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**England #2**  
**Field Hockey Tour**  
*London, Liverpool & York*  
**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**

Afternoon      Fly overnight to London via major international scheduled airline.

**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** **LONDON**

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 **Houses of Parliament**, the famous **Big Ben** clock tower, a London icon, and **Westminster Abbey**, 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 **Downing Street** 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 "**London Eye**" huge Ferris wheel right next to the **River Thames**. Later on, you can enjoy the **Street Entertainers** on **South Bank**.

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 **William the Conqueror** on the **River Thames** to protect London and assert his power. View the British royal family's **Crown Jewels**, and visit the nearby **Tower Bridge**, 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 – OXFORD – LIVERPOOL**

Morning      Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to Oxford by private motorcoach.

Morning      **Christ Church College - University of Oxford**

**Christ Church** is the largest and most famous of the colleges at **Oxford University**. It dates back to 1525 featuring many magnificent and imposing structures built primarily in the Norman variation of the Romanesque architectural style. **Christ Church Cathedral**, the most famous of the college's buildings, was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, before the college was founded, in a combination of Romanesque and Gothic architecture.

Many of the scenes in the **Harry Potter** films were shot in various locations of the College. Christ Church's famous stone staircase and the high-ceilinged dining hall are the two main scenarios included in the **Wizard's Saga**.

Noon      Lunch on your own.

Afternoon      Transfer on your private motorcoach to Warwick.

**Warwick Castle (optional activity, not included in tour price).**

Arrive at **Warwick Castle** and tour its many exhibits showing what medieval castle life was like, including its private apartments, armor displays and dungeons.

Late Afternoon      Continue on to **Liverpool** where you will arrive in the early evening and check in to your Hotel.

Evening      Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Day 7**      **LIVERPOOL**

Morning      Breakfast at Hotel.



Morning & Afternoon

### **Liverpool – Full-Day Tour**



**Port of Liverpool Building**



**Albert Dock**



**Penny Lane of Beatles' Fame**

Visit the city's main landmarks associated with the **Beatles**.

Tour the **Cavern Quarter** (named after the club where they got their start) including **Mendips**, the house where John Lennon grew up, and **20 Forthlin Rd.**, Paul McCartney's boyhood home (both require advance ticket purchase).

Stop at the **Beatles Shop** for "Fab Four" memorabilia and continue on to the waterfront **Albert Dock** to visit Liverpool's most popular attraction, the **Beatles Museum (Entrance fee to museum not included in tour price)**

Lunch on your own.

**Evening**

### **MATCH # 3 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Day 8**

### **YORK**

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

### **York – Full Day Tour**



**York Minster Façade**



**York Minster Panorama**



**Medieval City Walls**

York is England's most visited city after London. Visit the city's compact and walkable **old town center** enclosed by walls dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

The dominant sight is the massive **York Minster**, northern Europe's largest medieval cathedral and one of the world's most beautiful Gothic buildings. View the world's largest stained-glass window measuring 77 ft. x 31 ft. and climb the tower's 275 steps for wonderful views of York.

Visit the **Jorvic Viking Centre**, for a great opportunity to explore the excavations and Viking-age timbers dating back 1000 years. **(Entrance fee to museum not included in tour price)**

**Evening**      **MATCH # 4 vs. an ENGLISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Evening      Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Day 9**      **LIVERPOOL – USA**

Morning      Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning      Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Manchester's Ringway International Airport for your return flights 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 & Manchester / USA
- Four Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in London or near the hockey fields
- Three Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Liverpool or near the hockey fields
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private motorcoach
- Intercity transportation by private motorcoach as indicated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Windsor Castle Tour
- London Walking Tour
- London Eye
- Buckingham Palace Guided Tour (if available)

- Tower of London Guided Tour
- Christ Church University of Oxford Tour
- Liverpool Full-Day Tour
- York Full-Day 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:**

- ***Four Games 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 #2**".

- 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.