

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary Virginia Military Institute England – London and Manchester area

Travel dates:

Early July of 2024 (exact dates TBC)

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Richmond airport. We may be able to lower the tour prices by approx. \$150.00 per person if we fly the group out of Dulles instead of Richmond.
- Day 2 Arrival London airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Sightseeing London. Options include The Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and The London Eye, with its spectacular views over London. Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Visit Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle. For almost 200 years, Hampton Court Palace was at the center of court life, politics and national history. Windsor Castle is an official residence of The Queen and the largest occupied castle in the world.
- Day 5 Enjoy the day sightseeing in London. Visit to the Chelsea Village MegaShop and Stamford Bridge Stadium, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden shopping precinct, Emirates and/or Wembley Stadium. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Manchester. En-route optional stop at St. George's Park (English FA national soccer center) or in Chester. Chester is a magical city over 2000 years old; it is the most complete walled city in Britain. Walk the walls – 2 miles of entirely walk able walls, studded with historic towers and a bird's eye view of the city center. Look over the other side of the wall for a view of the Welsh mountains in the distance. Afterwards you can head for the Roman Amphitheater and The Chester Cathedral (14th century church).
- Day 7 Sightseeing Manchester. One of the most popular sights is the Old Trafford stadium, home of Manchester United and the English National Football (Soccer) Museum. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 More sightseeing Manchester, or sightseeing in Liverpool. See popular sights like Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool Cathedral and/or do an optional stadium tour of Anfield, home of Liverpool FC.
- Day 9 Transfer to London or Manchester airport. Return flight.

*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

**PREMIER
INTERNATIONAL
TOURS**



Norco



Tower of London



Wisconsin Lutheran College



Thames River

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,622	\$3,432	\$3,364	\$3,193	\$3,123	\$3,072

* Prices are based on contracted airline group fares for 2023. We can confirm pricing approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group flights and fares for 2024.

Price inclusions:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

Sport program included:

London: we will arrange 2 friendly games per team.

Manchester: we will arrange 1 friendly game per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

London: 4-star Hotel accommodation in London.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel accommodation in the outskirts of London about 15 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.
- The hotel offers a restaurant, lounge/bar, outdoor patio/garden, fitness center and free Wi-Fi.

Manchester area: 3-or-4-star Hotel accommodation in the Liverpool/Manchester area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel Northwest England located between Manchester and Liverpool.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 3 twin beds). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well, supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.
- The hotel has a restaurant/lounge, indoor heated pool, sauna/solarium and fitness center.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

Local guide services included:

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

Options available (not included in prices)

Sport program options:

- We can arrange training sessions with youth academy coaches from English pro clubs like Manchester City, Everton FC, Tottenham Hotspurs or Fulham FC. Supplement for a 2-hour session, including field hire, is approx. \$650 total.
- Subject to availability we might be able to arrange training sessions with English FA coaches at St. George's Park, headquarters of the English FA, along with a tour of the facilities. Approx. supplement for a 2-hour session is around \$800 total.
- We can arrange tickets to pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually ticket costs range from approx. \$75-\$150 per person depending on the game.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – between \$25.00 and \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$260.00 per 2 hours.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.

Touristic information London

LONDON STADIUM TOURS: Tour one of the famous pro team stadiums in London like Wembley, Emirates (Arsenal FC) or Stamford Bridge (Chelsea)

THE LONDON EYE: The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London, England. The entire structure is 135 meters (443 ft.) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 meters (394 ft.). It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe. Includes 30-minute rotation, Samsung interactive capsule guides, entry to 4D cinema experience.

TOWER OF LONDON: The massive White Tower is a typical example of Norman military architecture, whose influence was felt throughout the kingdom. It was built on the Thames by William the Conqueror to protect London and assert his power. The Tower of London – an imposing fortress with many layers of history, which has become one of the symbols of royalty – was built around the White Tower.

WINDSOR CASTLE: A visit to the Castle includes the State Apartments, St George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Windsor Castle is a royal residence at Windsor in the English county of Berkshire. The castle is notable for its long association with the British royal family and for its architecture.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE: Hampton Court Palace is a royal palace in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Greater London, in the historic county of Middlesex; it has not been inhabited by the British Royal Family since the 18th century.

LONDON DUNGEONS: The London Dungeon is a London tourist attraction which recreates various gory and macabre historical events in a gallows humor style aimed at younger audiences. It uses a mixture of live actors, special effects and rides.

HARRY POTTER TOUR: People the world-over have been enchanted by the Harry Potter films for over a decade. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made this iconic series beloved to both young and old – and now, for the first time, the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began. You'll have the chance to go behind-the-scenes and see many things the camera never showed. From breathtakingly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props and animatronics, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time.

Touristic information Chester/Manchester and Northwest England

Chester and Manchester both are located in the Northwest part of England. Chester lies right on the border between Wales and England. Chester is one of the best preserved walled cities in Britain. It has a number of medieval buildings, but some of the black-and-white buildings within the city center are Victorian restorations. Manchester lies within the United Kingdom's second-most populous urban area, with a population of 2.55 million. Manchester is notable for its architecture, culture, musical exports, media links, scientific and engineering output, social impact, sports clubs and transport connections. Manchester is home to two top EPL clubs, Manchester United and Manchester City FC.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM: The National Football Museum is a museum at the Urbis building in Manchester city center founded to preserve, conserve and interpret several important collections of association football memorabilia. The museum was originally situated in Deepdale, Preston, Lancashire, but moved to Manchester in 2012.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM: Visit the award-winning IWM North to discover powerful stories that reveal how war shapes lives, from a soldier's last letter home to the twisted steel of New York City's World Trade Center. Housed in Daniel Libeskind's iconic building representing a globe torn apart by conflict, IWM North offers a free day out like no other.

TRAFFORD CENTER: The Trafford Center is a largest indoor shopping center in Western Europe and leisure complex in Greater Manchester, England. Situated in the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford, the Centre is situated close to the Trafford Park industrial estate and lies approximately five miles west of Manchester city center.

THE BEATLES MUSEUM: The Beatles Story is a visitor attraction dedicated to the 1960s pop group The Beatles in Liverpool, England.

BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH: Blackpool Pleasure Beach is an amusement park and resort situated along the Fylde coast in Blackpool, Lancashire, England. It is one of the top twenty most-visited amusement parks in the world.