



**Scotland #1**  
**Field Hockey Tour**  
*Edinburgh, Glasgow,  
St. Andrews, Stirling & Highlands*  
**10 Day / 8 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 – EDINBURGH**

Afternoon      Fly overnight to Edinburgh via major international scheduled airline. Change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

**Day 2**      **EDINBURGH**

Morning      Arrive at Edinburgh International 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.

*Edinburgh has a long and storied history as the focal point of Scotland's struggles between union and disunion with England. Today it is the capital of Scotland with its own parliament but is still part of Great Britain. The city's royal past and present are amply represented by such landmarks as Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyrood House. Edinburgh offers the visitor an experience steeped in culture, history and beauty, highlighted by its many historical structures backdropped by the imposing Arthur's Seat mountain that is nestled just behind the city.*

**Royal Yacht Britannia tour** (admission fee included)

Transfer by private motorcoach to the Royal Yacht Britannia for a tour of the British royal family's former yacht for foreign travels. View five decks on the self-guided tour of the 5,862 ton, 412-foot long ship, including the fabulous State Apartments, State Dining Room, crew's quarters and even the Engine Room.

Continue on your private motorcoach to Edinburgh. Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Afternoon Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own.

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

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour package).

### **Day 3** **EDINBURGH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Edinburgh Castle Tour** (admission fee included)



Take a guided tour of **Edinburgh Castle**, Edinburgh's most compelling attraction dramatically perched high on a rock above the city and worthy of a Hollywood movie script. The famed Mary Queen of Scots lived here and gave birth to her only son James in the castle in 1566.

Visit the **Royal Palace**, including the **Crown Room** with a spectacular crown, scepter, and sword dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Visit the **Great Hall**, the **National War Museum of Scotland**, the **Prisons of War Exhibition**, and take a quiet moment in **St. Margaret's Chapel**. Also view the huge 550-year old **Mons Meg** cannon which weighs over 13,000 lbs.

Afternoon **Palace of Holyroodhouse & Holyrood Abbey** (admission fee included)



**Palace of Holyroodhouse**



**Holyrood Abbey**



**Arthur's Seat**

Visit the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the royal family's official residence in Scotland. Highlights include the **State Apartments**, the **Throne Room**, the **Great Gallery** and Mary Queen of Scots' **Bedchamber**, **Supper Room** and **Outer Chamber**. **Holyrood Abbey**, a ruined abbey founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and the **Palace Gardens** are adjacent to the palace.

**Arthur's Seat Mountain** (free admission)

Climb this small, yet imposing, 822 ft. high mountain from its base next to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The easy 60-minute hike yields great views of the city of Edinburgh and surrounds extending to the **Firth of Forth** waterway.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

**Evening** **MATCH # 1 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



**Day 4** **EDINBURGH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon Free time to experience Edinburgh's sights.

**Royal Mile**



**Canongate Tollbooth**



**Scottish Parliament**



**National Museum of Scotland**

The **Royal Mile** in **Old Town** is a street lined with cafés, restaurants, shops and historical buildings that is so-named because it stretches for a mile downhill from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood House.

Shopping includes crafts, gifts and jewelry. Sites on or near the Royal Mile:

**Scottish National Gallery** – (free admission)

This art museum features works of the Old Masters and Scottish Masterpieces.

**Real Mary King's Close** – (optional - admission fee of approx. US\$ 20 additional)

Take a spooky guided tour of these subterranean labyrinths, hidden deep beneath Edinburgh's Royal Mile, for insights into daily life in the city in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**Canongate Tollbooth** – (free admission)

Built in 1591, it was here that the tolls or public dues were collected. It also served as the council house, courtroom and prison for the Canongate. Found inside today is the "People's Story Museum".

**Scottish Parliament Building** (free admission)

Delight in this architectural masterpiece designed by Catalan architect Enric Miralles.

The city's most popular shopping districts are **Princes St.**, with larger stores featuring Scottish woolens and the pedestrian **Rose St.** with smaller shops.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

**Evening MATCH # 2 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



**Day 5 EDINBURGH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **Mini-Highland Games** (optional - fee of approx. US\$ 50 additional)

Try these traditional Scottish sports that originated in its rugged Highlands region, including:

- Tossing the Caber
- Hurling the Wellies
- The Farmer's Dash
- Tyre Flip
- The Haggis Malt Challenge
- Weight O'er Bar
- Puttin' the Stane
- Tossing the Hammer
- Tug o' War

**Edinburgh Bike Ride** - (optional - fee of approx. US\$ 50 additional)

As an alternative to the mini-Highland Games, take a 3-hour guided bike tour through picturesque points of the city of Edinburgh and/or environs.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

**Day 6 EDINBURGH – GLASGOW**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Check out and transfer by your private motorcoach to **Glasgow**. (1:30 transfer time)

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

*Glasgow was once a grimy industrial city but today is a modern, sophisticated and cultured community remade primarily into a service center based on financial and business services, communications, biosciences and other modern industries.*

*Larger than Edinburgh, Glasgow has always been less glamorous but the city has a substantial history and several recently-built larger-than-life structures, such as Lord Foster's Clyde Auditorium, the Clyde Arc, and the Glasgow Tower and Science Centre, which have reenergized the city.*

Afternoon

**Glasgow City Tour**



**George Square**



**"Armadillo" Concert Hall**



**Clyde Arc Bridge**

View Glasgow's main sights, such as **George Square**, the main square in the heart of the city, and **Merchant City**, a historic shopping and leisure area highlighted by the grand neoclassical exterior of the **Royal Exchange**, which now houses the **Gallery of Modern Art**. Continue on past the **Glasgow Cathedral** and see the **Tall Ship**, which is a 245-foot long three-masted vessel dating back to 1896 available for tours.

Evening

Dinner at a restaurant (included in tour program).

**Evening**

**MATCH # 3 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



**Day 7**

**GLASGOW - ST. ANDREWS**

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to St. Andrews (2:00 transfer time).

Morning & Afternoon

**St. Andrews – Full-Day Tour** (St. Andrews Castle admission fee included)



**Swilcan Bridge**



**Old Course Clubhouse**



**St. Andrews Castle Ruins**

Explore the delightful small town that is best known as home to the world's most famous golf course, the **Royal & Ancient Golf Club**. Visit the **Old Course**, which has often hosted the world's most prestigious golf tournament, the British Open (note that access to the club might be restricted until play is over for the day). Check out the **British Golf Museum** and wrap up the day at **St. Andrews Castle**, a short walk from downtown. Return to Glasgow.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

**Day 8** **GLASGOW - STIRLING**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **Stirling - Full-Day Tour** (admission fees included)



**Stirling Castle**



**Castle Entrance**



**Wallace Monument**

Visit the hilltop **Stirling Castle** located close to where Scotland's two most important independence battles were fought, the beautifully preserved **Old Town** and the **National Wallace Monument** (in commemoration of **William Wallace**, a Scottish national hero from the 13<sup>th</sup> century).

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

**Evening** **MATCH # 4 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



**Day 9** **GLASGOW – SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **Scottish Highlands – Full-Day Tour**



**The Highlands**



**Ben Nevis**



**Mountain in Glen Coe**

Visit **Glen Coe**, considered one of the most spectacular and beautiful places in Scotland, and stop at the village for lunch on your own. View **Ben Nevis**, at 4,409 ft. the highest mountain in the British Isles, close to the town of **Fort William**. Free time in the town's quaint pedestrian-only **High Street** to visit shops and pubs.

Evening Dinner at your Hotel (included in tour program)

## **Day 10** **GLASGOW – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Edinburgh International Airport for your return flights home.

Rest and relax during your flight.

Arrive back in the USA.

**Your Scottish 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 – Scotland round-trip
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Edinburgh
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Glasgow
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Royal Yacht Britannia tour admission fee
- Edinburgh Castle tour admission fee
- Palace of Holyrood & Holyrood Abbey tour admission fee
- Glasgow City Tour
- Stirling - Full-Day Tour including Stirling Castle & National Wallace Monument admission fees
- St. Andrews - Full-Day Tour including St. Andrews Castle admission fee
- Scottish Highlands - Full-Day Tour
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Britain 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***
- **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:**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 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 "**Scotland #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.