

England #1 **Field Hockey Tour** London 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 – FLIGHTS**

Fly overnight to London via major international scheduled airline. Afternoon

Day 2 **LONDON**

Morning Arrive at one of London's international airports.

> 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.

> London is the capital of England and the United Kingdom and is one of the world's most important cities. Perhaps the world's premier financial center, London was once the seat of the world's largest empire and most powerful royalty. London has many landmarks and monuments that speak of the country's storied past making for a fascinating cultural and historic experience for visitors to this exciting city.

Morning Windsor Castle Tour







Windsor Castle

King Henry VIII Gate

St. George's Chapel

Visit the world's largest and oldest occupied castle, dating back some 900 years, and one of the official residences of **Queen Elizabeth II**. Highlights include the **State Apartments** with beautiful works of art and **St. George's Chapel**, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in England, where ten English monarchs are buried, including **Henry VIII** and **Charles I**.

Early Afternoon Free time to explore the town of **Windsor** and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon Continue to your Three-Star Hotel in London.

Afternoon PRACTICE SESSION

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 <u>LONDON</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to Parliament Square using London Tube (London Underground Day Pass - included in tour program).

Morning London Walking Tour









Big Ben

Buckingham Palace

Royal Albert Hall

Trafalgar Square

View the <u>Houses of Parliament</u>, the famous <u>Big Ben</u> clock tower, a London icon, and <u>Westminster Abbey</u>, dating back to 960 and where English and British monarchs have traditionally been crowned and many are buried. Most recently, the abbey was the venue of Prince William's and Princess Katherine's wedding in April 2011. Afterwards, walk to <u>Downing Street</u> where the Prime Minister lives.

Continue on to **Buckingham Palace**, the main residence of the monarchy, and visit **Trafalgar Square** and **Piccadilly Circus**.

Noon Lunch on your own in the area.

Afternoon London Eye

This afternoon take a ride on the famous "<u>London Eye</u>" huge Ferris wheel right next to the <u>River Thames</u>. Later on, you can enjoy the <u>Street Entertainers</u> on <u>South Bank</u>.

Return to Hotel by London Tube.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 4 LONDON

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Take the London Tube.

Morning **Buckingham Palace Tour**

Buckingham Palace has served as the principal home and administrative offices of the reigning monarch of the United Kingdom since 1837 when Queen Victoria became the first monarch to reside there. **Please Note:** The palace is only open to the public when the Royal Family is away, which they usually are in August, to Scotland.

Afternoon MATCH # 1 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 5 LONDON

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Take the London Tube to Oxford Circus (London Underground Day Pass – included in tour program).

Morning Free time to shop on Oxford Street and Regent Street.

Afternoon **Tower of London Tour**







St. Paul's Cathedral

Tower of London

Tower Bridge

This historic castle-fortress was built in 1066 by <u>William the Conqueror</u> on the <u>River Thames</u> to protect London and assert his power. View the British royal family's <u>Crown Jewels</u>, and visit the nearby <u>Tower Bridge</u>, one of London's many iconic symbols.

Afternoon MATCH # 2 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 6 LONDON

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Bath & Stonehenge - Full-Day Tour — Optional (not included in tour package)







Bath Abbey

Roman Baths

Stonehenge

Visit the famous and mysterious stone formations at **Stonehenge.** Continue to **Bath** in southwest England near Wales, approximately 100 miles from London, to view the famous **Roman Baths Museum** derived from natural springs in the area and dating back to ancient times. To experience a modern Roman bath visit the nearby **Thermae Bath Spa** for a two-Hour session in the baths (approx. USD 35)

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 7 <u>LONDON</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Free day to venture out and discover London's most interesting sights on your own.

Suggestion: Those with an interest in art and culture should visit:







National Gallery

British Museum

Museum of Natural History

London has some of the world's greatest museums, sure to be of interest even to those who do not normally go to museums very much. Most popular museums include the **National Gallery**, specializing in European paintings, the **British Museum**, filled with Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Asian antiquities, and **Madame Tussaud's** famous wax museum.

Evening MATCH # 3 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 8 LONDON

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Another free day to venture explore London on your own.

Suggestions:

Free time for shopping, visiting cafés, and explore one of the world's most diverse cities. Enjoy London's major parks that are all connected to one another in one green expanse from **St. James Park** to **Green Park**, **Hyde Park**, and **Kensington Gardens**. Visit some of the more interesting attractions located adjacent to these parks, such as the world-famous **Harrod's** department store, the **Victoria & Albert Museum** and **Kensington Palace**, **Princess Diana**'s last home, where one-hour tours are available.

Evening MATCH # 4 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 9 <u>LONDON – USA</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to one of London's international airports

for your return flight home.

Afternoon Rest and relax during your flight.

Afternoon Arrive back in the USA.

Your English Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great

memories to cherish for a lifetime!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

Economy-class Air Transportation USA – London round-trip

- Seven nights at a Three-Star Hotel in London or near the hockey fields
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Windsor Castle Tour
- London Walking Tour
- London Eye
- Buckingham Palace Guided Tour (if available)
- Tower of London Guided Tour
- Tour Manager available as necessary in England and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours**' Operations Office

Field Hockey Program:

- <u>Four Games</u> with clubs / universities at your level
- One Practice Session at an astroturf field
- Water provided at Games
- 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 "England #1".

- 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 traveller 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.