

ARSENAL INTERNATIONAL SOCCER FESTIVAL

*PROPOSED ITINERARY – ENGLAND

Day One

- Depart on overnight flight to London.

Day Two

- Arrival at London Heathrow, where you are met by your full-time Excel Tour Director and a private bus.
- Transfer to your accommodations at the Royal Holloway College in west London.
- Relaxing morning to settle in & unpack.
- Afternoon to explore the surrounding area.

Day Three

- The Arsenal Festival games commence today.
- In between games, visit the nearby Windsor Castle, the Queen's official residence and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Visitors can enjoy a look around the State Apartments furnished with fine paintings, porcelain, sculpture and armour. Other highlights include Queen Mary's Dolls House and St Georges Chapel, the scene of many royal weddings. The beautiful castle gardens are also worth looking at, part of which were transformed by the award-winning garden designer Tom Stuart-Smith to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.
- The Arsenal Festival Disco is tonight, socialize with participants from all over the world.



Day Four

- The Arsenal Festival games continue today.
- Optional visit into London for a Round London Tour - taking in all of the major attractions. See the majestic Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey. Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace the Horseguards Barracks and 10 Downing Street and then enjoy the afternoon by more sightseeing and shopping for souvenirs.
- Karaoke Evening at the Arsenal Festival.

Day Five



- Arsenal Festival games continue today.
- Training session this morning after breakfast.
- In the afternoon take a visit to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, Execution Site & more.

**Subject to change*

Day Six

- Training session at Royal Holloway in the morning.
- In the afternoon, Round 1 games conclude.

Day Seven

- Arsenal Festival Semi-Finals Day.
- If time permits you might like some free time for shopping, the players can buy soccer shirts from the top-class Soccer Stores of London whilst the adults may prefer Harrod's, Knightsbridge & Regent St.

Day Eight

- Arsenal Festival Finals' Day.
- Optional visit to Pro Game - the top English teams play pre-season games vs. the top British and European teams prior to their seasons.
- Afternoon Awards Ceremony.
- The Arsenal Festival Farewell Disco is tonight.



Day Nine

- Depart Royal Holloway for short transfer to London Heathrow Airport - ready to return home.

ABOUT ENGLAND

London - London has the greatest concentration of major attractions in Britain and offers an amazing variety of places to visit. One of the best ways to view the city is to take an Open Top Bus Tour allowing you to visit your selected attractions, making as many stops on each route as you wish. Attractions include Buckingham Palace, Changing of the Guard, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Big Ben & The Houses of Parliament, London Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge, The Tower of London and Westminster Abbey.



Currently the most popular attraction in London is the British Airways London Eye. The world's largest observation wheel, it offers a spectacular way to take in over 55 of London's most famous landmarks in just 30 minutes. You can combine your flight on the Eye with a 45 minute circular cruise on the Thames. Departing from the pier next to the Eye, the commentated tour takes you from the Houses of Parliament to the Tower of London and back to the London Eye.

Take a short trip out of London to visit Windsor Castle. Situated in nearby picturesque Windsor, Windsor Castle is an official residence of The Queen and the largest inhabited castle in the world.

TESTIMONIALS

B. Stara (U.S. Soccer National Staff Coach), London

"Our tour to England was simply first class! Our team got an opportunity to play against the youth teams of Arsenal and Millwall at the clubs training grounds, and also had time to see the wonderful sights of London."

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."