



## **Guidelines for cricket clubs looking to tour in the province of Leinster**

For a variety of reasons, Leinster can be a tricky place to organise a cricket tour to. This document aims to help clubs organise their tours, by pointing them in the right direction, and giving them a few helpful ideas.

Traditional “male” club tours are the most popular type of tour that comes to the province, but Dublin and the surrounding counties are also great places for youth cricket tours or for women’s tours. Both of these tours require a bit more organisation, and therefore if you are planning on a youth or women’s tour (or a tour that is of a higher standard than traditional club cricket), please get in touch directly with us at [admin@cricketleinster.ie](mailto:admin@cricketleinster.ie)

1. Which part of the week is best to tour? Competitive adult cricket is played Saturday and Sunday, throughout the season, from late April to Mid September. As a result of this, we strongly recommend that you tour mid week. Even then, many cricket grounds have youth and women’s cricket during the week, so plenty of advanced planning is required!
2. Which part of the season is best? The weather in Leinster is generally not too bad, although rain is just as likely in the middle of July as in the middle of April. Cricket clubs tend to be busiest in June, July and August, so it can be hard to get fixtures at this time of year
3. Where should we stay? Cricket clubs in the province are spread across a large area, from Dundalk in the north, to Wexford in the south, and from Slieve Bloom CC and Athlone CC in the west to the Dublin and Wicklow clubs in the east. A complete list of clubs can be found on our site at <http://www.cricketleinster.ie/clubs>. There is a large supply of hotel accommodation across the entire province, with plenty of clubs



4. We want to base ourselves in Dublin. Will be in Dublin? Many of the Dublin clubs have huge pressure on their grounds across the summer, and hence it is very hard to get fixtures in the city. It is easier to stay elsewhere in the province, however we appreciate that you may want to experience the delights of Dublin!

5. What is the standard of cricket like? There is a complete range of cricket in the province, ranging from Division 1 sides who would compare favourably with top club sides around the world (men and women) down to “Taverners” cricket that is played for the pure enjoyment. “The Leprechauns” are also a major part of the Leinster cricket scene. They are a wandering club, with no ground of their own, who frequently play touring sides, as well as an extensive fixture list against various Irish clubs (see <http://www.leprechauns.cc/> for details

6. Do we need transport whilst we are in Leinster? Within Dublin itself, you can get to games using public transport or taxis. However, outside of Dublin, it would be ideal to arrange minibuses, or to bring your own car.

7. What do we need to do now? Clubs traditionally make their fixtures for the new season in January, so ideally tours should be arranged before then. If any club who is thinking of touring in Leinster notifies Cricket Leinster at [admin@cricketleinster.ie](mailto:admin@cricketleinster.ie) before November 20 of the year before the tour, then we will distribute your details to clubs in the province. We need to know the dates of your proposed tour, where you are planning on staying, the standard of cricket required, and whether you have any transport.

After November 20<sup>th</sup> there it becomes much harder to get fixtures. However, all is not lost. Contact details of all clubs in the province can be found at <http://www.cricketleinster.ie/clubs>, and it may be possible to arrange fixtures directly.

Hopefully the above offers a few suggestions as to how you can come and experience the exciting world of Irish cricket!