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England & Scotland #1

Field Hockey Tour

London, Edinburgh, Glasgow

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 – 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 – EDINBURGH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer to London's King's Cross train station for the 4:30 hours train ride to Scotland.

Afternoon Arrive early afternoon at Edinburgh's Waverley train station.

Transfer to your hotel for check-in.

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.

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

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 7 **EDINBURGH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Edinburgh City Tour**



Palace of Holyroodhouse



Holyrood Abbey



Arthur's Seat

Enjoy an introductory tour for an overview of this marvelous city, including legendary **Edinburgh Castle**, **Princes Street**, and **Calton Hill** (for a spectacular view of the city). Continue to the **Royal Mile** in **Old Town**, a street lined with shops and other historical buildings that is so-named because it stretches downhill from the castle to the **Palace of Holyroodhouse**, the royal family's official residence in Scotland. **Holyrood Abbey**, a ruined abbey founded in the 12th century is next door. Finish your tour viewing **Arthur's Seat**, the small mountain behind Edinburgh.

Afternoon

Free time for lunch on your own and to check out Edinburgh's sights or take advantage of the city's many shopping opportunities. The city's most popular shopping areas are **Princes St.**, with larger stores featuring Scottish woolens and the pedestrian **Rose St.** with smaller shops. For offbeat shopping including music, crafts, gifts and jewelry go to the **Royal Mile** and surrounding area.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 8

EDINBURGH – GLASGOW

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to **Glasgow** for a tour of the city.

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.

Morning
& 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 # 4 vs. a SCOTTISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Evening Return to Edinburgh for overnight.

Day 9 EDINBURGH – STIRLING

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **Stirling Full-Day Tour**



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 13th century).

Afternoon Return to Edinburgh.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 10 EDINBURGH – USA

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

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

Afternoon Rest and relax during your flight.

Afternoon Arrive back in the USA.

Your British 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 and Edinburgh / USA
- One-way Train Transportation London-Edinburgh
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in London or near the hockey fields
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- Airport / Hotel transfer in London & Hotel / Airport transfer in Edinburgh 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
- Edinburgh City Tour
- Glasgow City Tour
- Stirling 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***
- ***Water provided at Games***
- ***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 "**England & 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.