INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOUR 2026 - ITINERARY

WESTCHESTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



LONDON AND LIVERPOOL

ENGLAND

August 16-23, 2026

England – London and Liverpool

ACCOMMODATION

LONDON, ENGLAND -AUGUST 17-20, 2026
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WI-FI COSTS:
Free

MEALS:
Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner August 17, 2026
Last meal: Breakfast August 20, 2026
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk and juice are included at the breakfast buffet.

PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS REPRESENTATIVE:
Stuart McIntyre



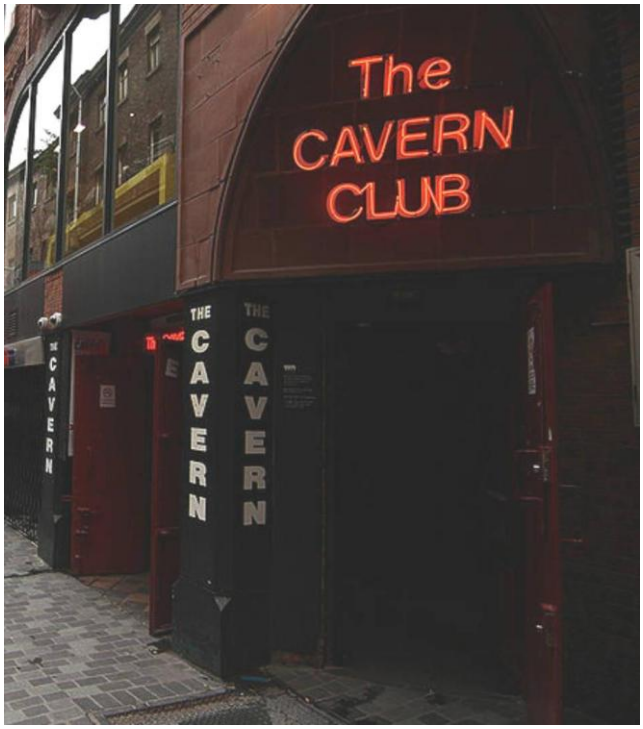
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Wi-fi costs:
Free

MEALS:
Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner August 20, 2026
Last meal: Breakfast August 23, 2026
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk and juice are included at the breakfast buffet.

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

08:15pm Departure flight AA 732 from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) to London Heathrow Airport (LHR).

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

09:05am Arrival at Heathrow Airport (LHR).
After passing through customs at London Heathrow Airport your group will be met by Stuart (recognizable by a Westchester Country Day School sign). Stuart will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in London and Liverpool.

10:30am Transfer to your accommodation.

11:00am Arrival at your accommodation.
Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary, game and excursion program with Stuart.

12:00pm Board the bus to make your way to **Stamford Bridge**.

12:45pm Arrive at **Stamford Bridge Stadium**, the historic home stadium of Premier League football club Chelsea. Located in West London, the venue boasts an official capacity of 40,000. Originally opened in 1877 as an athletics arena, it was transformed into a football ground when Gus Mears, a local businessman, purchased it in 1905 to establish Chelsea Football Club.

01:00pm **Museum tour starts**. Enjoy a unique and immersive experience that takes you on a journey through the long history of the club. The museum was first opened in the 1970s and has undergone several renovations and expansions over the years to become the state-of-the-art facility it is today. With over 20,000 square feet of exhibition space, the museum boasts a wide range of interactive exhibits, displays, and artefacts that showcase the rich history of the club. There are green-screen photography moments for you to capture some fantastic memories.

01:30pm **Stadium tour starts**. This fantastic live-guided tour will lead you through Stamford Bridge on an insightful 60-minute journey including the dressing rooms, press room, players' tunnel, pitch side and much more.

02:45pm After the tour spend time in the **Chelsea Megastore**, situated right at the heart of Stamford Bridge. It has over 12,500 square feet of space dedicated to all things Chelsea. It features a full range of Nike kit, including this season's home and away shirt and a print bar that allows you to get your favorite players' names and numbers printed onto your shirts. In addition to this, you'll find a full range of official training wear, Chelsea fashion and accessories in store.

04:00pm Board the bus to make your way to back to the hotel.

07:00pm Evening dinner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

08:30am Breakfast.

09:15am Board the bus to travel to **Watford**.

10:00am **Professional Training session lead by David Byrne**, former professional footballer and Founder of Educating Grassroots. Designed to challenge and inspire, the session will put participants through their paces using drills and coaching methods drawn from the professional game. Taking place at Everton Rovers' state-of-the-art 3G artificial pitch, this high-energy experience offers a fantastic opportunity to develop skills, improve teamwork, and gain insights from an experienced football professional.

12:30pm Board the coach and make your way into the heart of **London** for an afternoon of sightseeing. Discover some of the capital's most iconic landmarks, including the historic Tower of London, the magnificent Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and the famous London Eye, where you'll enjoy spectacular panoramic views across the city. Whether you're exploring on foot or simply taking in the sights, it's the perfect opportunity to experience the rich history and vibrant atmosphere of one of the world's greatest cities.

04:00pm Board the bus to make your way to back to the hotel.

07:00pm Evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

09:00am Breakfast.

10:00am Board the bus to travel to **Richmond**.

10:30am Arrive in Richmond, best known to many as the charming **filming location of Ted Lasso**.
Begin your self-guided walking tour at The Ted Lasso Store on Paved Court, where you can browse authentic AFC Richmond merchandise across two floors and snap photos in the replica locker room.

Just a few steps away is 11 Paved Court, instantly recognizable as the exterior of Ted's apartment. From here, continue to the end of the lane to find The Prince's Head pub, better known to fans as the famous "Crown and Anchor". Inside, you'll find a dedicated wall of Ted Lasso memorabilia celebrating the much-loved series.

Leaving the pub, step out onto Richmond Green, one of London's largest and most picturesque village greens. Follow the pathways around the Green and you'll pass several filming locations, including the route Ted takes on his daily walk to work and the iconic "thinking benches" where he often pauses for a moment of reflection.

Continue your walk via Water Lane to the banks of the River Thames. Turn left and follow the scenic Richmond Riverside promenade, a beautiful stretch frequently featured throughout the series. This is where many memorable conversations between Ted, Roy and Keeley take place, with the riverside steps providing a familiar backdrop. There are plenty of cafés and refreshment stops along the waterfront, making it the perfect place to relax before continuing your journey.

12:30pm Board the bus back to the **hotel for lunch**.

01:00pm Lunch at the hotel in lieu of evening meal. Remember to take your kit and astro turf boots with you as you will be going straight to your first friendly game following sightseeing.

02:00pm Board the coach for an afternoon exploring **London** at your own pace. Whether you're looking to immerse yourself in world-class culture or enjoy some retail therapy, the capital has something for everyone. Culture lovers can visit some of London's most iconic museums and galleries, including the Natural History Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, or the National Gallery, home to some of the world's finest collections of art, history and design. If shopping is more your style, head to Oxford Street for its famous high street stores, Bond Street for luxury fashion and designer brands, or explore the independent boutiques, unique cafés and vibrant atmosphere of Carnaby Street and Covent Garden. Why not combine the two? However you choose to spend your afternoon, London offers an unforgettable experience around every corner.

05:30pm Board the bus for your **first friendly game** of the tour.

06:30pm Arrive and prepare for your game vs **Harpenden Town Football Club**, who will be playing in green and yellow on an artificial pitch.

09:00pm Following the match, enjoy a pizza with Harpenden Town FC before setting back off to the hotel.

10:00pm Board the bus to return to the hotel.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

08:30am Breakfast.

10:00am Board the bus and depart London heading for your second training session on route to Liverpool and the second half of your tour.

01:00pm Arrive at **St George's Park**, English FA national soccer center.

01:30pm **Play like the Pride**. Experience an immersive two-and-a-half-hour training session. The experience includes a 90-minute on-pitch coaching session, exclusive access to the England boot room, and use of the outdoor 3G training pitch. The session will be delivered by a St George's Park Experience Coach and tailored to reflect the England national team coaching program, providing an authentic insight into elite player development. You will also have the opportunity to purchase official St George's Park merchandise from the on-site Hilton Hotel.

04:30pm Board the bus for transfer to your accommodation in Liverpool.

06:00pm Arrival at your accommodation in Liverpool.

07:00pm Evening dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

09:00am Breakfast. As a courtesy to the host club, Liverpool colors should not be worn during your stadium tour.

10:00am **Stadium tour of Hill Dickinson**, the home of Everton Football club. With a capacity of almost 53,000, the stadium is the eighth largest football stadium in England. In 2028, it will play host venue for UEFA European Football Championship. This guided 90min behind-the-scenes experience takes you through the men's first team changing room, the media theatre, the players' tunnel, and pitch side. You will also explore the South Stand city-view concourse before finishing up at the Trinity Place Bar and the official store.

01:00pm Return to the hotel for **lunch** in lieu of evening meal.

02:00pm Spend the afternoon exploring the vibrant city of **Liverpool**, renowned for its rich maritime heritage, striking architecture and world-famous musical history. Visit some of the city's most popular attractions, including the historic Royal Albert Dock, the magnificent Liverpool Cathedral, the Museum of Liverpool, and the Merseyside Maritime Museum. Whether you're interested in history, culture or simply soaking up the city's unique atmosphere, Liverpool offers something for everyone.

05:30pm Return to the hotel to board the bus for your **second friendly game** of the tour.

07:00pm Arrive at **Burscough** for your game vs **Burscough Football Club**, who will be playing in green on an artificial pitch.

09:00pm Following the match, enjoy a buffet style meal with Burscough Football Club before setting back off to the hotel.

10:00pm Board the bus to return to the hotel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

09:00am Breakfast at the Hotel. Before departing for Anfield, please ensure that any Everton merchandise purchased during yesterday's visit isn't worn. As a courtesy to the host club, Everton colors should not be worn during the Liverpool FC Stadium Tour.

10:30am **Stadium tour of Anfield** home of Liverpool Football Club since its formation in 1892. The stadium has a seating capacity of over 61,000, making it the fifth-largest football stadium in England. It was originally the home of Everton from 1884 to 1891 before they moved to Goodison Park after a dispute with the club president. Go behind the scenes inside one of the world's most iconic and historic stadiums during your 90min stadium tour, on the interactive LFC Stadium Tour and Museum. Explore the club's rich history and access must-see areas such as the Press Conference Room, This Is Anfield sign, the Player's Tunnel, Managerial Dugout and the Home Team Dressing Room. Visit the LFC Museum, where you can immerse yourself in the club's history like never before and see all major trophies together for the first time, plus the new Champions 24/25 exhibition.

12:00pm Visit the Liverpool Football Club (LFC) Museum, where you can immerse yourself in the Club's history like never before. Explore LFC's rich history from past to present, featuring iconic moments, legendary players and illustrious achievements. Plus, see all major trophies together for the first time and marvel at the club's 6 European Cups.

01:00pm Board the coach and head to the Dockside area for lunch. After your meal, enjoy a scenic walk along Liverpool's iconic waterfront before making your way to the Hill Dickinson Stadium, the new home of Everton Football Club.

02:00pm Arrive at the Hill Dickinson Stadium and soak up the pre-match atmosphere ahead of the game.

03:00pm Enjoy Everton vs Crystal Palace with hospitality tickets, experiencing a Premier League matchday from the comfort of the hospitality areas.

05:30pm Following the match, board the coach and return to the hotel.

07:00pm Evening dinner.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

TAKE A PACKED BREAKFAST WITH YOU.

05:00am Transfer to London Heathrow Airport (LHR Airport – please reconfirm your departure flight times at least 24 hours before departure.

09:00am Arrival at London Heathrow Airport (LHR Airport.

12:00pm Departure flight AA 733 from Heathrow Airport (LHR) to Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT).

04:05pm Arrival at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

SKELETON ITINERARY:

This is a skeleton itinerary only. The definite day to day program will be discussed with you upon arrival. The organized playing times and dates of your games and/or clinics and receptions must be honored.

BANKS:

Please note that banks in Europe are usually closed at weekends. We strongly recommend that you do not utilize traveler checks but use any or all of the following – ATM / Debit Card, Euro pre-paid cards, Credit Cards and take cash. Please take enough funds to cover the first few days, as precious time is wasted if most of your group needs to access cash on arrival.



VERY IMPORTANT:

Most countries now require travelers to have a passport that is valid more than 180 days after your return date. If your passport expires within 180 days of your return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

COPIES OF PASSPORTS:

We also strongly recommend that your group's coach or team manager collects copies of all travelers' passports and, where applicable, paper airline tickets, prior to departure in case of theft or loss.



STUDENT ID:

If you are with a student group, please ensure all people in your party bring their Student ID as this will give access to many discounts on entry fees to various attractions.

ENTRANCE FEES:

Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

SOCCER BALLS:

Soccer balls will only be provided for the games. Please bring your own soccer balls for training sessions and/or clinic sessions.



CHECK YOUR TICKETS:

Please ensure that you cross-reference your airline tickets with your itinerary as departure times and flight numbers may have been amended since your itinerary was forwarded to you, and, if in doubt, check with your airline directly. Make sure the name on the ticket is exactly the same as on the passport.



DELAY:

In case of delay caused by flight or transport issues, please advise our Representative as soon as possible if any amendments are required, so they can adjust your arrangements wherever feasible. The contact information /phone number of this representative is included in the itinerary in this document.

AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS:

Most flights from the US to Europe will arrive between 6.00 – 11.00 a.m. European times. However, please note that most hotel bedrooms will only become available between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m., so it is not always possible to check into your hotel room as soon as you arrive at your destination. Your local Representative will suggest a light excursion to occupy your group until your rooms are prepared.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION AND TOUR PREPARATION:

Please review your Team Website and our Travel Guide. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Some accommodation may require a small security deposit to be paid on arrival. The security deposit is to be held only in the event of damage by your team to any of the accommodation's property. Upon checking out, your deposit will be returned.



SEAT BELTS:

All passengers, by law, must always wear seat belts on all bus transportation when in Europe. Premier International Tours, its partners and suppliers, will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to anyone ignoring this regulation.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

During your entire stay in Europe a private bus will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 700 kilometers available. Please check out the information about the use of a toilet on the bus (if available) as per your tour confirmation.

BUS COMPANY

Linsburg Coach Travel
Tel: 0203 973 3715

RESTRICTIONS BUS TRANSPORTATION:

The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

- The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day. Twice a week the driver may use the bus for 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
- Each day the bus driver must have an 11-hour rest period between his transportation duties.
- During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

We kindly ask you to be aware of these rules. **Please note that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.**

The rules for using a toilet on the bus if available:

It is generally advisable to only use the toilet on a bus while it's stopped, or at least slowing down significantly, especially in Europe. Here's why:

1. Safety: Moving around a bus while it's in motion can be dangerous due to sudden bumps or turns, potentially causing falls or injuries.
2. Bus company policies: Many bus companies strongly recommend against using the toilet while the bus is moving, primarily for passenger safety and also because the holding tanks are usually only emptied at the end of the trip.
3. Varying regulations: While some individual bus companies might explicitly state that their onboard toilets can be used while moving, other sources indicate that in Europe, it's mandatory for the driver to park the bus before the facilities can be used. It's best to err on the side of caution.

In case of emergency:

1. Communicate with the driver or guide: If you have an urgent need to use the toilet while the bus is moving, you should inform the driver or tour guide.
2. Potential for emergency stops: In emergency situations, drivers may make an unscheduled stop at a gas station or other suitable location where passengers can safely use a restroom.

Important note: Buses in Europe are generally required to take breaks every 2-2.5 hours, providing opportunities for passengers to use restrooms at designated stops. These planned breaks are usually sufficient for most passengers.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

Premier International Tours has partnered with Best Group Airfares who makes all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations **prior** to the tour please contact Premier International Tours. (303) 768-0891) From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Best Group Airfares at 786-232-0932. We request that only the group leader(s) call them (Adam Schwartz) and use the group ID Westchester Group.

CHECK IN AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:

Groups have blocked seats made at the time when the deposit was paid. Seat requests are accepted, but passengers cannot access their reservation online to make any changes to their seat assignments since it is a group booking. Many times, travelers are not able to check-in online for their flight, check-in will have to be done as a group at the airport upon arrival. We will e-mail you detailed information about check-in once tickets are issued.

INFORMATION FOR FLIGHTS IN CASE OF FLIGHT CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS:

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times, we must go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines regarding any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause to miss the flight connection or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights.
- If any individual wants to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then that individual should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed at the weekends, so we have some limitations.



TOUR MANAGER:

A tour manager will be with your group throughout your stay. Your tour manager will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. **This tour manager is not a professional city tour guide** although he or she will have a general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the tour manager upon arrival to discuss the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the tour manager the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the tour manager can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the tour manager at the end of the trip if he or she has done a good job. We recommend collecting approx. **$20.00-$30.00** per person (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

BUS DRIVER:

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip.
We recommend approx. **$10.00-$15.00** per person.

LAUNDRY:

Please consult your tour manager about laundry services upon arrival. Hotels usually offer an outside company to provide their laundry services for them but be aware that these services can often be quite expensive. There will likely be a self-service Laundromat near your accommodation.

SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS:

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 90 days before departure. For groups participating in tournaments, sightseeing excursions and activities are included on the tournament information sheets, and we recommend you plan the sightseeing program once you know your tournament game schedule (tournament schedules usually known approx. 1-2 weeks out).

Please note that sightseeing entrance fees are not included unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

CARRY-ON LUGGAGE:

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE MEDICATION WITH YOU IN YOUR CARRY-ON INSTEAD OF YOUR CHECKED SUITCASE.

WATER AND MEDICAL KIT DURING YOUR SOCCER ACTIVITIES:

Please make sure all players bring their own water supply to games and clinics. Our tour manager will advise your group on the best places to buy this. We recommend that your group always has a medical kit with them.

PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS 24/7 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In case of emergencies (mainly when you are dealing with issues within the USA or matters you cannot resolve with our local – at your destination - staff) please contact 303-522-5531.

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GAME EQUIPMENT NOTE:

Please make sure players bring soccer shoes for both grass and artificial grass.