

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for South Texas Youth Soccer Association ODP














Coaching Education in Scotland January 23 - January 30, 2019

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM HOUSTON
- DAY 2 ARRIVE GLASGOW OR EDINBURGH - CENTRAL SCOTLAND AREA
(6 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 CELTIC FC COACHING CLINIC & STADIUM TOUR
- DAY 4 GLASGOW RANGERS COACHING CLINIC & WATCH ACADEMY
TEAM TRAIN
- DAY 5 FREE DAY IN EDINBURGH & PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 6 GLASGOW CITY FC COACHING CLINIC & FOOTBALL
DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
- DAY 7 HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN FC COACHING CLINIC & STADIUM TOUR
- DAY 8 DEPARTURE FROM GLASGOW OR EDINBURGH



ITINERARY

Home to the famous "Old Firm" rivalry between Celtic F.C. and Rangers F.C., Scottish soccer dates back to 1872. The first ever international soccer match took place at Hamilton Crescent Park in Patrick, Scotland where England and Scotland drew even at 0-0. Since, Scotland has held a proud soccer tradition boasting such legends as Kenny Dalglish and Denis Law.







 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



DAY 1 Wednesday, 23 January 2019



-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Houston to Scotland.
-  * Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)

DAY 2 Thursday, 24 January 2019

-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next six days.
-  Our base for the next six nights will be in the Central Scotland area. Daily breakfast will be included at the hotel. (Central Scotland may include the Glasgow, Edinburgh or Stirling areas)
-  We will begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the area around the hotel.
-  **SCOTTISH FOOTBALL MUSEUM**
Based within Hamden Park, the Scottish Football Museum will take you on a football journey like you have never seen before. There are thousands of objects on display, tracing the history of football in Scotland and highlights some of the most memorable games and players. Sit in what was the original dressing room from the old Hampden and listen to Craig Brown addressing his Scotland team. Marvel at the original Scottish Cup, the world's oldest national trophy and even visit the Scottish Football Hall of Fame which features some of the greatest Scottish players to ever play the game.
-  Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.



DAY 3 Friday, 25 January 2019

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Glasgow is the heart of Scottish football and home to both Rangers and Celtic. At least twice a year, Rangers and Celtic contest the Old Firm, one of football's fiercest and most enduring rivalries. The rivalry between Celtic and Rangers recalls deep socio-political divisions in Scottish history, and a trip through Glasgow will strengthen an understanding for how the history of these clubs is intimately tied to the history of the city.
-  **CELTIC PARK**
Visit Celtic Park, the perfect place to learn all about the colorful history and heritage of Celtic Football Club from its inception in 1888. Experience first-hand, Celtic's heritage and culture that has made the club famous and renowned the world over. Take a guided tour of the stadium as well as taking a trip through the history of the club through our various informative and impressive exhibitions. (Please note dressing room access on the day before a match may be restricted depending on first team activity at the stadium).





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CELTIC FC - PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC

We will have the pleasure of spending time with a member of the Academy staff of Celtic FC. It is here where we will tour the amazing facilities, witness practical sessions with Celtic FC Academy players and have a Q & A with Academy staff.



WATCH THE ACADEMY TEAM TRAIN

Watch the club's coaches while they train their academy teams. Witness the conditioning techniques of a professional club, drills designed to enhance skills, and strategic and tactical training relating to an upcoming match. This is an ideal opportunity to learn from the pros and take that learning back to your club.



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DAY 4 Saturday, 26 January 2019



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



GLASGOW RANGERS FC - PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC

We will have the pleasure of spending time with a member of the Academy staff of the Glasgow Rangers FC. It is here where we will tour the amazing facilities, witness practical sessions with Academy players and have a Q & A with Academy staff.



Spend a full day visiting the Glasgow Rangers Football Club and enjoying a facility tour.



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DAY 5 Sunday, 27 January 2019



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to Edinburgh.

Edinburgh is widely regarded as one of Europe's most attractive cities, due primarily to its impressive medieval and Georgian districts and surrounding Lothian Hills. It is as famous for the arts as it is for its long and turbulent history. Both the Old and New towns are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



EDINBURGH FREE TIME

Enjoy some free time to explore the sights of Edinburgh or do some shopping to bring home some mementos from your trip.



ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH

Attend a professional soccer match in the Central Scotland area featuring teams from the top leagues. Seeing the top talent in the world in person would itself be an unforgettable experience, but add the passionate crowds singing, cheering and chanting and you will enter an atmosphere that can only be understood through personal experience. (Excel Programs will secure tickets for the group after time of booking and upon release of the official schedule. Due to scheduling your final itinerary may need to be adjusted to accommodate attending a match.)



Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.






DAY 6 Monday, 28 January 2019







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-  **GLASGOW CITY FC - PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC**
Glasgow City Football Club is a women's football team based in Glasgow that plays in SWPL 1, the top division of women's football in Scotland and also the higher of two levels of the Scottish Women's Premier League. The club has competed in the UEFA Women's Cup and UEFA Women's Champions League. They also have a reserve team and youth teams. Glasgow City has won the most Premier League titles and the most Scottish Cups in Scotland since 2000. We will have the pleasure of spending time with a member of the Academy staff of the Glasgow City FC. It is here where we will tour the amazing facilities, witness practical sessions with Academy players and have a Q & A with Academy staff.
-  **GLASGOW CITY FC - FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**
To further our football education, we will spend time with coaches and academy directors from Glasgow City FC where we will view sessions and enjoy a seminar on their coaching philosophy and strategy for developing youth soccer players.
-  Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.

DAY 7 Tuesday, 29 January 2019

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  **HEARTS FC - PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC**
We will have the pleasure of spending time with a member of the Academy staff of Hearts of Midlothian FC. It is here where we will tour the amazing facilities, witness practical sessions with Academy players and have a Q & A with Academy staff.
-  **TYNECASTLE PARK STADIUM TOUR**
Home to the Heart of Midlothian Football Club, this venue is situated in the Gorgie area of Edinburgh. This grass surface stadium has a long standing history and hosts a number of international fixtures. You will tour the stadium and have a first-hand look into this quaint and beautiful facility.
-  Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.

DAY 8 Wednesday, 30 January 2019

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

South Texas ODP Coaching Education (33175-0-33)

18 - 21	Participants	\$2,599
14 - 17	Participants	\$2,749
10 - 13	Participants	\$3,049

Minimum Group Size and Final Tour Price

This program is based on a minimum of 10 full-paying participants. If the actual number of full-paying participants falls below this minimum, WorldStrides reserves the right to re-price the program. The final tour price will be determined by the final number of full-paying participants registered at 110 days prior to the departure date.

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee - Once you have enrolled to join the group, the prices shown for the relevant group size levels will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast at the hotel daily
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$50 per night
- Lunch and dinner or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage, or any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)