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Ireland #3

Field Hockey Tour

Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Killarney
9 Day / 7 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.

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

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

PRACTICE SESSION

Overnight: Dublin

Day 3

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.

MATCH # 1 vs. an IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Dublin

Day 4

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

- **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 5

DUBLIN – WATERFORD – CORK

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Cork, stopping in Waterford.

Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre (optional: approx. US\$ 16)



Fascinating tour of the glass-making factory where the famous Irish crystal is made. View the Mould Room, where the moulds that shape the molten glass are made, the Blowing Department where the glass first starts to take shape, and the Cutting Department where precise designs are cut into the glass. Visit the factory store where you will find the world's largest collection of Waterford crystal on sale tax-free for shipping back home.

Viking Triangle Museums (admission included)

- **Medieval Museum** - Guides dressed in medieval-style garb will describe the displays depicting medieval Waterford, including treasures from the 14th and 15th centuries.
- **Reginald's Tower** - A 12th-century fortification with artifacts chronicling the city's Viking period including a Viking boat replica.
- **Bishop's Palace** - A beautifully-preserved limestone building dating back to Georgian times with displays of 18th-century glass, silver and paintings, including the oldest piece of Waterford glass.

Continue on to Cork.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Overnight: Cork

Day 6

CORK

(B,D)

Blarney Castle (admission included)



Blarney House



Blarney Castle



Kissing the Blarney Stone

Transfer to one of Ireland's iconic sights, the **Blarney Castle** where you will have an opportunity to literally bend-over-backwards to kiss the **Blarney Stone** and be blessed with the gift of gab !

Cork Downtown



Blackrock Castle



St. Patrick's Bridge/River Lee



West Cork Houses

Free time to wander through 17th-century alleyways and enjoy the city's many pubs, cafés, restaurants, and shops. View 19th-century life at the Cork City Gaol, which was the local jail until 1929.

MATCH # 3 vs. an IRISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Cork

Day 7

CORK – KILLARNEY

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Killarney.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Free time for lunch on your own and to explore this quaint town.



Muckross House



Lough Leane



Killarney Seaside Houses

Killarney Outlets & **Blarney Woollen Mills** - Shop for high-quality woollen clothing at a discount.

Overnight: Killarney

Day 8

KILLARNEY – RING OF KERRY

(B,D)

Ring of Kerry – Full-Day Tour



Tour the colorful 110-mile-long circuit around the **Iveragh Peninsula** known as the **Ring of Kerry**. The road winds along the rugged coastline past unspoiled beaches, offshore islands, mountains, medieval ruins and villages with pubs featuring traditional music.

Overnight: Killarney

Day 9

KILLARNEY – 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
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Dublin or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cork or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Killarney 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)
- Viking Triangle Museums - (admission included)
- Blarney Castle - (admission included)
- Ring of Kerry – Full-Day Tour
- 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:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 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