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East of Scotland

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EAST OF SCOTLAND

Post Conference Learning Journey

Food Tourism | Regenerative Systems | Nature as Enterprise | Destination Rural Scotland

Experience how farms across eastern Scotland are blending regenerative systems, food tourism, accommodation and nature-led experiences into thriving rural destinations

Host Farms & Attractions

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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

Fife, Angus, Perthshire, Stirling & Forth Valley, Scottish Borders & East Lothian



Photo: Angie Reynolds Photography
at Argaty Red Kites

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**



THE RINGS

Fife

Rings Farm stands out in the marketplace with its high-quality offering focused on **accessible tourism**.

Many families stay at this farm for **respite holidays** and facilities include a **16-bed cottage**, **6 cabins**, an **accessible barn** with enabling facilities and wilderness **camping**.

This agritourism offering makes it possible for everyone to enjoy a relaxing holiday on a farm. The **90 acres** of Ring Farm is on the site of an **Iron Age fort**.

The Henderson family has been farming since 1984 and on Ring Farm since 1988. The main farming focus is on the production of **Scotch Lamb** from a flock of **220 ewes**.

<https://therings.co.uk>





ARDROSS FARM

Fife

Ardross Farm Shop located minutes from the sea, **sells over 50 home grown vegetables and salads** and all of their own **Scotch Beef** and **Scotch Lamb** **direct to consumer from 140 Stabiliser cows and 130 ewes.**

Previous **winners of Best Farm Shop and Deli in Scotland award**, this farm shop has one of the **highest percentages of product coming direct from the farm** and has been running for 20 years. A **production kitchen** bakes fresh cakes and produces meals to sell direct to take home.

The Pollock family has been farming at Ardross since 1968 but come from generations of farmers in the East Neuk of Fife dating back to 1870. The farm is **368 acres**, with additional land farmed nearby. Hosts Fiona and daughters Nikki, Claire and Claire's husband Matthew also provide **farm tours** and **pop-up food events**.

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





BALCASKIE ESTATE

Fife

Scotland's largest on-farm monthly farmer's market is based at Bowhouse on Balcaskie Estate, attracting several thousand people each month from all over central Scotland to **buy food direct from farmers and producers**.

A permanent **butcher's shop selling meat direct from the estate** runs alongside other permanent **cafes** and **artisan shops**. **"Grass to grill" farm tours** welcome visitors for a unique farm tour and dining experience.

Balcaskie Estate covers **5,000 acres** from the coastline at St Monans to Kellie Law and into the hills behind in the East Neuk of Fife. One third of the farm is dedicated to producing **Scotch Beef from Lincoln Red suckler cows** and **Scotch Lamb farmed organically**.

<https://www.balcaskie.com>





PEEL FARM

Angus

Nestled in the Angus Glens, Peel Farm offers **self-catering accommodation in a converted barn** and **pods**, a **farm café** and **farm shop**.

The Fleming family has been welcoming visitors and tourists since the 1970's, being **early pioneers of agritourism** when Francis Fleming started serving meals at her kitchen table.

The farm holds regular **summer markets** and events and is currently **planning a new farm café** to expand the existing food offering.

A third generation farming family, the Flemings produce **Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb, Specially Selected Pork** and **free-range eggs** from their woodland chickens.

<https://www.peelfarm.com>





INCHEOCH FARM HOLIDAYS

Perthshire/Angus

Incheoch Farm provides **self-catering accommodation** for up to 8 people with plans underway to invest in more converted farm buildings where people can come and stay for a relaxing holiday.

The McGowan family also provide seasonal **farm tours** during lambing. The **1200-acre** farm lays half in Angus and half in Perthshire on the Highland fault line.

Three generations of the McGowan family have farmed at Incheoch over 32 years and as former winners of **Farmer's Weekly Sheep Farmers of the Year**, the family are **sheep breeding specialists**. The farm has over **1000 Lleyn and Texel ewes** and **230 Luining, Simmental and Angus cows**. The breeding stock are sold at on farm sales to bidders both in person and online.

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

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





GLENKILRIE FARM

Perthshire

Morag Houston has been welcoming visitors to Glenkilrie Farmhouse **B&B for several decades** and more recently daughter-in-law, Lauren, has set up Glenkilrie **Larder and Cook School** offering cookery demonstrations and lessons.

Father and son David and Andrew farm the **2500 acres** farm located partially within the **Cairngorms National Park**. The farm has been in the family for 65 years and is mainly **heather hill** and is home to **1100 Blackface, Cheviot and Romney ewes, 170 Aberdeen Angus cattle and 75 Red Deer hinds**.

The **family campaign regularly about the quality of food in school meals** and the role that venison, beef and lamb can play in a healthy diet and the importance of meat for public procurement.

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

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OLD LECKIE FARM

Stirling

Old Leckie Farm sells a large percentage of its **produce direct to the local community**. This includes eggs from **1400 free range laying hens, pork, tatties (potatoes), Scotch Beef and Scotch Lamb**. The farm offers tours and accommodation, and farmers Fergus and Alison Younger were named Farmers Weekly, **Diversified Farmers of the Year** in 2021.

The first mention of the lands of Leckie go back to a Royal Charter of 1352. There has only been 3 families at Leckie since the old tower house was built in 1530. The Youngers have farmed the land since 1906 with Alison and Fergus, along with their three children, taking over after Fergus's mother retired in 2012. The **300-acre** small family farm is nestled beneath the Gargunnock Hill, west of Stirling.

They have a herd of **60 Limousin Sucker cows, 12 Grass fed Highland beef finisher, 500 Llyen/Texel sheep**, 1400 free range laying hens, a few pigs and tatties.

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





ARGATY RED KITES

Stirling

Argaty Red Kites is a **unique wildlife experience on a working farm**. Visitors can **view red kites at close range each day** during feeding times.

The Bowser's family love of wildlife and nature has shaped this agritourism experience which includes **farm tours, wildlife-based events and experiences, and accommodation**.

Argaty is a working **530-hectare upland livestock farm** which has been in the Bowser family since 1916, the 4th, 5th and 6th generations now living there. The farm produces **Scotch Beef** and **Scotch Lamb** with **90 breeding cows** and **700 ewes**.

This farm is a **leader in the environment and sustainability**. They were the **first place in the UK to legally translocate beavers** from conflict areas to unenclosed sites. The learning journey tour has been timed to co-incide with the red kite feeding.

<https://argatyredkites.co.uk>



Photo: Angie Reynolds Photography
at Argaty Red Kites





BRIARLANDS FARM

Stirling

Briarlands Farm is **one of the original children's farm parks in Scotland** focusing on family days out on the farm. Briarlands has a **large indoor and outdoor play area for children and café**. Being located centrally **attracts thousands of visitors** from all over Scotland.

Robin has farmed at Briarlands for over 40 years and is the third generation farmer from the Inglis family. Along with help from his wife, Mary, and their daughters, Lucy and Janey, they farm their **own 170 acres and rent a further 100 acres producing Scotch Beef**.

The farm was once owned by the family of the founding member of the SAS, David Stirling.

<https://briarlandsfarm.co.uk>





WILSON'S FARM & KITCHEN

Scottish Borders

Wilsons Farm and Kitchen provide an **authentic food experience** in the Scottish Borders using food reared and grown by the Wilson family. Visitors can enjoy a **guided farm tour followed by lunch or dinner**, take part in the **signature 25-mile BBQ and 25-mile lunch experiences showcasing local produce**, and join a popular **curry night**.

Hosts Robert and Lucy are the third generation to farm at Cowbog Farm, a **670-acre** family enterprise. The herd of **120 Hereford cows** and followers (roughly 300 head come June 2026) is **the oldest Pedigree herd in Scotland** established in 1955.

The farm also produces cereals, and the family has a large walled garden **growing a variety of vegetables and fresh salads, herbs, and fruits**, which are enjoyed by guests during their dining experience. Lucy is a **trained chef** who not only leads the on-farm catering experiences but also provides **bespoke off-site catering** for a range of private clients.

<https://wilsonsfarmandkitchen.com>





BEIRHOPE ALPACAS

Scottish Borders

Visitors to Beirhope Farm can enjoy **Alpaca trekking in the hills** and around the **beautiful countryside of the Scottish Borders**.

Hosts Lynne and Alan Jobes came to Beirhope in 2016. Today they have **24 alpacas** and **breed their own cria** (baby alpacas).

With a growing herd, they have a number of alpaca activities to offer, something for everyone, from treks and strolls to **visits, events and picnics**. They also have a **small farm shop selling yarn** from their alpacas and other gifts.

Alongside the alpacas their small holding also has **hens** which provide them with fresh **eggs** daily and a garden **growing vegetables**.

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





JACKSONS OF JEDBURGH

Scottish Borders

Jacksons at Jedburgh welcome visitors to their farm for a fully immersive, educational and fun experience.

Experiences include **Highland Cow tours** from a **tractor and trailer ride**, **self-guided farm walks**, **lambing** and **weekly toddler nursery classes** for local children.

A focus is on **working with the travel trade** and welcoming international visitors for an immersive experience with a farming family.

Hosts Fenwick and Jasmine Jackson and their 7 children welcome guests on their **430-acre** farm where they have **250 Saler, Aberdeen Angus and Highlander cows with 400 ewes**.

<https://jacksonsatjedburgh.co.uk>





THE BUS STOP

East Lothian

The Bus Stop is an **award-winning accommodation business** offering holidays and breaks in **converted double decker and single decker buses** in the East Lothian countryside.

This **quirky accommodation** with either luxury or eco options stands out in the marketplace as a unique experience for visitors staying on a farm.

Sandy Stewart is the third generation of farmers at this **200-acre mixed farm** following his dad, Balfour. Sandy and Balfour run the farm in partnership, and it is **under a major transition from intensive cereal production to a regenerative system**, where they are concentrating their efforts on removing synthetic inputs and tillage, which in turn is increasing biodiversity and soil health.

They have **125 ewes, 100 laying chickens, goats, alpacas, bees, fruit bushes and fruit trees**.

<https://www.thebusstop.scot>





DRIFT

East Lothian

Drift **coffeehouse** was **established in 2018**, situated on the clifftops on Castleton Farm, overlooking a beautiful beach and offering panoramic views across the Firth of Forth, to Fife and the Bass Rock.

Drift is made from **a collection of upcycled shipping containers** with the option to sit-in and enjoy the views, or to sit outside in the outdoor seating area and serves a menu that **uses locally sourced or Scottish produce**. Take-away is also available from a converted horse trailer.

Hosts Stuart and Joanna McNicol farm **1000 acres of cereals** and **2000 recently planted fruit trees**.

Drift is a **former Agritourism Monitor Farm**.

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





CAIRNS FARM

West Lothian

Cairns Farm offers a **beautiful event space for weddings and events** alongside **accommodation in farmhouses, former farm buildings and cabins**. This significant investment in developing a **luxury events destination** took place around the start of Covid which provided some challenges, but the business is now up and running with high demand for weddings in particular.

The Hamilton family has been running this **1000-acre hill sheep farm** in the **Pentland Hills Regional Park** for four generations. Their hill is West Cairns which rises to 1843ft. The farm **sits on the banks of Harperrig Reservoir** which was created in 1860 to supply water to the paper mills along the course of the Water of Leith, which flows through Edinburgh.

The ruins of Cairns Castle, built around 1440, lie in the garden of Cairns House which was built by the first generation of Hamilton's to occupy Cairns. The farm consists of **430 Scottish Blackface ewes** and provides **summer grazing for Highland cows**.

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



TOUR ITINERARY

East 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 dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Invercarse Hotel in Dundee.

Day 2 - Friday 26 June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Fife** area.
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits.
Return to your hotel to freshen up.
In the evening, transfer to a local farm for a BBQ.
Overnight on a bed and breakfast basis in the Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.

Day 3 - Saturday 27 June

Option to leave the tour after checking out. Transport from the hotel not included. Arrange your own transport or request a private transfer below at additional cost.
Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Perthshire/Angus** regions
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits
Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.

Day 4 - Sunday 28 June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Stirling** area
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits
Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles.

***Option to leave**

Day 5 - Monday 29 June

Enjoy 3 farm visits in the **Scottish Borders** area
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits
Overnight on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis in the Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles

***Option to leave**

Day 6 - Tuesday 30 June

Enjoy 2-3 farm visits in the **Lothians** area
Lunch will be provided at one of the farm visits
The programme will conclude around 5pm. 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 East 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

East of Scotland - Post-conference Learning Journey

Price of Learning Journey

For 3 nights

- £995 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1295 per person based on single sup.

For 4 nights

- £1025 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1395 per person based on single sup.

For 5 nights

- £1095 per person based on 2 sharing
- £1495 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 and 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.

