep, goats, alpacas, chickens, geese, rheas and ducks**, whilst also growing crops, **producing wheat and grass** (for hay/silage) for their animals.

Sarah is a **dog trainer and breeder** and has shown dogs at Crufts, the world's largest and most famous dog show.

<https://bowmuirfarmholidays.com>





ERRINGTON CHEESE

Lanarkshire

Errington Cheese **produces award-winning cheeses**, sold direct through its **farm shop and café**, at **farmers' markets and online**. Cheesemaking is based at Walston Brae Farm in South Lanarkshire, a family-run business **founded by Humphrey Errington in the early 1980s**, with the shop and café located a few miles from the main farm.

Set at the foot of the Pentland Hills, **1000ft above sea level**, the **380-acre** farm comprises mixed grazing, arable land and woodland, with 40 acres of barley and 100 acres of silage and hay grown to support a **largely homegrown, sustainable system**.

Andrew and Selina Cairns manage around **400 Dairy Lacaune ewes** and **150 dairy goats**, introduced in 2019 to enable year-round cheesemaking, with **all milk processed on site**. **Tamworth and Large Black pigs** graze the land and woodlands, consuming whey from cheesemaking supplying the farm with pork while supporting soil regeneration and ensuring nothing goes to waste.

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





THE WEE FARM DISTILLERY

Lanarkshire

The Wee Farm Distillery **produces a range of spirits** on the farm sold to visitors coming for **farm tours** and to stay in on-farm **accommodation**. The award-winning spirits are sold in their **small farm shop**, and in other farm shops and retailers throughout Scotland.

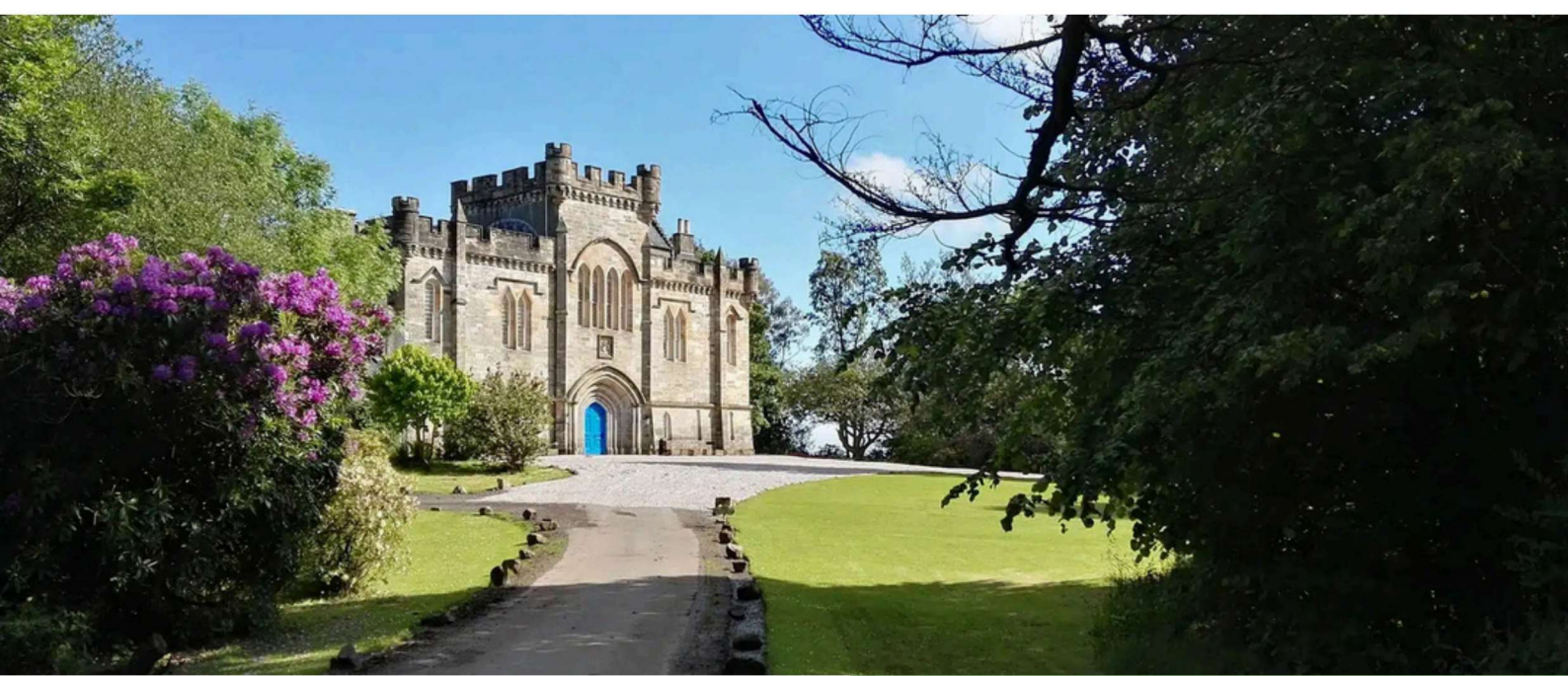
Stephen and Jenny became first generation farmers when they moved to Forth Mains Farm in the village of Climpy, South Lanarkshire, in November 2016 with their three young daughters.

The farm is **1,000ft above sea level** and is **45 acres of rough grazing** producing **Scotch Beef** and **Scotch Lamb** from **130 ewes** (mostly Mules/Lleyens to a Texel), and fattening around **10 native cattle** each year (currently Belted Galloways and Riggitt Galloways).

Climpy was once home to one of Scotland's last deep coal mines which operated until 1972. Much of the farmland around Forth Mains sits on land once tied to the mining industry.

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





CRAUFURDLAND COUNTRY ESTATE

Ayrshire

Craufurdland Estate is a family-owned **estate of approximately 600 acres**, comprising Craufurdland **Castle**, home to the Craufurds of Craufurdland since 1245, **Treetop Trials and Activity Centre** and the **Lairds Table Restaurant** in Fenwick, Ayrshire.

The Estate is steeped in nearly 800 years of history with **the castle being one of the oldest in Ayrshire**.

The current laird, Simon, moved into the castle in 2011 with his wife, Adity, and 2 daughters, Indra and Manisha. Both Simon and Adity are very hands on the estate, and a lot of the projects are physically carried out by them in conjunction with their team.

<https://craufurdland.co.uk>





HUMESTON BYRE

Ayrshire

Humeston Byres is a **farm shop offering their own bottled milk, milkshakes, Scotch Lamb and other locally sourced produce.**

This family-run farm in South Ayrshire near Maybole specialises in producing fresh, **non-homogenised milk from their own herd of 200 cows**, alongside raising **grass-fed lamb.**

The Gilmour family enjoys welcoming visitors to the farm to tell the story of their regenerative agricultural practices, such as using composted manure and wood ash for fertiliser, to maintain a **closed-loop system.**

<https://www.humestonbyre.com>





KILMACOLM FARM TOURS

Inverclyde

Kilmacolm Farm Tours offers **farm tours in an accessible trailer** together with **seasonal lambing events** in the spring.

Muirhouse is a family run working beef and sheep **660 acres hill farm**. The steading sits at 750ft above sea level with the ground rising to 950ft within a Special Site of Scientific Interest on the edge of the Renfrewshire Heights.

James and Wendy are third generation farmers producing **Scotch Lamb** from **550 North Country Cheviot breeding sheep** which are **reared purely on grass and heather** and **Scotch Beef** from **12 Highland cows**.

The farm was previously owned by Lord Linlithgow, the ship builders from Port Glasgow as part of his grouse moor shooting estate. The remains of the railway line, which was built in 1922 and remained in use until the 1970's, can still be seen today.

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



TOUR ITINERARY

West of Scotland - Post-conference Learning Journey

Day 1 - Thursday 25 June

Conference concludes. Meet at designated meeting point at P&J Live and board your coach transfer to Dundee. Dinner at your hotel on arrival. Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in the [Apex City Quay Hotel](#).

Day 2 - Friday 26th June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Perthshire** area.
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits.
In the evening, transfer to a local farm for a BBQ dinner.
Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in the [Stirling Court Hotel](#).

Day 3 - Saturday 27th June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Loch Lomond and Trossachs** area.
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits.
Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the [Gleddoch Golf & Spa Resort](#)

Day 4 - Sunday 28th June

There will be an early start to day 4 as the journey heads south to enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Dumfries & Galloway** area. Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits. Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the [Cairndale Hotel & Spa](#), Dumfries.

*Option to leave

Day 5 - Monday 29th June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Lanarkshire** area.
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits.
Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the [Macdonald Crutherland House Hotel](#).

*Option to leave

Day 6 - Tuesday 30th June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Ayrshire/Inverclyde** area.
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits.
The programme will conclude around 5pm. There will be a drop off in Glasgow city centre and Glasgow Airport. Accommodation is not provided so please make your arrangements. Airport hotel rates available on request. Further transfers to Edinburgh can be arranged on request at additional supplement.

Delegates can opt to end the West 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

- £1295 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1595 per person based on single sup.

For 4 nights

- £1350 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1695 per person based on single sup.

For 5 nights

- £1395 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1895 per person based on single sup.

Prices exclusive of VAT (20%)

Includes:

- Accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Transport by coach (or equivalent) 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

