

## **FC Dutchmen Force Boys London and Manchester Tour Itinerary June 30th – July 8th, 2024**

### **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 90 days after your trip return date. If your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

**Copies 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 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 [Tour Confirmation](#) again and our [Travel Guide](#) on our website. 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 check 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.

#### **Bus Company**

Linburg Coach Hire, Unit 7, Thorney Business Park, Thorney Lane North, Iver, Buckinghamshire SL0 9HQ.

Tel. +44 203 973 3715

Double Decker – 77-Seater - shared with Force

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

1. 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.
2. Each day the bus driver must have an 11-hour rest period between his transportation duties.
3. 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 notice that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.**

#### **Airline reservations:**

Premier International Tours has partnered with Best Group Airfares who made 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.

#### **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. \$3.00-\$5.00 per person per day (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 for the whole tour.

**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:**

Please note that sightseeing entrance fees are not included unless any excursions were pre-booked and confirmed by Premier International Tours with the group leader, or otherwise stated in the original tour proposal.

**Carry-on luggage:**

We recommend taking medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a 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 us at 303-522-5531.

**Land arrangements:**

Jonathan Gains  
eSSeLLe Sports Management  
349 The Green, Ecclestone  
Chorley  
Lancashire  
PR7 5PH  
England.  
Tel.+44 1257 450 991 (office)  
Mobile. +44 7771 895 921

**Game equipment note:**

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

## July 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 England - London

### **Accommodation:**

Holiday Inn London - Heathrow Bath Road, an IHG Hotel  
276 Bath Rd, Sipson,  
West Drayton UB7 0DQ,  
United Kingdom  
Phone: +44 20 3962 5800

**Wi-fi costs:** Free

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.  
First meal: Dinner July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, and 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 & juice are included in the breakfast buffet.

**Premier International**                      Stuart McIntyre  
**Tours Representative:**                      Tel. +44 7985 461 556

### **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

10:50pm        Departure flight AA 104 from New York JFK to London Heathrow.

### **Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

10:50am        Arrival at London Heathrow airport.  
After passing through customs at London Heathrow Airport your group will be met by Stuart McIntyre (recognizable by an FC Dutchmen sign. Stuart will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in the UK.

12:00pm        Transfer to Windsor Castle for group tour tickets booked for entry at 2pm. Pick up lunch in Windsor

03:45pm        Depart Windsor and head to Metropolitan Bushey, Aldenham Road, WD23 2TR for your training session with Dave Byrne, Watford FC. Force will start at 6:30pm.

08:45pm        Arrival at your accommodation.

09:00pm        Evening dinner.

### **Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

08:00am        Breakfast.

09:00am        Sightseeing London. Options include The Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The London Eye, with its spectacular views over London. Nothing Pre Booked

04:00pm        Depart for evening game vs. Haringey Girls, Coles Park Stadium, Haringey, London N17 7JP, Kick Off 5:30pm

09:00pm Evening dinner.

**Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024**

09:00am Emirates Stadium Tour the home of Arsenal FC. Tickets booked for a start time of 11am

04:00pm Depart for game vs. London Elite (9v9) Lordship Recreational Ground, N17 6HE, Force Kick Off 6pm.

09:00pm Evening dinner.

**Thursday, July 4th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.

09:00am Enjoy the day sightseeing in London. Options include the Chelsea Village MegaShop and Stamford Bridge Stadium, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden shopping precinct, Emirates and/or Wembley Stadium.

08:00pm Evening dinner.

**Friday, July 5th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.

09:00am Transfer to your accommodation in Manchester.

En-route to Manchester, your second training session will be Stockport County FC at Stockport Sports Village, Lambeth Grove, SK6 1QX with a start time of 3pm

## July 5th – 8th, 2024 England - Manchester

### **Accommodation:**

Novotel Manchester West  
Worsley Brow, Worsley,  
Manchester M28 2YA,  
United Kingdom  
Phone: +44 161 729 0029

**Wi-fi costs:** Free

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.  
First meal: Dinner July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, and 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 & juice are included in the breakfast buffet.

### **Friday, July 5th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.  
09:00am Transfer to your accommodation in Manchester.  
En-route to Manchester, your second training session will be Stockport County FC at Stockport Sports Village with a start time of 3pm  
06:30pm Arrival at your accommodation in Manchester.  
08:00pm Evening dinner.

### **Saturday, July 6th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.  
09:00am Sightseeing Manchester. One of the most popular sights is the Old Trafford stadium tour, home of Manchester United. 15 tickets booked for entry at 10.10am and 13 tickets booked for entry at 10.40am  
08:00pm Evening dinner.

### **Sunday, July 7th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.  
10:00am Game vs. Astley & Tyldesley Girls, Kick Off at 11.30am at West Leigh High School. Force will have to use Patriots bus for this game  
02:00pm More sightseeing Manchester – options include Trafford Centre, the Imperial War Museum, or optional tour of Etihad Stadium (home of Manchester City FC). Or do 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.  
07:00pm Evening dinner.

**Monday, July 8th, 2024**

08:00am Breakfast.  
09:00am Departure for London Heathrow Airport.  
02:00pm Arrival at London Heathrow Airport.  
05:00pm Departure flight AA 107 from London Heathrow to New York JFK.  
07:50pm Arrival at New York JFK Airport.