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Ireland #2

Field Hockey Tour

Dublin, Galway, Limerick
10 Day / 8 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: The dates and times of the activities below will likely be adjusted to accommodate your game schedules, 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 Dublin. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **DUBLIN** **(D)**

Morning arrival in Dublin. Greeting by your Tour Manager.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Dublin.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

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

PRACTICE SESSION

Overnight: Dublin

Day 3 **DUBLIN** **(B,D)**

Dublin Guided City Walking Tour



Dublin Castle



Dunlaoghaire Harbour



Trinity College

- **St. Patrick's Cathedral** - Impressive gothic architecture of Ireland's National Protestant Church
- **Dublin Castle** - View the grounds, gardens and imposing structures of this castle
- **Temple Bar** - The city's "Cultural Quarter", known for its many cultural and arts institutions
- **St. Stephen's Green** - Dublin's most popular park with 22 acres of lush green landscaping

MATCH # 1 vs. an IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Dublin

Day 4

DUBLIN

(B,D)

Kilmainham Jail (admission included)



This grey forbidding structure 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.

Trinity College (admission included)



Visit the sprawling campus of Ireland's most prestigious university, dating back to 1592. 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.

Overnight: Dublin

Day 5

DUBLIN

(B,D)

Guinness Storehouse (optional for a fee)



Visit the brewery of the legendary "black" beer. Go up the seven-story storehouse tower shaped like a pint of Guinness to the **Gravity Bar**. 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 ! (must be legal drinking age)

Dublin Free Time

- **Grafton Street** - Visit this pedestrian promenade that is Dublin's most popular shopping street.
- **Bike Ride** - Your guide will take you through the city on an easy 2-hour ride for an overview of Dublin including its history and many of its most significant sites. (optional for a fee)
- **Kayak Ride** - View Dublin from the perspective of the **River Liffey** as you glide effortlessly on its waters under multiple bridges in the heart of the city. (optional for a fee)
- **EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum** - Experience the drama of the Irish emigration which saw 10 million people leave the island in search of a better life. (optional for a fee)

MATCH # 2 vs. an IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Dublin

Day 6

DUBLIN – GALWAY

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Galway.

Galway Guided City Walking Tour



Dunguaire Castle



Galway Bay



Galway Cathedral

- **The National University of Ireland** - Founded in 1849
- **Galway Cathedral** - The most recently built of Europe's great stone cathedrals
- **Salmon Weir Bridge** - Links the old Gaol (on the site of the cathedral) with the courthouse

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Overnight: Galway

Day 7

GALWAY – CONNEMARA – KYLEMORE ABBEY

(B,D)

Connemara & Kylemore Abbey – Full-Day Tour (admission included)



Kylemore Abbey



Pollacappul Lake



Kylemore Church

Transfer through **Connemara's Maam Valley**, enjoying the spectacular mountains surrounding it. Appreciate the beautiful structure of **Kylemore Abbey**, built in 1867, first as a castle, before becoming an Abbey in 1920.

MATCH # 3 vs. an IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Galway

Day 8

GALWAY – CLIFFS OF MOHER – LIMERICK

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Limerick, stopping at the Cliffs of Moher.

Cliffs of Moher (admission included)



The **Cliffs of Moher** are one of Ireland's top visitor attractions. Nominated to be one of the new seven wonders of nature, the cliffs are 700 feet tall at their highest point and stretch out five miles along the Atlantic Ocean.

Continue on to Limerick.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Overnight: Limerick

Day 9

LIMERICK

(B,D)

Limerick - Guided City Walking Tour



Thomond Bridge



St. John's Castle



St. Mary's Cathedral

Visit Limerick's main attractions in the city's compact medieval quarter, located on the banks of the River Shannon.

- **King John's Castle** - Built in the 12th century to strengthen the city's defenses. Climb the castle's towers for panoramic views of the city and the river. (admission included)
- **St. Mary's Cathedral** - An impressive structure dating back to 1168 with its colorful stained-glass windows, stone columns and cemetery with prominent Celtic cross headstones, reminiscent of Ireland's ancient heritage. (admission included)

Bunratty Castle (admission included)



Bunratty Castle



Bunratty Castle Bridge



Medieval Banquet Hall

Visit the most complete and authentic **medieval fortress** in Ireland, originally built in 1425. Adjacent to the castle is **Bunratty Folk Park**, taking visitors back to 19th-century Ireland in the form of a "**living Irish village**", complete with characters in Irish garb.

Overnight: Limerick

Day 10

LIMERICK – SHANNON – USA

(B)

Fly back to the USA, arriving the same afternoon. Possible change of plane enroute.

Your Irish Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Ireland round-trip
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Dublin or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Galway or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Limerick or near the game facilities
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)
- Dublin Guided City Walking Tour
- Kilmainham Jail tour - (admission included)
- Trinity College tour - (admission included)
- Galway Guided City Walking Tour
- Connemara & Kylemore Abbey Full-Day Tour - (admission included)

- Cliffs of Moher - (admission included)
- Limerick Guided City Walking Tour
- St. John's Castle - (admission included)
- St. Mary's Cathedral - (admission included)
- Bunratty Castle - (admission included)
- Transfers for all the above activities by private motorcoach
- **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:

- **3 Games vs. Irish club / university teams at your level**
- **1 Practice Session**
- **Opposition Matching Services**
- **Water at Games & Practices**
- **Round-trip transfers to above sports activities by private motorcoach**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 Other Meals (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)

Tour Price:

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- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included in all of the above price ranges.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- Tour Price is subject to increase if there are fewer than 20 paying travelers.
- Taxes/fees/fuel charge are subject to change according to government and airline increases.

Exchange Rate Protection:

- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate.
- Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly **before** we receive your first tour deposit.
- You will **not** be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur **after** we receive your first tour deposit.

Not Included:

- Any items not listed as included in the above sections under "TOUR INCLUSIONS"
- Passport fees - Passports are required to travel internationally
- Visa fees - If visas are required, typically in the case of non-US citizens
- Personal beverages at meals
- Uniform laundry - Your tour manager will assist you in finding laundromats (most hotels in foreign countries do not have laundry facilities)
- Tips for tour manager, city tour guides and motorcoach drivers (recommended **US\$ 25-30 per traveler** to cover all tour staff)
- Any fees imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage that exceed the number of pieces allowed or size/weight allowances, such as Goalie Bags
- Travel insurance - We will offer you the option to purchase travel insurance through an independent travel insurance specialist.
- Optional activities as noted in the itinerary

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