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Victory Sports Tours - Field Hockey Tour Tips

• UNIFORMS

Players should take BOTH their home and away jerseys so that they always have a uniform option that contrasts well with the host teams. They should also pack their uniforms in their carry-ons, not their checked baggage, in case the latter misses a flight connection, arriving at the destination much later. That way, they are assured of having their uniforms for their first game.

• BALLS / CONES

The local clubs in Europe will usually provide balls / cones but they are sometimes not up to the standards that you are used to. Plus, sometimes the host teams are not entirely prepared for your arrival, and it might take them 15-20 minutes to gather enough balls/cones for you, which would be lost practice time. So, you should consider taking your own balls/cones so you always have the equipment you need, when you need it.

• GOALIE BAGS - AVOIDING EXCESS BAGGAGE FEES

Airlines may charge oversize fees for goalie bags. Goalie bags will probably be within the baggage allowance weight limit but not within the dimensions limit. Taking smaller items (such as helmets and smaller pads) out of the goalie bags often helps avoid the oversize fee.

• STICK BAGS - RECOMMENDATION

Please do not put all of the team's sticks in one bag because if the airline were to lose it, then you would need to buy all new sticks at your destination. Spreading the sticks over 2-3 stick bags is what most teams do.

• GIFTS FOR OPPOSING TEAMS

It is not mandatory, but it is a nice gesture to give polo shirts or t-shirts with your team logo on them to the host team coaches at each game. Small items, such as team pins / stickers make nice gifts for the opposing team players.

• REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

It would probably be a good idea to take durable refillable water bottles for use during your games and sightseeing to help cut back on plastic waste.