

## **International Soccer Tour 2022 Itinerary Hunter Soccer Club Ireland – Dublin, Cork and Galway**

### **Travel dates:**

Summer of 2022 - Exact dates TBD.

### **Itinerary:**

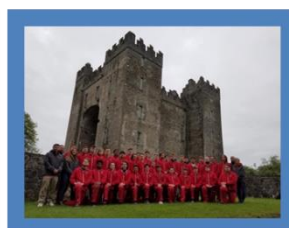
- Day 1 Departure from Philadelphia or Newark airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Dublin airport in morning. Transfer to Croke Park in Dublin for tour of Croke Park and GAA Museum, home of the Gaelic Games. Transfer to hotel and check in. Rest of day/evening at leisure.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Dublin – visit and tour Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Evening game vs. local team.
- Day 4 Visit the Kilmainham Gaol tour, one of the largest unoccupied gaols (jail) in Europe, covering some of the most heroic and tragic events in Ireland's emergence as a modern nation from 1780s to the 1920s. After this, visit the Guinness Storehouse and Old Jameson Distillery tour.
- Day 5 Transfer to your accommodation in Cork.
- Day 6 Day free for sightseeing and exploring Cork including visit to Nano Nagle Place, The English Market, Cork City Gaol, Blarney Castle & Gardens, University College Cork (UCC) and more. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 7 Transfer to Galway.
- Day 8 Day free for sightseeing and exploring Galway. Stroll along High Street taking in all its shops, restaurants and typical Irish pubs. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 Make an excursion to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park where you can experience the living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland from over a century ago.
- Day 10 Transfer to Dublin airport and flight back home.



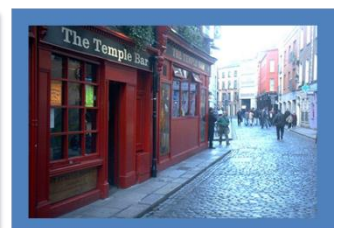
Willamette University



Galway Kylemore Abbey



Fishers High School



Streets of Dublin

\*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.

### **Price per person\*:**

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,496	\$3,303	\$3,169	\$3,074	\$3,011	\$2,951

\* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2021. We will know more about fares for 2022 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights and fares for 2022, and can confirm pricing then.

**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.
- 1 free trip for every 19 paying participants.

**Sport program included:**

We will arrange 3 friendly games per team – one per destination.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

Dublin: 3-star Hotel accommodation in Dublin.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel is in Dublin, approx. 7-8 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people. 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 has a lounge, reception and bar.

Cork: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Cork area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel accommodation in Cork, 5-6 miles from the center.
- Rooms for 3 people. 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 has a restaurant/lounge, bar and restaurant.

Galway: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Galway area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel accommodation in Ballinasloe Co Galway, 35-40 minutes from Galway center.
- Rooms for 3 people. 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 has a restaurant/lounge, bar and restaurant.

**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 pro clubs. Supplement for a 2-hour session, including field hire, is approx. \$650 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 Dublin**

Dublin is the capital and largest city of Ireland. Dublin is in the province of Leinster on Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey. Founded as a Viking settlement, the Kingdom of Dublin became Ireland's principal city following the Norman invasion. The city expanded rapidly from the 17th century and was briefly the second largest city in the British Empire before the Acts of Union in 1800. Following the partition of Ireland in 1922, Dublin became the capital of the Irish Free State, later renamed Ireland.

### **Guinness Brewery:**

Guinness Storehouse is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Dublin, at St. James's Gate Brewery. Since opening in 2000, it has received over four million visitors. The Storehouse covers seven floors surrounding a glass atrium shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness. The ground floor introduces the beer's four ingredients, and the brewery's founder, Arthur Guinness. Other floors feature the history of Guinness advertising and include an interactive exhibit on responsible drinking. The seventh floor houses the Gravity Bar with views of Dublin and where visitors may drink a pint of Guinness included in the price of admission.

### **St. Patrick's Cathedral:**

Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland, founded in 1191, is the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland. With its 141 ft tall spire, St. Patrick's is the tallest church in Ireland and the largest. Christ Church Cathedral, also a Church of Ireland cathedral in Dublin, is designated as the local Cathedral of the diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

### **Aviva Stadium:**

The spectacular Aviva Stadium is home to the Irish Rugby Union team, as well as the Republic of Ireland National Soccer Team. It is Ireland's only UEFA Elite Stadium and has played host to matches for large tournaments such as the Heineken Cup, Nations Cup, and European Cup.

### **Downtown Dublin:**

The Downtown area is home to several shopping centers, restaurants, pubs, and historical buildings. For shopping, visit Grafton street, Dawson street, located only a few blocks from Trinity College, or O'Connell and Henry street located near The Spire. The Spire otherwise known as the Monument of Light, is a 390 ft tall monument that has become a favored tourist location in Dublin. For fine dining try the Brasserie sixty6 or Dax Restaurant, just two of many top-rated restaurants in Dublin. The Rustic Stone just a few blocks from Grafton Street offers a unique and modern Irish food options.

### **Dublin Castle:**

Erected in the early thirteenth century on the site of a Viking settlement, Dublin Castle served for centuries as the headquarters of English, and later British, administration in Ireland. In 1922, following Ireland's independence, Dublin Castle was handed over to the new Irish government. It is now a major government complex and a key tourist attraction. We hope you enjoy your visit.

## **Touristic Information Galway**

Galway, known as the City of the Tribes, is an important tourist center and a gateway to the scenic areas of the county. Beginning in the 15th century, Galway was ruled by the leading fourteen merchant families, which were known as "tribes." The families built many castles throughout County Galway. Many streets and landmarks bear the names of these early "tribes."

Galway is a bustling town with fantastic nightlife. The beautiful scenery, charming pedestrianized streets, and numerous pubs and cafes are sure to keep you occupied.

### **Cliffs of Moher:**

A must-do while on your way to Galway, is to see the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher. Here you will encounter nature in its wildest, purest form – see the rugged cliffs facing the mighty ocean, taste the salt air, feel the ancient rocks beneath your feet. This destination is one of the most breathtaking sights to see during your trip to Ireland.

### **Eyre Square/City Center:**

While in Galway, the City Center there is plenty to see and do. The Eyre Square Center is home to several shops, restaurants, pubs and tourist attractions.

### **Optional Day Trip to Limerick:**

While in Limerick visit King John's Castle, a 13<sup>th</sup> century marvel located next to the River Shannon. You can also visit Thormond Park, home of Munster Rugby Club, one of the top teams in Ireland.

### **Bunratty Castle:**

The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was in origin a Viking trading camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. Bunratty Castle, is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times.

### **Folk Park:**

Enjoy the sights, sounds tastes, scents, of this enchanting place as you stroll from house to house or around the charming village street complete with school, post office, doctors house, hardware shop, printers and of course McNamara's pub. When you visit Bunratty Folk Park you experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting.