

## **Alfred University England Tour Itinerary 6th to 14th March 2020**

### **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 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 your group is a student group, please ensure all your party, where applicable, brings their Student ID as this will access many discounts on entry to various attractions.

**Entrances fees:** Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

**Soccer balls:** Soccer balls will be only 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.

**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 following 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 will not generally be 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:** Please read the General Tour/Travel Information on our website and this Tour Itinerary prior to departure to clarify any points with us to avoid misunderstanding. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

**Security deposit:** Some accommodations 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 are advised that it is compulsory to wear seat belts on all bus transportation at all times 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**

Harry Shaw Coaches  
Mill House  
Mill Lane  
Coventry  
CV3 2DU  
Tel: 02476 650 650

**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 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
2. Each day the bus driver must have an 11 hours 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:**

We have booked your group with WestJet Airlines. Premier International Tours has partnered with Fly My Groups who made all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations prior to the tour please contact Premier International Tours. From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Fly My Group at (866) 551-9807. We request that only the group leader(s) will call them (Tracy Blake) and will use the group ID number #37963.

### **Check-in and Seat assignments:**

Passengers can add seat requests to the name spreadsheet (not later than 90 days prior to departure) like window or aisle seat or who wants to seat together. These requests cannot be guaranteed. West Jet will assign seats at the time of ticketing. Passengers can access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airlines website (West Jet) to change their seating assignments. Passengers can check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure or at the airport. We strongly advise that all groups traveling to Europe arrive at the reservations desk for check-in three hours before 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 have to go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines with any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause a misconnect 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 individuals want to change flights (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 on 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 sit down with the tour manager upon arrival and 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. \$10.00-\$20.00 per person (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. \$5.00-\$10.00 per person.

#### **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 to your accommodation.

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

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 6 weeks before departure. For groups participating in tournaments, sightseeing excursions and activities are included on the tournament information sheets, and we recommend you plan the sightseeing program once you know your tournament game schedule (tournament schedules usually known approx. 1-2 weeks out). Please also note that sightseeing entrance fees are not included unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

#### **Carry-on luggage:**

We recommend that you take medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a checked suitcase.

#### **Water 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 the best places where to buy this.

#### **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 (720) 607-0783.

**Land arrangements:**

eSSeLLe Sports Management  
Jonothan Gains  
349 The Green, Ecclestone  
Chorley  
Lancashire  
PR7 5PH  
England.  
Tel. 00 44 (0) 1257 450 991 (office)  
Mob. 00 44 (0) 7771 895 921

**Game equipment note:**

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

## **7th to 10th March 2020 London, England**

### **Accommodation**

Holiday Inn London - Heathrow Bath Road

Heathrow Airport, 276 Bath Rd

London UB7 0DQ, United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0) 2039625800

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/west-drayton/lonsn/hoteldetail>

**Wifi costs:** Free

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.

First meal: Dinner 7th March 2020.

Last meal: Breakfast 10th March 2020.

Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, 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 on the breakfast buffet.

**Premier International      Name: Stuart McIntyre**  
**Tours Representative:      Tel. 00 7985 461556**

### **Friday 6th March 2020**

08.50pm      Departure flight WS 003 from Toronto to London Gatwick.

### **Saturday 7th March 2020**

09.10am      Arrival at London Gatwick Airport – Terminal N.

10.30am      After passing through customs at London Gatwick Airport your group will be met by Stuart McIntyre (recognizable by a 'Alfred University') sign. Stuart will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in England.

12.00pm      Transfer to the Emirates Stadium.

01.30pm      Visit pro game Arsenal v West Ham United – Emirates Stadium.

07.00pm      Arrival at your accommodation.

**Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary and game & excursion program with Stuart.**

08.00pm      Evening dinner.

### **Sunday 8th March 2020**

08.00am      Breakfast.

10.00am      Sightseeing London, including The Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and London's newest and highest attraction, The London Eye, with its spectacular views over London.

06.00pm      Evening dinner.

00.00pm      Evening game vs. local team

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 11.00am Wembley Stadium Tour, The stadium hosts major football matches including home matches of the England national football team, and the FA Cup Final, Enjoy the rest of the day sightseeing in London. Visit to the Chelsea FC Village MegaShop and Stamford Bridge Stadium, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden shopping precinct  
Packed Lunch
- 07.30pm Evening Game vs. Meridan Sports FC, Meridan Sports Ground, Charlton Park Lane, SE7 8QS

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 09.00am Transfer to Manchester. En route optional visit of Chester, visit The Rows – a shopping district distinguished by 2-level covered arcades and Tudor-style half-timber buildings or the Roman amphitheatre, with ongoing excavations, lies just outside the old city's walls.
- 06.00pm Arrival Manchester.
- 08.00pm Evening dinner.

## **10th to 13th March 2020 Manchester, England**

### **Accommodation**

Novotel Manchester West Hotel  
Worsley Brow, Worsley  
Manchester M28 2YA, United Kingdom  
Tel. +44 161 729 0029  
Website: [Novotel Manchester West Hotel](http://www.novotelmanchesterwest.co.uk)

**Wifi costs:** Free

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.  
First meal: Dinner 10th March 2020  
Last meal: Breakfast 13th March 2020.  
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, 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 on the breakfast buffet.

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

08.00am Breakfast.  
09.00am Transfer to Manchester. En route optional visit to Chester, visit The Rows – a shopping district distinguished by 2-level covered arcades and Tudor-style half-timber buildings or the Roman amphitheatre, with ongoing excavations, lies just outside the old city's walls.  
06.00pm Arrival Manchester.  
08.00pm Evening dinner.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

08.00am Breakfast.  
09.00am Sightseeing York. With a stunning cathedral, the world's best railway museum, and the finest UK Viking attraction, York boasts major sights as well as smaller gems like medieval guildhalls, Georgian town houses & National Trust and English Heritage properties.  
We suggest that your group orders a Packed Lunch/Dinner for the main meal with the hotel after arrival March 10.  
08.00pm Evening game vs Chorley FC U21's, JMO Sports Park, Liverpool RD, WN8 8BX

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

08.00am Breakfast.  
10.30am Day trip to Liverpool. Anfield Stadium Tour, Home of Liverpool F.C, which has a seating capacity of 54,074, making it the seventh largest football stadium in England. It has been the home of Liverpool F.C. since their formation in 1892  
08.00pm Evening dinner.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 09.00am Transfer to your accommodation in London.
- 01.00pm Arrival at hotel, check in and rest of day at leisure for sightseeing around London.  
Suggestion: 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.
- 08.00pm Evening dinner.



## **13th to 14th March 2020 London, England**

### **Accommodation**

Crowne Plaza London - Gatwick Airport  
Langley Dr, Crawley RH11 7SX,  
United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 1293 608608  
Website: [Crowne Plaza London - Gatwick Airport](#)

**Wifi costs:** Free

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.  
First meal: Dinner 13th March 2020.  
Last meal: Breakfast 14th March 2020.  
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, 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 on the breakfast buffet.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

08.00am Breakfast.  
09.00am Transfer to your accommodation in London.  
01.00pm Arrival at hotel, check in and rest of day at leisure for sightseeing around London.  
Suggestion: 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.  
08.00pm Evening dinner.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

07.00am Breakfast.  
08.00am Departure for London Gatwick Airport.  
08.15am Arrival at London Gatwick Airport – Terminal N.  
11.10am Departure flight WS 004 from London Gatwick to Toronto.  
02.57pm Arrival at Toronto Airport.