

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Northern Virginia Soccer Club U13 & U14 Girls



Soccer in London & Manchester

April 4 - April 12, 2020

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LONDON AREA (4 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC & LONDON
- DAY 4 LONDON & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 5 LONDON & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 6 LONDON AREA - ST. GEORGE'S PARK - MANCHESTER AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 MANCHESTER & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 8 LIVERPOOL & ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM MANCHESTER

ITINERARY

The rules of association football were codified in England by the Football Association in 1863 and the name "association football" was coined to distinguish the game from other forms of football played at the time. The sport has become the passion of England where the national team, The Three Lions, won the World Cup in 1966. England also boasts the most famous soccer league in the world, The Premier League. World renowned soccer clubs Manchester United, Arsenal FC, Liverpool FC and Manchester City are just a few of the teams that call the Premier league home.

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| Educational Tour/Visit | Cultural Experience | Festival/Performance/Workshop | Tour Services |
| Recreational Activity | LEAP Enrichment | Match/Training Session | |



DAY 1 Saturday, 04 April 2020

- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Dulles to London.
- * Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)

DAY 2 Sunday, 05 April 2020

- Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
- Our private coach and driver will transfer us to our London area hotel. We will have use of our coach for all transfers, touring and soccer content as required throughout.
- Our base for the next four nights will be in the London area. Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) will be included at the hotel.
- We will begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the area around the hotel.
- TRAINING SESSION**
Participate in a Training Session at a local field in the greater London area. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)
- This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 3 Monday, 06 April 2020

- This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC**
Participate in a special Professional Coaching Clinic in the greater London area. The clinic will be led by a guest coach, player or instructor. The clinic will be designed exclusively for the team and to enhance skills in areas identified by the coaching staff. (Excel Sports has contacts at every level and can provide your team with some of the finest instructors in the industry. Specific clinics and coaches will be selected after time of booking.)
- London is the hub of soccer in Britain. With five Premier League sides stationed within the capital, London exudes tradition with regard to rivalries, trophies, famous stadiums, and loyal fans. Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Crystal Palace and West Ham all play in London, contributing to Europe's densest football city.



DAY 3 Monday, 06 April 2020



LONDON CITY TOUR

See the sights of London during our Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour. Some of the highlights may include: St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, St. James's Park and Buckingham Palace, where we may have an opportunity to see the Changing of the Guard ceremonies (subject to final tour schedule).



LONDON FREE TIME

We will have free time to explore or shop in London at our leisure. Our tour director will be available to make suggestions of attractions and activities in or around London. The group may wish to visit London's top attractions, including Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Madame Tussaud's, or Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. We can also take advantage of London's diverse and fascinating museum options, many of which are free of charge, including the National Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum, the Imperial War Museum or the Natural History Museum.



This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4 Tuesday, 07 April 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will tour Emirates Stadium before playing our first international friendly match.



EMIRATES STADIUM

Tour the Emirates Stadium, the home of Arsenal F.C.. With a capacity of 60,260 it is the third-largest football stadium in England after Wembley Stadium and Old Trafford.



FRIENDLY MATCH

Play an International Friendly Match against a local club or academy team in the greater London area. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)



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DAY 5 Wednesday, 08 April 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



TOWER OF LONDON

Visit the Tower of London, one of Britain's most fascinating and important historical structures. Begun as a fortress by William the Conqueror, the Tower is now primarily associated with the legendary figures imprisoned and executed here over the centuries. Our visit includes the armories, a display of instruments of torture and execution and the breathtaking Crown Jewels Exhibit.



EXPLORE LONDON'S SOUTH BANK

London's South Bank is a lively area on the South Bank of London. With attractions, arts and culture, dining, outdoors activities and shopping there is something for everyone. You will be given time to explore the area and get a real taste of London with the many festivals and vendors that will be located in this area along the River Thames.



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DAY 6 Thursday, 09 April 2020

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel from London to Manchester. En route we will visit St. George's Park.
-  **ST. GEORGE'S PARK**
Visit St. George's Park for a unique opportunity to explore the Football Association's National Football Center, home to all 28 England teams as they train ahead of international fixtures. We will see the prestigious outdoor pitches including the elite Wembley replica pitch, as well as the Sir Alf Ramsey indoor 3G pitch and the multi-sport indoor hall that is used for Futsal. Perhaps get a glimpse of the the elite changing rooms, the autograph wall, and areas of the hotel where the teams stay while training.
-  For the next three nights, our base will be in the Manchester area. Breakfast and dinner will be included at the hotel.
-  The Manchester Derby refers to matches that have been contested between Manchester United and Manchester City since 1881. The derby has been played over 170 times and, with the introduction of renewed Manchester City ownership in 2008, has risen to become one of the fiercest, most exciting rivalries in world football. In recent years, City and United have traded wins, and competed for the title, making the Manchester Derby a showcase for achieving ascendancy in the English game.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
Participate in a Training Session at a local field in the greater Manchester area. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)
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DAY 7 Friday, 10 April 2020

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-  **OLD TRAFFORD STADIUM TOUR**
Take a guided tour and go behind the scenes at Old Trafford, home of the world's largest soccer club, Manchester United. During our tour we will see the stadium (The Theatre of Dreams) through the eyes of Manchester United legends and the millions of passionate fans from around the globe. We will also have the opportunity to view historical memorabilia at the Manchester United Museum.
-  **CITYSTORE AT THE STADIUM**
Spend time exploring and shopping in the CityStore. From shirts to scarves, mugs to mouse pads, everything you could possibly want from Manchester City can be found here so you can walk away representing the team with the latest and greatest must-have fan items.
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DAY 8 Saturday, 11 April 2020

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will take an excursion to Liverpool.
-  The Merseyside Derby is the longest standing rivalry in top flight English football. Standing just one mile apart, Goodison Park and Anfield are home to English Clubs Everton and Liverpool FC respectively. The success of Liverpool FC in the 1970s and 80s has established the club as one of the 'Top Six' Premier League sides. 'The Reds' boast 18 First Division titles and a Champions League trophy from the memorable 2005 Istanbul Final. That's not to say Everton haven't managed their share of success. 'The Toffees' have won the FA Cup 5 times in their club' history and routinely contended for Europe over the past decade.



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-  **ALBERT DOCK**
Explore Albert Dock. Built of brick stone and cast iron, this showpiece development on Liverpool's waterfront opened in 1846, saw a long period of decline and has now been extensively renovated and refurbished. In addition to countless shops and restaurants, the area is home to the Merseyside Maritime Museum, the Museum of Liverpool Life, the Beatles Story and the Tate Gallery.
-  **MANCHESTER FREE TIME**
Enjoy some free time to explore the sights of Manchester or do some shopping.
-  **ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH**
Attend a professional soccer match in the greater Manchester area featuring teams from the top leagues. Seeing the top talent in the world in person would itself be an unforgettable experience, but add the passionate crowds signing, cheering and chanting and you will enter an atmosphere that can only be understood through personal experience. (Excel Programs will secure tickets for the group after time of booking and upon release of the official schedule. Due to scheduling your final itinerary may need to be adjusted to accommodate attending a match.)
-  This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9 Sunday, 12 April 2020

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

Northern Virginia Soccer Club U13/14 Girls (51484-0-2)

24 - 27 Participants	\$3,319
20 - 23 Participants	\$3,479
16 - 19 Participants	\$3,725

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee - Once you have enrolled to join the group, the prices shown for the relevant group size levels will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).

****Final tour price will be determined by the total number of participants registered at 75 days prior to departure.**

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- U.S. Soccer Federation sanctioning of all games, which includes full documentation
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage, which extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of Excel Sports as Coaches and Chaperones

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$75 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips for Driver and Tour Director
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage, or any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)



Manchester United Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final Manchester United home game at Old Trafford Stadium

The winner will receive:

- Two round trip flights to Manchester
- Two nights accommodation
- Two tickets to see Manchester United's final season home game at Old Trafford

The Ultimate Fundraiser

WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards the cost of their sports tour.

We will provide a PDF of the raffle tickets. The participants will print the tickets at home, and then they will proceed to sell the tickets for \$10 each. WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs will provide the grand prize and hold a drawing on the 1st of March each year in order to choose a winner.

"This raffle fundraiser is sending me to Spain to play soccer. When my parents told me I had to pay for the trip myself I was determined I could do it and with the help of this raffle I was able to pay for the entire trip. Thank you so much!"

Sydney Larkin, St. Mary's College Women's Soccer (MD)



"The Manchester trip was an awesome experience that I will never forget. It's been a dream of mine to see a Premier League game so this trip helped that wish come true for me. The atmosphere at the game was awesome and I got to see some great goals from Manchester United. I was also impressed with how accommodating Excel International Sports was while arranging extra days and flights for the trip. Overall, I am so grateful that I got this opportunity to go to Manchester and fulfill one of my dreams!"

Mike Smith, Grand Prize Raffle Winner