

**International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary  
Empire City Soccer Academy U16 Boys  
England – London and Manchester area**

**Travel dates:**

Summer, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

**Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from New York City or Rochester 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 Stratford Upon Avon, a historic town most famous for being the birthplace of William Shakespeare.
- 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	\$3,753	\$3,546	\$3,388	\$3,284	\$3,201	\$3,139



### **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 (1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). 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 and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 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 in Northwest England located between Manchester and Liverpool.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathrooms, phones, satellite TV, and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$17.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$57.00 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 \$35.00 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.



## **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 the 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 a 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.

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Italy – Rome, Florence, and Venice

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Summer, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

**Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from New York City or Rochester airport.
- Day 2 Arrival at Rome airport and transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Rome. Visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the seven hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated.  
**Evening game vs. a local club.**
- Day 4 Additional sightseeing Rome – visit the Vatican and tour Stadio Olimpico, home of pro teams Roma and Lazio. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc.), or a day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa. **Evening game vs. a local club.**
- Day 5 Transfer to your accommodation in Montecatini, near Florence.
- Day 6 Sightseeing in Florence. You will visit major sights such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Oltrarno, the Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, and of course Piazza Michelangelo. **Evening game vs. a local team.**
- Day 7 Day trip to Pisa, known for its Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower) and Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean.
- Day 8 Transfer to your accommodation in Venice.
- Day 9 Day trip Venice. The famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto bridge and the San Marco church, with its vibrant plaza. **Possible evening game vs. a local team.**
- Day 10 Transfer to Venice, Milan, or Bologna airport and return flight.

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**Price estimate per person:**

Number of people	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$4,183	\$3,934	\$3,773	\$3,659	\$3,578	\$3,499

### **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 4 games total per team.

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

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

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The hotel is located not far from the center of Rome.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with two double beds). All rooms have private bathrooms and a TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, and bar.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.
- Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.

**Florence:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Montecatini near Florence.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Montecatini is a tourist resort 30 miles from Florence.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, and lounge with TV.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with three twin beds). All rooms have a TV, telephone, and private bathroom. Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night. Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.

**Venice:** 3-star Hotel accommodation in Venice.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Approx. 5-10 kilometers from the center of Venice.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with 3 Twin beds or Double & Single beds). All rooms have private bathrooms and a TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, and bar.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.
- Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.



### **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 manager 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:**

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Please calculate between \$50.00 and \$110.00 or more per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- We can arrange a training session for your team with an Italian Soccer Federation coach at Coverciano (near Florence), headquarters of the Italian Soccer Federation (subject to availability) along with a tour of the facilities. Costs are \$69.00 per player and \$32.00 per non-player.

#### **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.

#### **Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions. This applies to per-person admissions for sights and attractions as well as a Venice per-person city entrance fee (approx. \$11.00 per person per day you go into Venice).



## SIGHTSEEING IN ROME AND SURROUNDINGS

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- The Colosseum – **Fee**
- the Vatican Museum & Sistine chapel - **Fee**
- St. Peters & the Vatican City

### 1) **THE COLOSSEUM**

Full price: \$32.00 per person. Includes The Roman Forum & The Palatine.

The Coliseum in Rome is a grand structure which was built over 2,000 years ago as an amphitheater to host legendary gladiator contests and other public spectacles. The Coliseum has been partly destroyed and damaged through the years, however, impressive ruins have been preserved and are open to visitors. This grand historic arena was originally built to hold over 50,000 and many of the original outer walls and facade still stand tall today. Please note that the Colosseum allows us to pre-book this excursion only 12 days before arrival of the group – subject to availability.

### 2) **THE VATICAN MUSEUM & SISTINE CHAPEL**

Full price: \$41.00 per person

Reduced price (**school groups only**): \$24.00 per person – this is for young people, 6 to 25 years old. Must bring Student ID Cards and signed letter from the school.

A Guided tour of Vatican Museums hold a treasure to be discovered in active and creative ways thanks to the extraordinary richness and variety of the art collections, which embrace the history of human civilization, from the Ancient Egyptians and Etruscans to the Greeks and Romans, from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance up to contemporary times. Schools can choose a didactic activity which is compatible with the school syllabus.

### 3) **ST. PETERS SQUARE & THE BASILICA**

Price: Free of charge

St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City is an iconic and popular landmark of Rome. Regarded as one of the holiest sites in the Christian world, many make a pilgrimage to the cathedral every year to celebrate Mass with the Pope. Building work for this grand structure originally began in 1506 and is the burial site of its namesake Saint Peter, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. One of the key architects of the Basilica was Michelangelo and some of his original drawings for a section of the Dome were found as recently as 2007.

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

## **SIGHTSEEING IN FLORENCE**

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- Tower of Pisa - **Fee**
- Uffizi Gallery - **Fee**

### **1) Tower of Pisa**

Prices: Leaning Tower \$42.00 - Cathedral admission included

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or freestanding bell tower, of the cathedral of the Italian city of Pisa, known worldwide for its unintended tilt to one side. It is situated behind the Cathedral and is the third oldest structure in Pisa's Cathedral Square after the Cathedral and the Baptistry. The tower's tilt began during construction, caused by an inadequate foundation on ground too soft on one side to properly support the structure's weight.

### **2) Uffizi Gallery**

Prices: Adults: \$38.00 per person.

The Uffizi Gallery is an art museum located in Florence, and among the oldest and most famous art museums in Europe. In high season (particularly in July), waiting times can be up to five hours. Visitors who reserve a ticket in advance have a substantially shorter wait. Tickets can also be purchased from a lesser-used ticket window at the Orsanmichele that serves multiple museums.

### **3) Cooking class**

Join an expert Italian chef for a memorable culinary experience in Florence, Italy. Explore fantastic authentic local neighborhood and take part in a hands-on 3-course pasta making class. Meet your chef and visit a local produce market first. Afterwards, you will reach the food studio and start your culinary adventure!

Prices: \$48.00 per person – max. 28 people per class.

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



## **TOURISTIC INFORMATION VENICE**

No need to pre book any excursions. The easiest way to get from your hotel into Venice is to buy a return bus ticket from reception (currently €3.00-€ 4.00). The bus stop is located 150 metres from the hotel. Take the 4 or 4L bus (runs every ten minutes) and in fifteen minutes you will be in Piazzale Roma. From here you can take the vaporetto (boat) #1 or #2 (currently €9.00) along the Canal Grande towards Rialto and St. Mark Square. Alternatively, you can walk around the city and reach St. Mark Square in about fifty minutes. Returning from Piazzale Roma catch the same bus 4 or 4L and get off in Corso del Popolo.

Venice is the capital of the Veneto region in Italy. It is situated across a group of 117 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by bridges. These are located in the shallow Venetian Lagoon, an enclosed bay that lies between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. Parts of Venice are renowned for the beauty of their settings, their architecture, and artwork. The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a World Heritage Site.

**Basilica di San Marco (Saint Mark's Church):** This elaborate church sits on the popular piazza by the same name. The church was built in honor of Saint Mark the evangelist, whose remains were stolen from their home in Alexandria, Egypt, and hidden in barrels of pork by a couple crafty Venetians, intent on bringing him to rest in Venice.

**Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square):** St. Mark's Square, or Piazza San Marco, is considered by many to be the heart of Venice. As the largest square in Venice, St. Mark's Square is the only "piazza" in the city. All other squares are campis or campielli. Lining the square are multiple historical sites including St. Mark's Basilica, St. Mark's Campanile and Doge's Palace, as well as a number of restaurants, making it the perfect spot for leisurely people-watching and wine sipping. Along with intricate architecture and hearty plates of spaghetti carbonara, visitors will also be met with throngs of tourists, pigeons and vendors selling souvenirs. If you hoped to pick up a gondola hat or a carnival mask during your trip, this is the place you will find them.

**Rialto Bridge (Ponte di Rialto):** Several centuries ago, if you wanted to cross the Grand Canal, the Rialto Bridge was the only way. Now there are other options, including the Accademia Bridge. The bridge's current incarnation is the handiwork of Antonio da Ponte, whose name translates to "Anthony of the Bridge," is built entirely of marble after collapsing multiple times from previous wooden designs. Predicted to fail by critics, the bridge still stands and is considered an engineering marvel.

**Grand Canal:** Considered to be the main street of Venice, the 2-mile-long Grand Canal is one of the city's most popular and highly photographed attractions. Recent travelers recommend hiring a gondolier for a romantic (but expensive) row along the canal.

**Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale):** Views from the Venetian Lagoon give the Doge's Palace an ethereal look — almost like it's floating on top of water. But it's fitting, as the Doge's Palace (or Palazzo Ducale) has witnessed an intriguing history in its role as the residence of the doge (leader), the seat of government and the palace of justice. Everything from execution orders to the affairs of Venetian leaders was carried out here; and a web of secret passageways and hidden doors reveals a decidedly mysterious past.