

LONDON AND MANCHESTER SOCCER TOUR



Day One

- Depart on an overnight flight to London Heathrow Airport, England.

Day Two

- Arrive at London Heathrow Airport where you are met by your Excel International Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to your 3* London area hotel where you will be staying the following four nights.
- Check in and free time to unpack.
- Welcome meeting and orientation.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.



Day Three

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Enjoy a day of sightseeing in London. Take in all of the major attractions; see the majestic Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, the Horseguards Barracks and 10 Downing Street.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your first international friendly game vs. an English side.

Day Four

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Free morning to explore London on own. Perhaps take a ride on the London Eye; see all of London from above.
- In the afternoon take a visit to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, Execution Site & more.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.



Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, visit the nearby Windsor Castle, the Queen's official residence and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Visitors can enjoy a look around the State Apartments furnished with fine paintings, porcelain, sculpture and armour. Other highlights include Queen Mary's Dolls House and St Georges Chapel, the scene of many royal weddings. The beautiful castle gardens are also worth looking at, part of which were transformed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.
- Afternoon free for last minute sightseeing in London!
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your second international friendly game vs. an English side.

Day Six

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to Manchester (approx. a four hour journey).
- Arrive at your 3* Manchester area hotel, where you will be staying the following four nights.
- Free time to unpack and explore the area around the hotel.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening practice session.

Day Seven

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour and visit to Old Trafford Stadium, home of the world's largest soccer club, Manchester United. When you step into the Theater of Dreams you're walking into more than just a football stadium. It's been the focus for the passion of millions of fans around the world for nearly a century. All the hopes and dreams of the club have been played out there and every blade of grass on the pitch could tell a story.
- Free time and lunch at Trafford Center.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your third international friendly game vs. an English side.



Day Eight

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on a deluxe coach to Liverpool (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- Enjoy lunch on own at the Albert Docks.
- Afternoon perhaps visit the Beatles Museum. The experience takes guests on a journey through the lives of the Beatles. Visitors can walk along the cobbled streets of Hamburg and Matthew Street and soak up the atmosphere in our stunning recreation of the Cavern Club. Then explore the break-up of the band in the Going Solo areas and visit the emotional White Room, a tribute to John Lennon.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.



Day Nine

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, play your fourth international friendly game vs. an English side.
- Possible afternoon visit to pro soccer game. With 7 EPL clubs within one hour of Manchester there is a great selection of games (dependent upon schedule)!
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Ten

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart Manchester Airport on your return flight.

ABOUT ENGLAND

London - London has the greatest concentration of major attractions in Britain which allows it to offer an amazing variety of places to visit. Whether you are a history buff, an art fanatic, a sports fan or a shopaholic, there is something to see and do in London for everyone. One of the best ways to view the city is to take an Open Top Bus Tour, these tours allow your group to visit your selected attractions with the convenience of the famous Double Decker Bus. Another great way to visit the city is to take a ride on the London Eye, the world's largest observation wheel, it offers a spectacular way to take in over 55 of London's most famous landmarks in just 30 minutes. There are also many great side trips from London, including Windsor Castle, which is an official residence of The Queen and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Sights to see in London: London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Changing of the Guard, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Big Ben & The Houses of Parliament, London Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge, Tower of London and Westminster Abbey.



Manchester - Manchester, in England's North Country, is one of Britain's coolest cities. This once industrial city has reinvented itself as a truly contemporary metropolis. It is often cited as the world's first industrialised city, and elements of its industrial past can be seen as you travel through the city. It is this mix of old and new that gives the city its unique character. Of course, Manchester is also home to great sport. Enjoy a visit the world-famous Old Trafford Stadium, the home of Manchester United. From the museums and galleries, to sports stadiums and music venues, there is something for everyone. Sights to see in Manchester: Old Trafford Stadium, the Central Library (inspired by the Pantheon in Rome), the Royal Exchange Theatre, the Curry Mile, Manchester Art Gallery, Heaton Park, Manchester Cathedral, People's History Museum, and much more!



TESTIMONIALS

"Our England trip with Excel was a top quality experience for our program. The training facilities we used were excellent and for our players to face the reserve teams of three top EPL teams was a great opportunity for them. Our players also toured Old Trafford Stadium and attended the Manchester United v Liverpool and Spurs v Arsenal games. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our players."

Sasho Cirovski, University of Maryland, Head Men's Soccer Coach, London

"We had a spectacular trip to the UK through Excel Sports! The trip was very well organized. Our schedules were planned efficiently and we were able to sightsee and learn about the unique history of various cities in the UK. The players had a fantastic time and many of them say that this was one of the best weeks of their lives. The trip is certainly something that they will remember forever."

Kelly Tyrrell, Coach, Dickinson College Women's Soccer, England

"The whole experience was one the players and parents will never forget. The soccer, the sightseeing and the cultural environment; the balance between soccer and social sightseeing was great."

Barry Christmas, Coach, FC Wheeling United, England