

## STIRLING, SCOTLAND SOCCER TOUR



### Day One

- Depart on an overnight flight to Glasgow/Edinburgh International Airport.

### Day Two

- Arrive at Glasgow/Edinburgh Airport where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to your 3\* Stirling/Glasgow area hotel, where you will be staying the following seven nights.
- Welcome and orientation meeting.
- Free time to settle in and relax.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening practice session.



### Day Three

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, free time to explore the city of Stirling, Scotland. Witness the beauty of Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument, then enjoy a stroll through the bustling downtown area.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening participate in your first international friendly game against a local club team.

## Day Four

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on deluxe coach for Edinburgh (approx. an hour journey).
- Free day for sightseeing in Edinburgh. Edinburgh has everything you would expect and more from Scotland's historic capital. Visit Edinburgh Castle as it stands guard over the city, then travel down the Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyroodhouse (the Queen's official residence in Scotland), explore the many shops and restaurants on Princess Street during lunch time then perhaps visit the Museum of Scotland and the Royal Botanic Gardens.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening participate in your second international friendly game against a local club team.



## Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, visit and tour the stadium of Glasgow Celtic FC. Enjoy the chance to learn the history of one of the world's oldest soccer clubs, formed in 1888. Tour the 67,000 seat stadium and visit the superstore and museum.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activity.



## Day Six

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, participate in your third international friendly game against a local club team.
- Possible visit to a professional soccer game this afternoon, local teams include Glasgow Rangers, Glasgow Celtic, Edinburgh Hearts and many more (dependent upon schedule)!
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.



## Day Seven

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, participate in your fourth international friendly game against a local club team.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

## Day Eight

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Afternoon of soccer store shopping and free time in Stirling or Glasgow or an optional day trip to St. Andrews.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Free evening to enjoy your last night in Scotland!



## Day Nine

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to Glasgow/Edinburgh Airport for your return flight home.

## ABOUT SCOTLAND

***Glasgow*** - Glasgow is one of Europe's most exciting and beautiful destinations. It combines the energy and sophistication of a great international city with some of Europe's most spectacular scenery. Glasgow boasts world famous art collections, the best shopping in the UK outside London, and the most vibrant and exciting nightlife. Just beyond the city of Glasgow lies some of Scotland's most beautiful scenery. The local area is rich in history and heritage and each of its delightful country towns and villages has its own fascinating tale to tell. Sights to see in Glasgow: City Chambers, People's Palace, Merchant's House, Glasgow Cathedral, Queen's Cross Church, Clyde Auditorium, and much more!

***Edinburgh*** - Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh, is famous for its history, architecture, festivals, friendly people, and city walking. The city is divided between the Old Town and the New Town. The Old Town is where you will find the vast amount of ancient buildings whilst the New Town is more a celebration of business, order and classical Georgian architecture. Sights to see in



Edinburgh: Edinburgh Castle, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Royal Mile, St. Giles Kirk, Parliament House, Arthur's Seat, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo (August Only), Sir Walter Scott Monument, Canongate Kirk, Castlehill, and much more!

## TESTIMONIALS

"It was a wonderful trip. Excel Sports clearly have this business nailed down. You made what could have easily been a stressful process run very smoothly. I can't think of one thing that wasn't perfect. "

**Todd Rowe, Chaperone, MSYSA Boys ODP, Scotland**

"Having to plan a trip for you and your family can be a daunting task as we all know. Now multiply that number 20 plus and you will quickly realize how hard that task would be. Excel Sports made this task a breeze. Our trip to Scotland was one of the best sporting trips I've ever taken. The schedule was well thought out which allowed us to have quality practices and friendlies while still enjoying what the country had to offer. The staff were all professional and made us feel safe at all times. The kids had a ball and even with the large number of players my work as a coach was not very complicated thanks to the Excel Sports staff."

**Ben Ossei, MSYSA Boys ODP, Scotland**

"We have had a few weeks now to reflect on our highly successful soccer adventure to the UK and it is fair to say that all thirty of us, players, parents and coaches, experienced a trip that will be talked about in glowing terms for years to come. Trips like this don't happen without a great deal of thought, planning and attention to detail. Our experience working with Excel was extremely positive and we appreciated the fact that you were prepared to work with us to optimize the itinerary so that we could all enjoy the soccer and the cultural aspects of the trip. The primary objective of the trip was to expose the boys to two weeks of "soccer immersion" and we accomplished that with aplomb. To conclude, as a group we did our due diligence to find a company that would give us a "turnkey" soccer experience within our budget. We went with Excel based on excellent referrals and finally talking directly with you clinched the deal. You were willing to work closely with us to develop an itinerary that was varied and full and had something for everyone. "

**Len Gilchrist, Gloucester Hornets, England/Scotland**



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