

GALWAY CUP

*PROPOSED ITINERARY – IRELAND

Day One

- Depart on overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

Day Two

- Arrive in Dublin, where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative and a private bus.
- Transfer to your hotel and time to settle-in and unpack.
- Afternoon walking tour of Dublin, one of Europe's oldest cities. It is a very cosmopolitan city where the arts and sports, especially soccer, flourish!
- Evening free to relax.

Day Three

- Practice session this morning.
- The Dublin Viking Adventure is a great sightseeing tour - travel thru time & experience the sights, sounds and people of Viking "Dyflin", over 1000 years ago!
- Adults may enjoy a tour of world-famous Guinness Brewery!
- Visit Trinity College, and enjoy the ancient Book of Kells.
- Play a International Friendly Game v local Dublin team this evening.

Day Four

- Depart Dublin on a private bus and head west to Galway on Ireland's lovely West Coast.
- Arrive at accommodations and check-in.
- Free time to settle in and unpack.
- The Galway Cup Opening Ceremony is this evening.

Day Five

- The Galway Cup games begin today.
- Free time for sightseeing in Galway inbetween games.
- Recreational activities this evening.

Day Six

- The Galway Cup games continue today.
- Optional half day sightseeing tour today - possibly to the lovely Cliffs of Moher, fantastic views of the coast & mountains from these 800 feet high cliffs.
- Free evening for social activities.

Day Seven

- Galway Cup games continue with the semi-final rounds.
- Visit the lovely region of Killarney for a half-day of sightseeing.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Eight

- Finals of the Galway Festival are today.
- Afternoon awards ceremony.
- Evening free to pack and enjoy your last night in Ireland.

Day Nine

- Depart on your return flight home.

ABOUT IRELAND

Galway - Lined by stone shopfronts, Galway's (Gaillimh) narrow cobblestone streets fill with a frenzy of street performers who enchant passers by. The administrative capital of County Galway, the city is also a departure point for the wild, windswept Aran Islands. With more restaurants per capita than any other Irish city and a smorgasbord of festivals including the October Jazz Festival, the Easter Festival of Literature and the Galway Arts Festival in July, even the near-constant rain fails to dampen the city's spirits.



Dublin - Ireland's capital has fast become one of Europe's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. The city has always had a reputation as a great historical city, and its strong links with world literature and the arts are readily apparent. It certainly has a lot to offer visitors - not least it's diverse attractions. There is a wealth of architectural detail with the medieval core of the city surrounded by elegant Georgian squares. Some of the world's top soccer players began their careers in Dublin, a hotbed for youth 'football' development. Visit Trinity College and the Book of Kells, the Guinness Storehouse, The Dublin Writers Museum, and St. Patrick's Cathedral.



TESTIMONIALS

I can't tell you how much we enjoyed our trip to Dublin and Galway. It was a great experience for everyone. Ian - our guide - was absolutely great with the players and parents. He made not only their trip but did everything he could to make sure everyone was taken care of. The soccer facilities were magnificent and the locals were the most hospitable people you could meet.

-- **John Rumsey, Langhorne Strikers, Ireland**