

ECPLF 2019 – Accompanying Persons Tour

An exciting programme has been developed for the accompanying person's attendance at ECPLF 2019.

Monday 26th August: Accompanying persons will join the main conference for the opening ceremony and welcome reception which will take place in the Aula Maxima in University College Cork.

Tuesday 27th August: Accompanying persons will visit the world famous [Blarney Castle and Gardens](#) which was built nearly 600 years ago. In recent years, millions of people have visited Blarney making it a world landmark and one of Ireland's greatest treasures. Kiss the Blarney Stone, the legendary Stone of Eloquence, found at the top of the tower and you will never again be lost for words. Spend time exploring the wonderful Gardens and Rock Close. There will be time to visit the craft shops and enjoy lunch (at delegates own expense) in the [Stable Yard Café](#). On Tuesday evening, delegates will attend the Gala Dinner at [Fota Island Hotel](#).

Wednesday 28th August: Accompanying persons will visit the picturesque and historic port town of [Kinsale](#). There will be a walking tour of the town and some time for exploring. Kinsale enjoys an excellent reputation for fantastic restaurants, cafes and bars serving delicious, top quality food with a great atmosphere which can be sampled (at delegates own expense). Chefs are fortunate to have the highest quality ingredients available from several local producers. Known as 'the Gourmet Capital of Ireland,' Kinsale is proud to be considered a 'Foodie Town'. In the afternoon, you will have free time to explore [Cork City](#), the second largest city in Ireland. The city is on the banks of the River Lee which splits creating an island of the city centre. It is full of historic buildings and winding streets interspersed with modern buildings. On Wednesday evening, accompanying persons can join the guided walking tour of UCC with the other conference delegates.

Thursday 29th August: Accompanying persons will join the main conference delegates for the technical tours. Accompanying persons /delegates will choose one of three technical tours. [Insert hyperlink to detail of technical tours here.](#)

The accompanying person's tour includes:

- Welcome Reception (Monday)
- Tour of Blarney Castle and Gardens (Tuesday)
- Gala Dinner (Tuesday night)
- Walking Tour of Kinsale (Wednesday)
- Walking Tour of UCC (Wednesday evening)
- A Technical Tour (Thursday)
- Lunch on Thursday

Lunch on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August is not included, but a lunch break is provided in the schedule.