

ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL SOCCER FESTIVAL

*PROPOSED ITINERARY – SCOTLAND

Day One

- Depart on an overnight flight to Glasgow, Scotland.

Day Two

- Arrive in Glasgow, where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative and a private bus.
- Transfer to your accommodations in Aberdeen.
- Relaxing morning to settle in & unpack.
- Afternoon free to explore the surrounding area.
- Tonight you will take part in the Festival's Opening Ceremony.

Day Three

- The Aberdeen Festival games commence today.
- Visit the Castlegate area of Aberdeen. Literally built on the site of the old Aberdeen Castle's gates. The Mercat Cross and the Salvation Army Citadel are located here. Visit Gallowgate and Castlegate Well while you are there.
- Throughout the week your team will enjoy evening events including ten-pin bowling, tennis, 5 -aside soccer competitions and social parties.



Day Four

- The Aberdeen Festival games continue today.
- Take a short trip to one of Scotland's many castles, Balmoral Castle. It is the traditional holiday home for the Queen and the members of her family. The first record of this Castle was in the 1480's but it wasn't a royal residence until 1852.

Day Five



- Today you will visit the home stadium of the Aberdeen Football Club. Aberdeen FC compete in the Scottish Premier League. Pittodrie Stadium has been in use since 1899 and can hold 22,000 spectators.
- Free time to explore Aberdeen, visit the Duthie Park Winter Gardens, Gordon Highlanders Museum, or Codona's Beach Amusement Park.

Day Six

- The knockout stages of the Aberdeen Festival begin today.
- Half day of sightseeing in Dundee. Visit Wishart Arch, the only remaining part of the old city walls, the RRS Discovery and Dundee Parish Church.

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Day Seven

- The Aberdeen Festival finals are played today.
- The awards ceremony will take place at the Beach Ballroom featuring a gala dinner and presentations by the Lord Provost of the city of Aberdeen.

Day Eight

- Depart Aberdeen for Glasgow Airport.
- Depart on your return flight home.

ABOUT SCOTLAND

Aberdeen – The Granite City, the Silver City with the Golden Sands, Aberdeen is a city with lots of history – 8000 years of it to be exact. Aberdeen's architecture is known for its principal use, during the Victorian era, of granite, which has led to its local nickname of the *Granite City* or more romantically the less commonly used name the *Silver City*, since the quartz in the stone sparkles in the sun. Aberdeen is located between two rivers, the Dee and the Don (Aberdeen means between the Dee and Don). Aberdeen's performing arts culture is large, hosting the Aberdeen International Festival, a major international event which attracts up to 100 of the most talent performing arts companies.



TESTIMONIALS

R. Mais (River Soccer Club), Scotland and England

"What a trip! I will never be able to thank you enough for putting together this experience for not only the players, but everyone that came. I feel a little guilty, I had so much fun. Everything was perfect, except for some of the rain, but we hardly noticed. I could go on and on because I know everyone on our trip felt exactly the same. You and your staff are priceless. (Tell Steve thanks for the dance- I had never danced with a man in a Kilt!) Thanks so much."

A. Adams (UMBC College), Scotland

"Excel Sports ran a first class tour from beginning to end. The training facilities, accommodations, and competition were outstanding. Our team definitely profited from the experience."