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Ireland #4

Sports Team Tour

Dublin & Belfast

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 SPORTS 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 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.

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

- **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 TEAM

Overnight: Dublin

Day 6

DUBLIN

(B,D)

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.

Dublin Free Time

- **Grafton Street** - Visit this pedestrian promenade that is Dublin's most popular shopping street.
- **O'Connell Street** - Shop and stroll along this street, north of the **River Liffey**, which has undergone extensive renovations in recent years, highlighted by the "**Spire**" (aka the **Monument of Light**), a 400-foot-tall needle-shaped tower that qualifies as the world's tallest sculpture.

Experience Gaelic Games (optional for a fee)



Enjoy a unique introduction to Irish culture through playing the Gaelic Athletic Association's traditional Irish national sports of Hurling, Gaelic Football and Handball.

Overnight: Dublin

Day 7

DUBLIN – BELFAST

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.



- **Titanic Centre** – Explore through interactive exhibits the famous ship's journey from its construction in Belfast in the early 1900's to its sinking on its maiden voyage and later discovery. (optional for a fee)
- "**Peace Wall**" – Learn about the conflict between Belfast's Catholic and Protestant populations through this series of street murals depicting the people and events of "**The Troubles**" period between 1968 and 1998.
- **Crumlin Road Gaol (Jail)** – This former prison, closed in 1996, houses much of the history of "The Troubles" period, which is still very relevant today. (optional for a fee)

MATCH # 3 vs. an IRISH TEAM

Overnight: Belfast

Day 8

BELFAST

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Giants' Causeway & Game of Thrones filming locations (admission included)



Travel to Northern Ireland's north coast to visit the Giants' Causeway, a series of unique 40,000 hexagonal shaped stones and pillars, some up to 40 ft. tall, which were formed by an ancient volcanic eruption. Enjoy the "Clifftop Experience" walk along the rugged coastline. Continue to view some of the Game of Thrones filming locations in the area.
Overnight: Dublin

Day 9

BELFAST – DUBLIN – 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 - Dublin round-trip
- 5 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Dublin or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Belfast 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)
- Giants' Causeway & Game of Thrones filming locations - (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:

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

Tour Price:

Click on [Victory Sports Tours - Sample Tours](#) select your sport and find **Ireland #4** for pricing

- 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
- 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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