

## **International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary Elmhurst University Men's Soccer Scotland – Glasgow and England – London**

### **Travel dates:**

March 15-24, 2024. Feel free to adjust the dates by a day or two.

### **Itinerary:**

- March 15 Departure from Chicago-O'Hare airport.
- March 16 Arrival Glasgow airport and transfer to your accommodation in Glasgow.
- March 17 Sightseeing Edinburgh, visit Edinburgh Castle, St. Giles' Cathedral and Palace of Holyroodhouse. Evening game vs. a local team.
- March 18 Day trip to Loch Lomond.
- March 19 Day sight-seeing Glasgow including Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, The Riverside Museum of Transport and Travel, Glengoyne Distillery, Celtic Park and/or Ibrox Stadium. Evening game vs. a local team.



Ohio Wesleyan Soccer



City of Edinburgh



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Loch Lomond

- March 20 Transfer to London
- March 21 Sightseeing London. Options include including 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.
- March 22 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.



Norco



Tower of London



Wisconsin Lutheran College



Thames River

- March 23 More sightseeing in London. Options include a 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.
- March 24 Transfer to London airport. Return flight.

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**Price per person:**

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,689	\$3,469	\$3,317	\$3,215	\$3,128	\$3,071

**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:**

We will arrange 4 friendly games per team –two per destination.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Glasgow/Edinburgh:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Glasgow.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel is in Glasgow about 10 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV, free Wi-Fi and air-conditioning.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) are available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.
- The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, bar and fitness center.

**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 per room – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) 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.

**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 Edinburgh-Glasgow.**

Recognized as the capital of Scotland since at least the 15th century, Edinburgh is home to the Scottish Parliament and the seat of the monarchy in Scotland. Historically part of Midlothian, the city has long been a center of education, particularly in the fields of medicine, Scottish law, literature, the sciences and engineering. The city's historical and cultural attractions have made it the United Kingdom's second most popular tourist destination after London, attracting over one million overseas visitors each year.

**EDINBURGH CASTLE:** A mighty fortress and home of the famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Edinburgh Castle has dominated the skyline for centuries and is part of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.

**HOLYROOD PALACE:** Prince Charles Edward Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, brought the Palace of Holyroodhouse to life in 1745 when he set up court for six weeks and the Palace became the symbolic residence of the Stuart Prince in his Scottish capital. Today, the Queen of England take residency in the palace for Holyrood week, which is usually the end of June into the first week of July.

**LOCH LOMOND:** Loch Lomond is a freshwater Scottish loch which crosses the Highland Boundary Fault. It is the largest inland stretch of water in Great Britain by surface area. The loch contains many islands, including Inchmurrin, the largest fresh-water island in the British Isles. Loch Lomond is a popular leisure destination and is now part of Trossachs National Park which was established in 2002.

**ST. GILE'S CATHEDRAL:** St Giles' Cathedral is the historic City Church of Edinburgh. With its famed crown spire, it stands on the Royal Mile between Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh, it is the Mother Church of Presbyterianism and contains the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle; Scotland's chivalric company of knights chosen by The Queen.

**IBROX PARK AND CELTIC STADIUM:** Visit one or both legendary stadiums of the rivals Rangers FC and Celtic FC.

## **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.

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### **Elmhurst University Men's Soccer**

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#### **Itinerary:**

- March 15 Departure from Chicago-O'Hare airport.
- March 16 Arrival Madrid airport and transfer to your accommodation in Madrid.
- March 17 Sightseeing Madrid; Puerta del Sol, the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace and the Bernabéu stadium, home of Real Madrid. Evening game vs. a local team.
- March 18 Experience two UNESCO World Heritage cities in one day on this tour to Toledo and Segovia. See Segovia's narrow streets and preserved Roman aqueduct. Uncover ancient mysteries during a guided tour of the ancient fortress, the Alcázar. In Toledo—the city of three cultures—discover the architecture and history of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian societies who once lived here and take a guided tour of the Cathedral of Toledo (optional).
- March 19 More sightseeing in Madrid. Evening game vs. a local team.
- March 20 Transfer to the Lisbon area.
- March 21 Day trip Lisbon – famous sights like Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, São Jorge Castle and Monument to the Discoveries. Evening game vs. a local club.
- March 22 Day trip to Sintra, a picturesque Portuguese town that is set amidst the pine covered hills of the Serra de Sintra famous for the medieval Sintra National Palace and several 19th century estates. Sintra and its surrounding mountains (Serra de Sintra) are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- March 23 Visit Lisbon and the Lisbon beaches. Afternoon Tour the stadiums of pro clubs Benfica and Sporting Lisbon. Evening game vs. a local club.
- March 24 Transfer to Lisbon airport and return flight.

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

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,665	\$3,461	\$3,330	\$3,238	\$3,172	\$3,123

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**Sport program included:**

**Madrid:** We will arrange 2 games per team.

**Lisbon:** We will arrange 2 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Madrid:** 3-star+ hotel accommodation on the outskirts of Madrid.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Madrid just outside the city center.
- The hotel has a restaurant and bar/lounge.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room – 3 twin beds). All rooms have TV, telephone, private bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms (2 people) available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.

**Lisbon:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Lisbon area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located in the Lisbon area not far from the beach and approx. 15 miles from Lisbon.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge with TV and an outdoor pool.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room – 3 twin beds). All rooms include TV, telephone and private bathroom.
- Double rooms (2 people) are available at a supplement of \$25.00 per person per night.

**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 bi-lingual 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:**

- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- Visit to a pro game. Ticket prices are between \$60.00-\$120.00 or more per person depending on the game.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with academy coaches from a Spanish or Portuguese pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

### **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.

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- Beverages (soda) with meals.
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## **Touristic information Madrid**

Madrid is the capital city of Spain and the largest city in Spain. The city has a population of almost 3.2 million with a metropolitan area population of approximately 6.5 million. It is the third-largest city in the European Union, after London and Berlin, and its metropolitan area is the third-largest in the European Union after those of London and Paris.

**BERNABEU FOOTBALL STADIUM:** The Estadio Santiago Bernabéu is an all-seater football stadium in Madrid, Spain. It was inaugurated on 14 December 1947 and is owned by Real Madrid Club de Fútbol. It has a current capacity of 85454 spectators. El Bernabéu, renamed in honor of their former chairman Santiago Bernabéu Yeste, is one of the world's most famous and prestigious football venues. It has hosted the European Cup final on four occasions: in 1957, 1969, 1980, and the UEFA Champions League Final in 2010. The Bernabéu is both the second-largest stadium in Spain and the second-largest stadium home to a top-flight European club, behind only Camp Nou, home to rival Barcelona.

**ROYAL PALACE:** The Palacio Real de Madrid is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family at the city of Madrid, but is only used for state ceremonies. King Felipe VI and the Royal Family do not reside in the palace, choosing instead the more modest Palacio de la Zarzuela on the outskirts of Madrid. The palace is owned by the Spanish State and administered by the Patrimonio Nacional, a public agency of the Ministry of the Presidency. The palace is located on Calle de Bailén (Bailén Street), in the Western part of downtown Madrid, East of the Manzanares River. Several rooms in the palace are regularly open to the public except during state functions.

**PRADO MUSEUM:** The Museo del Prado is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Madrid. The 18th century structure designed by architect Juan de Villanueva houses one of the world's finest art collections. A 2007 expansion has made the famed museum easier to navigate. With more than 7,000 works of art representing culture and history from the 12th century to the early 19th century, however, it's impossible to see everything in a single visit. Visitors may wish to focus on the museum's collection of Spanish artists, including Goya, El Greco, da Ribera and Velázquez, which is inarguably the best collection of Spanish paintings in the world.

**PLAZA DE LA VILLA:** The Plaza de la Villa is a picturesque small square in the heart of Madrid, not far from the much larger Plaza Mayor. In contrary to the latter, the buildings at the Plaza de la Villa all have contrasting styles. The largest building at the square is the former Town Hall or Casa de la Villa (ayuntamiento). Construction started in 1644 by Juan Gómez de Mora, the architect of the Plaza Mayor.

## **Touristic Information Lisbon**

Lisbon is the stunning capital city of Portugal, and is one of the most charismatic and vibrant cities of Western Europe. It is a city that effortlessly blends traditional heritage, with striking modernism and progressive thinking. As a holiday destination, Lisbon offers a rich and varied history, lively nightlife and is blessed with a glorious year-round climate.

### **Sintra:**

Sintra is a resort town in the foothills of Portugal's Sintra Mountains, near Lisbon. A longtime royal sanctuary, its forested terrain is studded with pastel-colored villas and palaces. The Moorish and Manueline-style, Sintra National Palace, is distinguished by dramatic twin chimneys and elaborate tilework. The hilltop 19th-century Pena National Palace is known for a whimsical design and amazing views. Sintra and its surrounding mountains (Serra de Sintra) are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **Jeronimo Monastery:**

A former monastery of the Order of Saint Jerome near the Tagus River in the parish of Belém, in Lisbon. The monastery is one of the most prominent examples of the Portuguese Late Gothic Manueline style of architecture in Lisbon. It was classified a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the nearby Tower of Belém, in 1983.

### **Belem Tower:**

The tower was commissioned by King John II to be part of a defense system, and is a prominent example of the Portuguese Manueline style, but it also incorporates hints of other architectural styles. The structure was built from lioz limestone and is composed of a bastion and a four-story tower. It has incorrectly been stated that the tower was built in the middle of the Tagus and now sits near the shore because the river was redirected after the 1755 Lisbon earthquake. In fact, the tower was built on a small island in the Tagus River near the Lisbon shore.

### **Sao Jorge Castle:**

Saint George Castle is a Moorish castle occupying a commanding hilltop overlooking the historic center of the Portuguese city of Lisbon and Tagus River. The strongly fortified citadel dates from medieval period of Portuguese history, and is one of the main tourist sites of Lisbon.

### **Cascais and Alfama:**

Cascais is a cosmopolitan suburb of the Portuguese capital and one of the richest municipalities in Portugal. The village gained fame as a resort for Portugal's royal family in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Now it is a popular vacation spot for both Portuguese and foreign tourists. The Alfama is the oldest district of Lisbon, spreading on the slope between the São Jorge Castle and the Tejo river. Among the churches of the Alfama are Lisbon Cathedral, the oldest of the city, the Convent of the Grac, near the Castle, the mannerist Monastery of São Vicente de Fora where the Kings of the House of Braganza are buried, and the baroque Church of Santa Engrácia, now converted into a National Pantheon for important Portuguese personalities.