



From Ulster to America: In the Footsteps of Founders

An immersive trail through
Ulster's ancestral cottages

**Antrim &
Newtownabbey**



Mid & East Antrim
A land Shaped by Sea & Stone



**Mid Ulster
Unwinding
Time**

**ANNI
ULSTER AMERICAN
FOLK PARK**

Optional 1 or 2 day Itinerary (tailored upon request)

DAY 1 ITINERARY:

From Ulster to America: In the Footsteps of Founders

Direction: From Belfast

(can be adjusted depending on travel direction)

Themes of emigration, leadership and the Ulster-American identity are woven throughout the day.

Stop 1:

Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Museum (Carrickfergus)

Approximate arrival: 14:00

Birthplace of President Andrew Jackson's parents; US military heritage link

- Living history experience
- Engaging storytelling session about the Jackson family's emigration and legacy
- Tour of US Rangers Museum from Lead the Way Tours (subject to availability)
- Time: 1 hr 15 minutes

Stop 2:

Pogue's Entry Historical Cottage (Antrim)

Approximate arrival: 11:00

Childhood home of Alexander Irvine, who became a missionary in New York's Bowery and pastor of the Church of the Ascension on Fifth Avenue.

- Quick guided tour of the tiny 18th-century cottage
- Fireside reading of 'My Lady of The Chimney Corner'
- Guided historical walk through Antrim Castle Gardens
- Time: 1 hr 30 minutes

Lunch at Antrim Castle Gardens (example) 12:30 - 13:15



Stop 3:

President Arthur Homestead (Cullybackey)

Approximate arrival: 14:00

Ancestral home of President Chester A. Arthur

- Welcome by costumed guides
- Traditional griddle baking demonstration with sampling
- Time: 1 hr 30 minutes

Finish 15:00 to return to Belfast or onwards.



DAY 2 ITINERARY:

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Direction: From accommodation (can be adjusted depending on travel direction)

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Morning

Stop 1:

U.S. Grant Ancestral Homestead (Derenagh, Co. Tyrone)

Approximate arrival: 09:30

Home of Ulysses S. Grant's great-grandfather

- Welcome by costumed guides
- Tour of the restored cottage and grounds
- Local historian talk: "From here to the Whitehouse"
- Traditional music tuition workshop and performance
- Time: 1 hr 30 minutes

Lunch at Ulster American Folk Park (example) 12:00 - 12:45



Afternoon

Stop 2: Ulster American Folk Park (Omagh)

Approximate arrival: 13:00

- Welcomed upon arrival by your costumed guide
- Guided tour of the Ulster American Folk Park, where the story of emigration comes to life
- Walk in the footsteps of bold migrants who set sail for America in the 18th and 19th centuries
- Discover the Mellon Homestead, the historic birthplace of Thomas Mellon, still standing proudly on its original site
- Time: 2 hrs
- Please note the Ulster American Folk Park is closed on Mondays

Finish approximately 15:00



ANCESTRAL COTTAGES TRAIL NI

Derry/
Londonderry



President
Arthur
Homestead

Ballymena



Andrew Jackson
Cottage &
US Rangers Museum

Pogue's Entry
Historical Cottage

Belfast



Portadown

Armagh

Newry

Strabane

Ulster American
Folk Park

Omagh

U.S. Grant
Ancestral
Homestead

Enniskillen



Belfast

Dublin

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DAY 1 ITINERARY



Andrew Jackson Cottage & US Rangers Museum

2 Boneybefore
Carrickfergus
BT38 7EG



President Arthur Homestead

Dreen Road
Cullybackey
Ballymena
BT42 1EB



Pogues Entry Historical Cottage

Church Street
Antrim
BT41 4BD

DAY 2 ITINERARY



U.S. Grant Ancestral Homestead

45 Dergenagh Road
Dungannon
BT70 1TW



Ulster American Folk Park

2 Mellon Road
Omagh
BT78 5QU

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