

ENGLAND SOCCER TOUR

England has some of the most famous football teams in the world and this tour will take you to some of the best, Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool. There is time to play a few games and to enjoy the sights. This tour can be arranged our own your own training camp or we can recommend some, including camps and competitions associated with Arsenal in London and Bobby Charlton in Manchester.



Day 1 – London

After a warm welcome from your Tour Director drive west to the nearby town of Windsor. Centrepiece of the town, Windsor Castle has been continuously in use as a Royal Residence since the Middle Ages. Following the tour continue into central London. The rest of the day is free to relax and settle in.

Overnight London

Day 2 – London

This morning enjoy a panoramic coach tour of the major sites. Drive through the West End and see Buckingham Palace, The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. In the Old City admire St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and of course, London's most famous Bridge -Tower Bridge. Lunch will be at the Freemasons Arms in Covent Garden, although now a simple traditional London pub it was here in this very tavern that the Football Association (the FA) was founded in the 1863. Afternoon is free to explore at leisure.

Overnight London

Day 3 – Emirates Stadium Tour

This morning take a look behind the scenes at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, one of the world's finest sporting arenas. See the changing room complex, walk down the players' tunnel into the stadium and take Arsene Wenger's seat in the dug out to envisage what it is like to mastermind another Arsenal victory. This afternoon play your first game of the tour against local opposition.



Overnight London

Day 4 – London – Bath – Cardiff

After breakfast drive west to the historic city of Bath. The city first became famous as a spa town under the Roman occupation and then became the most fashionable spa town in Britain during the 18th century. The tour includes a visit to the Roman Baths and the adjoining Pump Rooms. After some free time in Bath head over the Severn Bridge into Wales and drive to Cardiff the Welsh Capital.

Overnight Cardiff



Day 5 – Cardiff

This morning pay homage to one of the great stadiums of world sport, the Millennium Stadium. It opened in 1999, just in time to host the Rugby World Cup Final between Australia and France. Since then it has become the home of Welsh Rugby. This afternoon a game is planned against local opposition.

Overnight Cardiff

Day 6 – Cardiff - Manchester

This morning visit the National Coal Museum, Big Pit, which is a real coal mine and Britain's leading mining museum. Later on drive through the Welsh border country and arrive in Manchester late afternoon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight Manchester

Day 7 – Manchester

Manchester really can claim to be a city of sport. Home of the 2002 Commonwealth Games, the city is also home to two famous football teams: Manchester City and Manchester United. Tour Old Trafford and learn more about Manchester United legends - Bobby Charlton, George Best, Eric Cantona and David Beckham - the list is endless. This afternoon visit the new home of The National Football Museum in central Manchester.

Overnight Manchester

Day 8 – Liverpool & Preston

This morning drive west to Liverpool, the city on the River Mersey, home to the Beatles and Liverpool FC, arguably, Britain's most successful football club. Take a Beatles Tour around the city before visiting Anfield, home of Liverpool FC. This afternoon is free to explore the city at leisure. Head back to Manchester for overnight.

Overnight Manchester

Day 9 – Manchester – Stratford

Leave Manchester and head south to Shakespeare's hometown, Stratford-upon-Avon. Enjoy a walking tour of the city followed by visits to Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the countryside childhood home of Shakespeare's wife.

Overnight Stratford-upon-Avon

Day 10 – Warwick and Wembley

Visit Warwick Castle this morning. Over a thousand years of secrets hide in the shadows of the Castle. From the days of William the Conqueror to the reign of Queen Victoria the Castle has provided a backdrop for many turbulent times. Following the tour head south back to London and for a tour of the new Wembley Stadium.

Overnight London

Day 11 – Depart

Morning transfer to the airport.



Included Highlights

Accommodations:

9 Nights Hotel

Meals:

9 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Sightseeing:

Panoramic coach tour London, tour Stratford-upon-Avon Visits include -Windsor Castle, Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, Roman Baths and Pump Rooms in Bath, Cardiff Millennium Stadium, National Coal Museum, "Man U's" Old Trafford, National Football Museum, Beatles Tour, Liverpool's Anfield, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Warwick Castle, Wembley Stadium

Also Included:

Airport-hotel transfers, hotel and local taxes, baggage handling, touring by deluxe private motorcoach, services of a professional tour manager, local specialist guides.