



Ireland #3
Field Hockey Tour
Dublin, Waterford,
Cork & Killarney
9 Day / 7 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team’s arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 USA – DUBLIN

Evening Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Dublin with a possible change of plane enroute. Enjoy Dinner and Breakfast aloft as you journey east to the Emerald Isle.

Day 2 DUBLIN

Morning Arrive at Dublin Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Dublin is Ireland’s capital and largest city situated on the Irish Sea in the eastern part of the island. Ireland is commonly known as the "Emerald Isle" for its lush green landscapes dotted by centuries-old castles and rocky-cliffed shores. With 1.2 million people and over a quarter of the country’s population, Dublin is famous for its literary tradition, claiming such giants as Nobel laureates William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Samuel Beckett plus Oscar Wilde and Jonathan Swift. On a more pedestrian level, the city is known for its ubiquitous pubs and vibrant nightlife.

Morning

City Sightseeing Tour



Dublin Castle



Dunlaoghaire Harbour



Trinity College

Board your private motorcoach with your Tour Guide for a tour viewing some of Dublin's most interesting sights with special focus on the neighborhoods south of the **River Liffey**.

View **Dublin Castle**, with its high defensive walls and signature **Bedford** and **Record Towers**, and **Trinity College** featuring attractive grounds and many fine landmark buildings evoking Dublin's past. **Temple Bar**, with its tight medieval street pattern typified by narrow cobblestone roads, is known as the city's "Cultural Quarter" for the many cultural and arts institutions based there.

St. Stephen's Green, with 22 acres of lush green landscaping, is Dublin's most popular park and is surrounded by many buildings in the elegant and understated Georgian-style of architecture popular in late-18th and early-19th century Britain. Continue to **Merrion Square**, also bordered by fine Georgian buildings, many of which were home to some of Ireland's most prominent intellectuals, ranging from poets and playwrights to political leaders and even a Nobel laureate.

Finish your tour at your Three-Star Hotel in or near Dublin.

Afternoon **PRACTICE SESSION at an astroturf field to warm-up for the next few days.**

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 3 **DUBLIN**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Kilmainham Jail**



Transfer to the west side of Dublin to tour **Kilmainham Jail**, a grey forbidding structure that is one of Ireland's most notorious landmarks. Many Irish rebelling against British colonial rule in the early 20th-century were imprisoned and even executed here, especially after the famous 1916 Easter Rising. The prison closed in 1924.

The tour starts with an engaging audiovisual introduction into the prison's history, followed by a tour of the building's grim facilities, including now-abandoned jail cells, winding up in the sobering yard where the 1916 executions took place.

Afternoon

Trinity College



Visit the sprawling campus of Ireland's most prestigious university, dating back to 1592 and officially known as the **University of Dublin**. Chapels, statues, manicured gardens, and impressive architecture make for a lively and engaging cultural experience. Top attraction is the **Book of Kells**, a mammoth and lavishly illustrated manuscript of the four Gospels of the New Testament, which attracts over a half million visitors per year.

Free-Time Suggestion:

Bike Ride - Your guide will take you through the city on an easy 2-hour ride giving you an overview of Dublin including its history and many of its most significant sites. (optional - approx. US\$ 40)

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 4

DUBLIN

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION at a local hockey field.

Afternoon

Guinness Storehouse (optional with entry and possible transfer fees additional)



Transfer by private motorcoach to the brewery of the legendary “black” beer that is identified with Ireland as much as pubs, shamrocks, lush green rolling hills, and Gaelic songs. Enter the massive seven-story storehouse tower shaped like a pint of Guinness and enjoy an entertaining and interactive multimedia show telling the story of the classic brew as you make your way up the stunning central atrium to the **Gravity Bar** at the “head” of the beer-like building. Take in the view of the sprawling 65-acre **St. James’s Gate Brewery** and top off your visit with a pint of the famous beer. Be sure to visit the gift and memorabilia stores for authentic Guinness souvenirs !

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening MATCH # 2 vs. IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 5 DUBLIN – WATERFORD – CORK

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer southwest to **Waterford**, home of the famous Irish crystal (2:30 transfer time).

Enjoy the rolling hills of the Irish countryside en route to the oldest city of Ireland that is also a very busy port.

Noon **Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre**



Arrive at the **Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre** just outside the city for a fascinating tour of the glass-making factory, including the Mould Room, where the moulds that shape the molten glass are made, the Blowing Department where the glass first starts to take shape, and the Cutting Department where precise designs are cut into the glass.

Afterwards, visit the factory store where you will find the world’s largest collection of Waterford crystal on sale tax-free for shipping back home. Having watched the craftsmanship of the many workers that goes into making a single piece of crystal will help you appreciate that each piece is an individual work of art.

Afternoon Continue to the **city of Waterford** for lunch on your own and free time to explore downtown.

Visit **Reginald's Tower**, a 12th-century fortification with artefacts and displays chronicling the city's Viking period.

Continue to **Cork** (2:30 transfer time).

Afternoon Arrive at your Three-Star Hotel and check in.

Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 6 **CORK**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Cork is Ireland's second-largest city with 118,000 inhabitants and is famed for its central role in the Irish independence struggle of the early 20th-century. The River Lee flows around the downtown, which is an island hosting numerous Georgian structures, the opera house, and many old-fashioned pubs.

Morning **Blarney Castle**



Blarney House



Blarney Castle



Kissing the Blarney Stone

Transfer to one of Ireland's iconic sights, the **Blarney Castle** where you will have an opportunity to literally bend-over-backwards to kiss the **Blarney Stone** and be blessed with the gift of gab !

Afternoon Free time to explore **downtown Cork** and have lunch on your own.



Blackrock Castle



St. Patrick's Bridge/River Lee



West Cork Houses

Wander through 17th-century alleyways and enjoy the city's many pubs, cafés, restaurants, and shops. View a piece of 19th-century life stopping in at the **Cork City Gaol**, which was the local jail until 1929. Harrowing displays on inmate life offer insights into what was considered justice back then.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 7

CORK – KILLARNEY

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to **Killarney** (1:45 transfer time)

Afternoon

Arrive in Killarney and check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Free time for lunch on your own and to explore this quaint town. Shop for high-quality woollen clothing at a discount at the **Killarney Outlet Centre** and the **Blarney Woollen Mills**.



Muckross House



Lough Leane



Killarney Seaside Houses

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Day 8

KILLARNEY – RING OF KERRY

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Ring of Kerry – Full-Day Tour



Board your motorcoach to tour the colorful 110-mile long circuit around the **Iveragh Peninsula** known as the **Ring of Kerry**. The road winds along the rugged coastline past unspoiled beaches, offshore islands, mountains, medieval ruins and villages with pubs featuring traditional music.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program)

Afternoon MATCH # 4 vs. IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 9 KILLARNEY – SHANNON – USA

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of your hotel and transfer to **Shannon Airport** (2:30 transfer time) for your flight to the USA.

Afternoon Depart Ireland on your flight back to the USA.

Arrive in the USA later the same afternoon.

Your Irish Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with many great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Ireland round-trip.
- Three Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Dublin.
- Two Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cork.
- Two Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Killarney.
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily (latter includes one soft drink per meal).
- Dublin City Sightseeing Tour
- Kilmainham Jail tour
- Trinity College tour
- Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre tour
- Blarney Castle tour
- Ring of Kerry – Full-Day Tour
- All of the above tours are with an English-speaking Tour Guide.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Ireland and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Field Hockey Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs at your level.***
- ***Two Practice Sessions.***
- **Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.**
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com/sport/field-hockey/>

Scroll down to the tour named "**Ireland #3**"

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.