

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Fremont Youth Soccer Club



Soccer in London & Liverpool August 7 - August 16, 2020

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM SAN FRANCISCO
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LONDON AREA (4 NIGHTS) & TRAINING SESSION
- DAY 3 LONDON & ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 4 FULL DAY LONDON
- DAY 5 LONDON & INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY MATCH
- DAY 6 LONDON AREA - ST. GEORGE'S PARK - LIVERPOOL AREA (4 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC & LIVERPOOL
- DAY 8 FULL DAY CONWY
- DAY 9 LIVERPOOL & ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM MANCHESTER

ITINERARY

Soccer is home to England where "association rules football" was first drawn up amongst public school teams. 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 Friday, 07 August 2020

- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from San Francisco 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 Saturday, 08 August 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. 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.
- LONDON CITY TOUR**
See the sights of London during our introduction to the city either on foot or by bus. 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).
- Our base for the next four nights will be in the greater London area. Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) will be included at the hotel each day.
- WELCOME MEETING**
We 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.)
- Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 3 Sunday, 09 August 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM TOUR

Take a Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Tour which will give us behind-the-scenes access to all the key areas at the Club. Our professional tour guide will lead us around the stadium sharing history, interesting facts and anecdotes about the Club, stadium and players. During our tour we will visit: Pitch side including the Technical Area, the Tunnel including the Hall of Fame, the Players' Dressing Room, the Director's Box, Trophy cabinets and memorabilia which includes close-ups of the FA Cup and Football League Championship Division One, and we will walk through the Hospitality Lounges including the Bill Nicholson Suite. The tour will be a great way to learn more about Spurs' history, see memorabilia and experience the Lane for yourself.



LILLYWHITES

Founded in 1863, Lillywhites is one of the oldest and most famous shops in London. Specializing in sporting goods, the shop has always prided itself on being able to obtain items related to even the most minority sports. Housed in a beautiful early Victorian building on the edge of Piccadilly Circus the shop has attracted the greatest sportsmen, celebrities and royalties for well over a century. Unrivalled in its service and quality, the shop is just as much as an attraction as a working example of an old English department store as it is a place to buy sporting goods. Today it is considered the UK's largest sporting goods retailer and operates a diversified portfolio of sports, fitness, fashion and lifestyle brands.



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.)



This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4 Monday, 10 August 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.



CABINET WAR ROOMS

Discover the Cabinet War Rooms, from which Winston Churchill and his War Cabinet planned and executed their strategy during World War II. The 21 rooms include the Transatlantic Telephone Room, from which Churchill spoke directly with the U.S. President in the White House.



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 5 Tuesday, 11 August 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



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ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH

Attend a professional soccer match in the greater London 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 6 Wednesday, 12 August 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from London to Liverpool. 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 elite changing rooms, the autograph wall, and areas of the hotel where the teams stay while training.

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.



LIVERPOOL CITY TOUR

Explore and learn about this iconic city during your Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour. See the sights throughout Liverpool by taking the bus to all the "must see" locations. Some of the tour highlights may be: Albert Dock, Pier Head, Liverpool One, The Cavern Quarter, Liverpool Cathedral and St. Luke's - Bombed Out Church.



The Liverpool area will be our base for the next four nights. Breakfast and dinner will be included at the hotel.



This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 7 Thursday, 13 August 2020



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC

Participate in a special Professional Coaching Clinic in the greater Liverpool 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.)



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.



LIVERPOOL FREE TIME

We will have some free time for shopping this afternoon.





This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.






DAY 8 Friday, 14 August 2020

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will adventure to Conwy.


Conwy is an ancient, walled market town located on the north coast of Wales. With its mighty medieval castle and complete town walls, this is a richly historic place. Conwy Castle and the town walls were built between 1283 and 1289 by the order of Edward I of England and is a popular destination for travelers to marvel over this small town.

 **CONWY CASTLE**



The town centers on Conwy Castle. The castle follows the contours of a narrow strip of rock, the eight towers commanding the estuary of the River Conwy. The town wall that protected the borough, chartered by Edward in 1284, is almost intact, with 21 flanking towers and three twin-towered gateways. Some say it is the most magnificent of Edward I's Welsh fortresses. Not only will the castle itself impress, the views of the mountains and sea are breathtaking.

 **CONWY FREE TIME**


We will have time to explore and shop within the walled city of Conwy.

-  This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9 Saturday, 15 August 2020

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  **ANFIELD STADIUM TOUR**

Visit Anfield Stadium and the Liverpool Football Club Museum. We will be in expert hands as our friendly and knowledgeable tour guide takes us through the history of this wonderful club, fittingly kicking things off through the Paisley Gates and beside the Shankly Statue to celebrate the glory years! It's then off into the stadium and behind the scenes, we will have exclusive access to the Upper Centenary Stand for some of the best views in the house; the Executive Boxes; the replica Home Team Dressing Room and Press Room; and finally in the world-famous Kop. Included is a visit to The Liverpool FC Story, the club's interactive museum.

 **LIVERPOOL FC CLUB STORE**



Spend time exploring and shopping in the Liverpool FC Club Store. From shirts to scarves, mugs to mouse pads, everything you could possibly want in order to represent Liverpool FC can be found here so you can walk away having the latest and greatest must-have fan items.

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-  This evening we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 10 Sunday, 16 August 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.

Fremont Youth Soccer (00751-0-9)

24 - 27	Participants	\$3,469
20 - 23	Participants	\$3,625
16 - 19	Participants	\$3,825

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 60 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
- A full-time WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches)
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- Two professional soccer tickets (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)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- 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
- 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
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital

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
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- 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

Don't Just Take Our Word for it. Here is What Our Participants Had to Say:



"I would highly recommend WorldStrides Excel to anyone thinking about doing an international tour. The professionalism was outstanding but what set this trip apart from others was the personal attention paid to our group. WorldStrides Excel made every participant feel like they were important. WorldStrides Excel made a really good trip become really great."

Terri Spurgeon, Liverpool FC America, England



"The trip was fantastic. The boys really had a ball; all smiles the entire time. Our tour manager was AWESOME and took care of everything. He was really on top of it all. Once against you and your staff are great and I thank you for a great experience. I'll be planning the next one soon!"

Ben Ossei, England



"The team and parents had a great time on our England and Scotland tour. The friendlies with local clubs, trainings and tours of stadiums and castles went off without a hitch. Our tour guide, Jack, was incredibly informative and entertaining. We hope to tour again with WorldStrides Excel in the future!"

Jeanne Salas, Carolina Railhawks, England/Scotland



"It was an absolutely amazing experience. We had an outstanding time and got to play some of our best soccer. Thank you so much for all of your work in organizing this trip for us. I highly recommend a tour to England and WorldStrides Excel. Our tour manager was an asset in London and was extremely knowledgeable and personable. I can speak for all the parents and say that we all thoroughly enjoyed every part of this tour."

Debra Stranaghan, England



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