

## International Basketball Tour 2024 Itinerary Riverside Basketball Ireland and England – Dublin and London

### Travel dates:

Mid-to-Late May of 2024 (exact dates TBC).

### Itinerary:

Day 1 Departure from Detroit airport.



Willamette University



Galway Kylemore Abbey



Fishers High School



Streets of Dublin

- Day 2 Arrival Dublin airport in morning. Transfer to hotel and check in.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Dublin – visit/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 Visit Croke Park in Dublin for tour of Croke Park and GAA Museum, home of the Gaelic Games. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in London.
- Day 7 Sightseeing London, 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.
- Day 8 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 9 Enjoy the day sightseeing in London. 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.
- Day 10 Transfer to London airport. Return flight.

\*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.



Norco



Tower of London



Wisconsin Lutheran College



Thames River

### Price per person\*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	USD 4,299	USD 4,078	USD 3,925	USD 3,818	USD 3,729	USD 3,666

\* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2023. We can confirm pricing approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group flights and fares for 2024.

### 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 total games per team – two per destination.

### Accommodation and meals included:

**Dublin:** 43-star Hotel accommodation in Dublin.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel is in Dublin, approx. 7-8 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room). 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.

**London:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in the suburbs of London

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel accommodation in Watford or Heathrow, just 12-15 miles from London.
- Rooms for 3 people with en-suite bathroom, trouser press, hairdryer, tea/coffee maker and TV.
- The hotel offers lounge, bar and restaurant.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.

### Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group at each destination – 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 tickets to pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually ticket costs range from approx. \$45-\$100 per person depending on the game.
- We can arrange for court-hire for any practice sessions or shoot-arounds for your team – costs approx. \$350.00 total 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 London

London is the capital and most populous city of England and the United Kingdom. Standing on the River Thames in the south east of the island of Great Britain, London has been a major settlement for two millennia. London is a leading global city in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, media, professional services, research and development, tourism, and transport. It is one of the world's leading financial centers and has the fifth-or sixth-largest metropolitan area GDP in the world. As of 2016-2017 there are 13 pro soccer teams in London, including EPL clubs Chelsea FC, Arsenal FC, Tottenham Hotspurs, Crystal Palace and West Ham United.

**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.



Arsenal Game Albion College



Buckingham Palace



Glenn Falls High School



London Bridge