

Schuylkill Valley High School Boys Soccer  
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We are pleased to confirm all your team's arrangements for your tour to Europe. Please discuss and/or share the contents of this with all your participants. This is very important, and all your participants should understand its contents.

**Accommodation, meals, and sport:**

**July 27-31, 2025**

**Ireland - Dublin**

Teams: One high school boys' team.  
Sport program: We will arrange 1 game in Dublin.  
Accommodation: This 4-star, modern hotel is a 6-minute walk from the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, and a short drive from the M50 motorway. Warmly decorated rooms come with 32-inch flat-screen TVs and tea and coffeemaking equipment. Dining options include a casual Asian restaurant, an all-day lounge/bar and an upscale Italian restaurant serving wood-fired pizza. Other amenities include a heated indoor pool, a gym and a game room with table football.  
**Please be aware that rooms/beds in Europe are smaller than we are used to in the USA. Double beds are approx. 62x78 inches, single beds are approx. 36x78 inches.**  
Meals: Daily breakfast and dinner are included.  
First meal: Dinner – July 27, 2025  
Last meal: Breakfast – July 31, 2025  
All meals will be served in the hotel.  
Wi-Fi costs: Free of charge

**July 31-Aug 4, 2025**

**England - London**

Teams: One high school boys' team.  
Sport program: We will arrange 2 games in London as well as a training session with a coach from a local pro club.  
Accommodation: In a commercial area outside the city center, this 4-star hotel is also a short trip away from some of London's most famous landmarks. Streamlined rooms offer free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and minifridges, plus tea and coffeemaking facilities. Amenities include a casual Italian restaurant and a relaxed cafe/bar, along with a gym.  
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The above-mentioned accommodation may require a cash/credit card damage/security deposit in local currency (approx. \$ 100.00-\$400.00) from the group upon arrival and check in, so please be prepared for this. This deposit is refundable upon check out provided there is no damage to the accommodation/rooms.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested that our groups be served tap water on the table, however, in some countries this might not be offered. For breakfast tea and coffee are included and in most cases milk & juice.

**Participant prices as per our proposal – to be confirmed approx. 11 months before departure:**

Participant price travelers staying at the hotel – sharing a triple = \$ 3,496.00.

Participant price travelers staying at the hotel – sharing a double = \$ 3,496.00 + \$ 204.00 = \$ 3,700.00.

Participant price travelers staying at the hotel – single room = \$ 3,496.00 + \$ 524.00 = \$ 4,020.00.

**Guide services:**

A representative (tour manager) will be with your group throughout your stay. This person is the main contact between your group and Premier International Tours. If problems arise, please discuss these with the tour manager first before you call our offices since they are on the ground and more able to resolve issues at the destinations. Your representative will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This representative is not a professional city tour guide(s), although he/she will have general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas. Please find below a job description of our representatives.

- Be with the group from arrival till the last evening. Join them during transfers to the accommodation, location where meals are served, fields, game events and excursions.
- Discuss the program in advance with club contact. Create a good relationship with the club contact and driver (if the group has a private bus available).
- Translate where necessary.
- Make sure the group behaves correctly; attend opening, finals, award ceremonies, and other organized activities.
- Mediate in case of damage or conflicts with/to accommodation, buses, etc. Make sure to make a report on this.
- Support the group in case of visit police station (theft) and/or hospital.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the guide upon arrival and discusses the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the guide the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the guide can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the guide at the end of the trip if the guide has done a good job. We highly recommend collecting approx. \$3.00-\$5.00 per person per day (local currency) for each guide for the trip.

**Ground transportation:**

During your stay, 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 800 kilometers available. The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day and can be on duty for 12 hours (so 3 hours wait/rest time during a day). Twice a week the driver may use the bus for 10 hours. This is mostly used for long transfers from country to country.

- Each day the bus driver must have an 11-hour rest period between his transportation duties.
- During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

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. \$2.00 - \$3.00 per person per day (local currency) for this, see below for when you have different bus drivers:

- If you only have the driver one day and no special services – tipping isn't necessary.
- If you have a driver for 2 or more days – highly recommend tipping.
- You can ask the tour manager to check with the driver on day one if they will be with you the whole trip and if not, they can confirm when the change will be made. Based on this you can tip accordingly.

### **Air transportation/flights:**

We will book your group's flights once airlines publish group fares and flights around August or September of 2024 and will post your flight itinerary here.

**Individual deviations/flight changes and upgrades before departure:** If any individual traveler needs a deviation (earlier flight departure than the group or later flight return than the group) this needs to be requested as soon as possible. We can't accept any deviations after **April 27, 2025**. Every airline charges a standard deviation (change) fee of **\$150.00** per person plus a possible increase in fare on the requested deviation/changed flight. All deviation requests are subject to availability of flights. Please note that airlines allow only a maximum of 10-20% of the group to deviate (percentage depends on the specific airline) and the deviations must be done with the same airline as the group. Deviations can be made for either the return flight only or outbound flight only (depending on the specific airline) but not both. Only a select few airlines allow routing changes on deviations so routing changes are also subject to the conditions of the specific airline used for the group flights.

Because this is a group booking which has group conditions, individual requests to upgrade to business/first class may not be allowed by the airline and are subject to availability and pricing at the time of the request. We can request this on an individual basis.

### **Seat assignments:**

Around **March 28, 2025**, we will send the team manager or coach a list to check the official names (as per passport) for the airline. Passengers can add seat requests to this spreadsheet such as 'window seat' or 'aisle seat' or who wants to be seated together. These requests **cannot** be guaranteed. The airline will typically assign seats at the time of ticketing, but we will have additional information once the tickets are issued. Passengers may be able to access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airline's website (**TBC**) to change their seating assignments. Some airlines may only allow seat change requests at check in at the airport on the departure day – this will be advised when we send the e-tickets to the group leader.

### **Check in:**

Passengers may be able to check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure. In some cases, the airline may not allow online check-in and require the whole group to check in at the airport on departure day. This will be confirmed when we send e-tickets to the group leader.

### **Airline Tickets:**

Airline (e)tickets will be forwarded to the group leader approx. 2-3 weeks prior to departure and we have received full payment from all travelers. When airline tickets are sent, we will also include instructions on how, when and where the group passengers can check in and how to make flight changes while traveling if necessary. Make sure to check in at the airport, allowing 3 hours prior to departure.

### **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.

- Cancellations or Delays: If your group encounters cancellations or delays, seek help from the gate agents or airline staff immediately! At this time, your tickets are now in airport control and the airline staff at the airport have full authority of the records to provide alternative flight options and accommodations and are responsible for assisting your group! Do not leave the airport until your group has been re-accommodated and all travelers are accounted for.
- Connections: If you have tight connections, concerns with making your connections, or missed a connection, seek help from a gate agent immediately. The airline staff will again have control of your tickets and are responsible for assisting you on your day of travel disruptions.
- If any individual wants to change flights on the day of departure (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then individuals 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.
- Missing Baggage: Travelers must file claims with the airline staff at the airport immediately and provide a personal cell phone number for the airline to reach them directly.

### **Sightseeing activities/excursions:**

Included below are the excursion options we offer. We offer the service to pre-book 1 or more of these excursion options but not later than **March 28, 2025**.

### **Day by Day Itinerary**

Putting together your day-by-day itinerary is a complicated process since there are various items/tour components to take into consideration which makes it a multi-step process.

1. We have created a provisional itinerary which will be similar to the itinerary included in the proposal you received from us before booking your tour. After that, we would like to know by **March 28, 2025**. We will not be able to book these excursions right away because we need to wait for the game schedule which will be available approx. two weeks before departure. So, they are subject to availability at that time.
2. Then we start working on your team's game schedule.  
It is common that we won't know your team's game schedule until approx. 1-3 weeks prior to your departure because:
  - a) Many international teams - local teams at your travel destinations - will only find out 3-4 weeks prior to your tour dates what kind of league games they need to play and when they are available to play against your team.
  - b) Many of the clubs in Europe use community/municipal fields/courts and these cities won't release these fields/courts until 2-3 weeks prior to the assigned games.
  - c) After your games are assigned, we need some additional days to plan the excursions you would like to have pre-booked.

This is all time consuming since it is a lot like a puzzle which will come together bit by bit/piece by piece. This the reason we are not able to send you the final itinerary as soon as you and your travelers would like. We strive to have a final itinerary available between 1-3 weeks prior to departure.

**Referees:**

For your games, a referee(s) will be provided.

**People not booking arrangements through Premier International Tours:**

Please be aware that we cannot provide any transportation from or to the airport or for any pre-arranged group tour activities (sightseeing excursions, etc.) or any transportation arranged for the group for individuals which did not book the tour package with Premier International Tours. Because of liability/legal issues with our suppliers (Bus Company, etc.) people who booked their own flights and accommodation are not allowed to just join the group on bus transfers arranged for the group.

If you have anyone who wants to join the group later in the booking stage, please contact us **no later than April 27, 2025**, and we will try to accommodate the requests.

**General Participation Conditions:**

We again strongly encourage your participants to review the General (Cancellation) Conditions and General Information document on your group website page to make sure all participants are aware of/understand these conditions to avoid any misunderstandings.

**Final payment:**

Please note that delayed payments (within 6 weeks prior to departure) must be made by cashier's checks or credit cards. We will release the travel documents and travel information after receipt of full payment of **ALL** travelers.

**Group arrangements:**

This is a group tour arrangement. The participant prices are based on the number of people traveling. If this number goes up or down the participant prices will be adjusted as per your proposal.

**Documents you will receive from us:**

- Final itinerary: 1-3 weeks prior to departure.
- Airline tickets: 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Loek van Zijl  
President Premier International Tours

## **SIGHTSEEING IN DUBLIN AND SURROUNDINGS 2025**

### **1) TRINITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE GREEN**

Price: Adults \$14.00 per person (\$39.00 to add the Book of Kells and Old Library)

Trinity College is probably the best spot to kick off your Dublin tour. It's at the heart of the capital, packed full of incredible history, and it's the oldest university in Ireland having been founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. Occupying an enviable 40-acre site, Trinity retains some of its ancient seclusion of cobbled squares, gardens, and parks and is famed throughout the world for its collection of great treasures. These include, on permanent exhibition, the 9th century illuminated manuscript, the Book of Kells, the Books of Durrow and Armagh, and an ancient Irish harp. The priceless artefacts are displayed in the Treasury and the awe-inspiring 18th-century Long Room, which houses more than 200,000 of Trinity's oldest books and hosts regular literary exhibitions.

### **2) NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND**

Price: Free Admission.

A right turn at the end of Kildare Street will bring you to the National Gallery of Ireland with entrances on Clare Street and Merrion Square West. Housing the finest collection of Irish art in the world alongside an outstanding collection of European art from the Middle Ages to the present day, this is a must-see while in the capital. The gallery opened in 1864 with wings being added in 1903, 1968, and most recently, 2002. Collections include the Yeats Museum, seven rooms devoted to Irish art, Italian Painters, the Shaw Room, and Baroque Room. The gallery, which is spread over four levels, regularly hosts impressive temporary exhibitions, and there's an excellent café popular with locals and visitors alike.

### **3) PHOENIX PARK AND DUBLIN ZOO**

Price: Seniors \$20.00, Adults \$25.00, Under 16s \$19.00, Under 3s Free.

An 18-minute walk from Collins Barracks is Dublin Zoo in Phoenix Park. This is the largest enclosed urban park in Europe, some 1,750 acres, which is surprising given that Dublin is a relatively small capital city. Hundreds of deer roam the parkland, the President of Ireland's official residence is here along with Deerfield, a beautiful 18th-century property home to the American Ambassador to Ireland. There's a Visitors Centre located close to a 17th-century tower house, Ashtown Castle, for those wishing to find out more about the park and its environment. At the far Castleknock Gate end and on some 78 acres stands stately Farnleigh House dating from the 1800s and purchased by the Irish state from the Guinness family in 1999.

### **4) THE GUINNESS STOREHOUSE**

Price: Adult \$35.00 – 10% Discount for groups of 26 or more.

It takes a LOT to become iconic, but Guinness has done it. The "Black Stuff" may be famous the world over, but this slow-settling porter started off life in St James's Gate at the heart of old Dublin. Back in 1759, an enterprising brewer by the name of Arthur Guinness took out a 9,000-year lease on the brewery here for an annual rent of £45. A couple of centuries later, the Storehouse was born. Built in the style of the Chicago School of Architecture 1904, it was originally used as a fermentation house. Today its Ireland's number one visitor attraction – a gleaming, multimedia exhibition on everything from retro advertising to the craft of brewing, topped off with a pint in the 360-degree Gravity Bar. When you get there, don't forget to raise your glass to Arthur's wonderful creation!

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

## **SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON**

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- London Stadium Tours
- Windsor Castle

### **1) LONDON STADIUM TOURS 2024**

Price Wembley: Adults \$44.00 (16 and under \$30.00)

Price Emirates: Adults \$52.00 (15 and under \$35.00)

Price Stamford Bridge: Adults \$75.00 (15 and under \$49.00)

### **2) THE LONDON EYE - 2024**

Price: \$50.00 (15 and under \$46.00) 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 - 2024**

Price: \$53.00 (15 and under \$30.00)

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 - 2024**

Prices: Adults \$47.00; Young person (18-24) \$32.00; 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 2024**

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 2024**

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. From breathtakingly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props, and animatronics, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a went into making the most successful film series of all time.

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