

## International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary Rochester Institute of Technology Men's Soccer England – London and Manchester area

### Travel dates:

Early August, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

### Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Toronto or NYC airport.
- 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 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 completely walled city in Britain. Walk the walls – 2 miles of entirely walkable 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 in 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.

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**Price estimate per person\*:**

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,593	\$3,397	\$3,248	\$3,151	\$3,072	\$3,013

\* Prices are based on contracted airline group fares for 2024. We can confirm pricing approx. 11 months prior to the departure date when airlines publish group flights and fares for 2025.

**Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time of tour booking.
- 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 games per team.

**Manchester:** we will arrange 1 game per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**London:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in London.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The hotel accommodation is on the outskirts of London about 15 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 2 double beds). Rooms all have private bathrooms, phones, satellite TV, and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.
- Please be aware that rooms in Europe are not as big as in the USA.
- 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 accommodation Northwest England located between Manchester and Liverpool.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathrooms, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.
- Please be aware that rooms in Europe are not as big as in the USA.
- 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. \$650.00 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 will be around \$800.00 total.
- We can arrange tickets for pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually, ticket costs range from approx. \$75.00-\$150.00 or more 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.



**PREMIER  
INTERNATIONAL  
TOURS**

**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.



## **SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON**

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book are any stadium tour and the London Eye.

### 1) **LONDON STADIUM TOURS**

Price Wembley : Adults \$44.00 (16 and under \$29.00)

Price Emirates : Adults \$44.00 (15 and under \$31.00)

Price Stamford Bridge : Adults \$40.00 (15 and under \$28.00)

### 2) **THE LONDON EYE**

Price: \$43.00 (15 and under \$36.00) Book online

The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London, England. The entire structure is 35 meters (443 ft) tall, and the wheel has a diameter of 120 meters (394 ft). It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and includes a 30-minute rotation, Samsung interactive capsule guides, and entry to 4D cinema experience.

### 3) **TOWER OF LONDON**

Price: \$53.00 (15 and under) \$27.00

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.

### 4) **WINDSOR CASTLE**

Prices: Adults \$44.00 Young person (18-24) \$29.00 (17 and under) \$25.00.

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.

### 6) **LONDON DUNGEONS**

Prices: Adults \$52.00 (15 and under \$42.00)

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.

### 7) **HARRY POTTER TOUR**

Prices: Adults \$81.00 (15 and under \$61.00)

People all over the world 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 the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change at the time of booking.



## **SIGHTSEEING IN NORTHWEST ENGLAND**

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book: Any stadium tour.

### **1) STADIUM TOURS**

Price Old Trafford: Adult \$54.00, Student (17 and under) \$26.00

Price Etihad: Adult \$47.00, 16 and Under \$32.00

(Also includes City Football Academy Tour)

Price Anfield: Adult \$30.00, Students \$24.00, 16 and under \$19.00

### **2) NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM**

Price: Adult \$22.00, 15 and Under \$16.00

The National Football Museum is a museum at the Urbis building in Manchester City Centre 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.

### **3) IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM**

Price: Free

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.

### **4) TRAFFORD CENTER**

Price: Free

The Trafford Centre is the 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.

### **5) THE BEATLES MUSEUM**

Price: Adult \$28.00, 16 and Under \$15.00

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

### **6) JORVIK VIKING MUSEUM- YORK**

Price: Adult: \$17.00, 16 and Under \$14.00

Visitors are taken back to 5:30 pm 25 October 975 AD in a time-capsule and then embark on a tour of a reconstructed Viking settlement which includes Viking voices speaking in Old Norse, as well as aromas and "life-like animated figures, made by laser technology from skeletons found on the site.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change a little by the time of booking.

**International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary  
Rochester Institute of Technology Men's Soccer  
Argentina – Buenos Aires**

**Travel dates:**

Early August, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

**Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from Toronto or NYC airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Buenos Aires Airport. Transfer to your accommodation. After check-in, we'll offer the group a walking tour to explore the area around your hotel as well as a light training session.
- Day 3 Guided bus tour of Buenos Aires. Located in a relatively compact area near the old colonial heart of the city, the Plaza de Mayo was established in 1580, the main sites include the Pink, Colon Theater, Government Palace, and the world's widest avenue – la 9 de Julio – with its Obelisco monument. Late afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Day trip to La Boca. The city's historical Little Italy where El Caminito, a historical pedestrian zone is located. Afternoon visit the Boca Juniors Football Stadium as well as the museum, popularly known as La Bombonera (the Chocolate Box). From the outside, the stadium seems to be part of the scale model exhibited in the museum depicting this famous neighborhood. Everything is intertwined and indivisible: not only is La Bombonera a part of a neighborhood that witnessed its creation, but it also defines its identity. It was in this port suburb that football and Argentina were born. For the evening, we recommend attending a Tango Show (the extra cost for this Tango show is approx. \$100.00 per person and it includes dinner, wine, tango class, and the show); the dance originated in lower-class districts of Buenos Aires and the music was derived from the fusion of various forms of music from Europe. The first association of Tango with its distinctive music and dance was recorded circa 1890's.
- Day 5 Morning walking tour to Calle Florida and La Galleria Pacifico: shopping at Calle Florida with live performing artists in the streets, later time for shopping at Gallerias Pacifico artistic Mall. Shopping areas in Buenos Aires are the best places for people-watching and traditional crafts and food. Afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Pro Soccer Club Experience Day at a Buenos Aires area pro club. Start in the morning by watching a training session of the first team (if available) with a possible introduction from a player from the first team. After this, tour the stadium, the club museum, and the locker room followed by lunch at the Academy complex and then a training session with a club coach.
- Day 7 Walking tour to the beautiful Recoleta Neighborhood, known for its squares, parks, cafés and galleries. You may also visit the astonishing Recoleta cemetery where the famous Eva Duarte de Peron, most known as "Evita" is buried. Eva was deemed "Spiritual Leader of the Nation" and was a major



contributor to women's and low-income rights in Argentina. She was a former actress and married Juan Peron who became president, which is where much of her influence began.

Another option for this day is to spend a day in Buenos Aires to explore the city, do your shopping, etc. This option is included in the tour costs. A very nice option is a walking tour of the San Telmo Neighborhood. This is a cool, colonial district with a beautiful antique fair market. You may see performing street artists dancing tango, music bands, etc. During the weekend is very lively and crowded.

Evening game vs. a local team.

Day 8 Morning available to do your final shopping. Afternoon transfer to Buenos Aires Airport and return flight.

Day 9 Return back home.

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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	\$3,167	\$3,153	\$3,081	\$3,023	\$3,008	\$2,979

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**Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time of tour booking.
- 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 3 games. After the games meals/snacks with opposition will be provided. We will also include a Club Day with either Boca Juniors, River Plate, San Lorenzo, Racing, or Independiente which includes a training session with a club coach and a tour of their stadium.



### **Accommodation and meals included:**

Three-or-four-star hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires - daily breakfast and dinner is included. The hotel is centrally located in Buenos Aires, an 8-minute walk from the grand Teatro Colón. Includes accommodation in rooms for 2-3 people per room with private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, cable TV and minibar. The hotel offers its own restaurant as well as business center and gym.

### **Ground transportation included:**

We have included all mentioned transportation as well as airport transfers. Many of the tours we offer are walking tours.

### **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 and excursion options:**

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Admission fee not included. Please calculate between US\$100.00 and US\$200.00 per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Training session with own coaches - US\$45.00 per person including transportation to and from the fields.
- Community service projects - A soccer clinic with underprivileged children and/or work at a soup kitchen – US\$35.00 per person which includes transportation to/from the community service project.
- Tango Show - US\$110.00 per person including dinner, wine, tango class, and the show.
- Gauchos Tour - US\$130.00 per person including food and transportation.
- Additional pro team stadium tour – approx. \$45.00 per person.

#### **Travel insurance option:**

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**Not included in prices:**

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## Touristic information Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital and most populous city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, on the South American continent's southeastern coast. Buenos Aires is a top tourist destination and is known for its preserved Spanish/European-style architecture and rich cultural life – it is known as the “Paris of South America”. Buenos Aires held the 1st Pan American Games in 1951 as well as hosting two venues in the 1978 FIFA World Cup. Buenos Aires will host the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics and the 2018 G20 summit. The tango is the national dance of Argentina which originated in the 1880s along the River Plate, the natural border between Argentina and Uruguay, and soon spread to the rest of the world.

**Puerto Madero:** When visitors want to take an evening stroll, many head to Puerto Madero, where dazzling city lights illuminate the port that once served as a major destination for European trade. During the day, this area rests as a quiet business hub, but by night, this little neighborhood bursts with energy. Trendy porteños flock to the neighborhood steak and seafood restaurants and tango at festive dance clubs. Standout spots include Rojo Tango and Asia de Cuba, which are both for their sultry dancing and festive décor.

**La Boca:** This fashionable neighborhood located in southern Buenos Aires brims with trendy boutiques and art galleries. Once a gritty shipyard bustling with European immigrants, this now vibrant port houses local artists, soccer fans, and middle-class workers alike. Its name—which translates to “The Mouth”—is derived from its distinct location near the Río de la Plata (the estuary formed by the meeting of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers). Make your way to Vuelta de Rocha's triangular plaza and you'll come upon the start of colorful Caminito, a popular pedestrian sidewalk flanked by bright murals and shimmering metal houses. Here, you'll also find the taxicab-yellow stadium of Argentina's most popular soccer team, Boca Juniors, along with lively cafés, bars, and casual tango institutions.

**Recoleta Cemetery:** This beloved cemetery—located in the ritzy Recoleta neighborhood—is the resting place of many notable political figures and elites in Argentine history. You'll probably recall Madonna belting out Tim Rice's lyrics “Don't Cry for me Argentina” in her rendition as Eva “Evita” Perón in the 1978 musical, *Evita*. But what you may not remember is Eva Perón's role as the outspoken and influential first Lady of Argentina in 1946, nor her untimely death at age 33 from cancer. As you stroll through the cemetery, you'll not only catch a glimpse of Ms. Perón's ornate resting place, but also discover a wide array of art nouveau, art deco, and modernist mausoleums. Another highlight is the towering Círculo Militar, a black structure imported from Paris that features stunning white marble angels. One TripAdvisor user comments, “It is a necropolis full of architectural art. A visit to the city wouldn't be complete without this.”