



TOWSON UNIVERSITY

International Field Hockey Tour

England, Wales and Ireland

May 25th - June 2nd 2006

Day 1: Thursday 25th May 2006

- Depart Pittsburgh International Airport on a regularly scheduled airline to London, England

Day 2: Friday 26th May 2006

- Arrive in London where our Harvard Sports UK representative and full time motor coach meet the group
- Transfer to the historic town of Windsor – the home of Queen Elizabeth's favorite residence Windsor Castle
- Free time for lunch, to explore the old town, and maybe cross the River Thames to visit England's most prestigious private school Eton. Formed in 1440 by Henry VI, it has educated many of the British Royal family ever since
- Transfer to London for an introductory tour of England's capital. Take in Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge and many more of London's famous sites
- Check in to 3 Star London hotel, ideally located in the Docklands area for a 3 night stay with half board daily
- Take time this afternoon for light training to stretch the legs
- Dinner and a free evening



Day 3: Saturday 27th May 2006

Game 1

- After breakfast depart for central London. En route make a stop at the 1000 year-old Tower of London that has served as a fortress, palace, prison, and place of execution.
- Take time for pictures, cross the famous Tower Bridge, and walk around the newly redeveloped St. Catherine's Dock
- We continue on to Parliament Square with the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. A short stroll along Whitehall leads to 10 Downing Street (the Prime Minister's home) and Trafalgar Square
- Enjoy free time this afternoon to shop in Covent Garden, Leicester Square and Oxford Street – make sure you visit Lillywhites, London's largest hockey store
- Transfer this afternoon to the first game of the tour
- **Game 1: Towson vs. London Area Hockey Club**
- Dinner after the game and a free evening

Day 4: Sunday 28th May 2006

Game 2

- This morning follow the River Thames west towards Buckingham Palace
- After strolling through Green Park station ourselves at Horse Guards Barracks for the traditional ceremony of the Changing of the Guard
- Lunch on your own in central London
- Enjoy a free afternoon in London. Visit one of London's many free art galleries and museums, or spend some quality shopping time on Oxford or Regent Street, or in the sophisticated Knightsbridge, home Harrods
- Alternatively opt to take a cruise on the River Thames, fly the Millennium Wheel (Cruise and Wheel not included) before we transfer to our second game
- **Game 2: Towson vs. London Area Hockey Club**
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 5: Monday 29th May 2006

- After breakfast check out of the hotel and transfer to historic Bath, one of England's most beautiful towns
- En route pause at Stonehenge. Built over thousands of years ago the unparalleled stone circle (3000 BC-1600 BC) is surrounded by a ceremonial landscape comprising more than 300 burial mounds and many other prehistoric remains
- Settled by the Roman's more than 2000 years ago, Bath has been a popular spa resort for many centuries
- Visit the Roman Pump Rooms and Bath House (admission included)
- This afternoon cross the River Seven Estuary and the Welsh border to transfer to Swansea
- Check in to city center hotel for a 1 night stay and enjoy dinner and a free evening
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 6: Tuesday 30th May 2006

Game 3

- This morning take a tour of Swansea, the home town of Catherine Zeta Jones and described by Dylan Thomas, Wales' most famous poet as 'my lovely ugly town'
- Lunch on your own before our afternoon game at one of the finest field hockey complexes in all of Europe
- **Game 3: Towson vs. Swansea Hockey Club**
- After the game check out of the hotel and depart for the Port of Swansea for tonight's sailing across the Irish Sea to Cork, Ireland
- Spend the night aboard the Steno Line Ship, with 2 berths per cabin and onboard movie theater, casino and restaurants

Day 7: Wednesday 31st May 2006

- Arrive in Ireland where our affiliate Manning's Coaches meets the team to transfer for a land lover's breakfast at a nearby restaurant
- Transfer to Limerick and check into a local hotel for a 2 night stay
- Ireland's third largest city, Limerick is reemerging as a city revitalized by new industries and impressive renovation projects. In particular, Limerick's recently developed riverside cultural and historic area, the Medieval Heritage Precinct on King's Island, has considerable appeal both by day and by night, when the 13th-century King John's Castle is floodlit
- Lunch on your own then depart to visit the village of Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque villages, and then medieval city of Killarney, located on the shores of Lough Leane and in the shadows of Ireland's highest mountains
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 8: Thursday 1st June 2006

Game 4

- After breakfast transfer to Galway Bay for sightseeing at the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren – a natural wonder that has lain unspoiled since the Ice Age
- Lunch on your own
- This afternoon depart for Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, one of the finest surviving examples of an Irish Tower House, it has been destroyed in battle and rebuilt on at least 8 occasions (admission included)
- Later, depart for the final game of the tour
- **Game 4: Towson vs. Limerick Area Hockey Club**
- After the game enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and a free evening

Day 9: Friday 2nd June 2006

- After breakfast transfer to Shannon International Airport to connect with our return flight to the United States via London

INCLUSIONS - 9 days / 7 nights

- Round Trip Airfare on a regularly scheduled airline: Washington - London - Shannon - Washington
- 7 nights accommodation in 3 Star hotels
 - 3 nights in London
 - 1 night in Swansea
 - 1 night aboard Stena Line Ferry Swansea - Cork
 - 2 nights in Limerick
- Half board daily (breakfast and lunch unless otherwise stated)
- Full time motor coach in England, Wales and Ireland
- Full time Harvard Sports International Tour Guide
- 1 Training session as described
- 4 games against international competition
 - 2 games in England
 - 1 game in Wales
 - 1 game in Ireland
- Entry to Roman Pump rooms in Bath
- Entry to Bunratty Castle
- Farewell Dinner

EXCLUSIONS

- Personal Insurance
- All beverages at meals (soda) and lunches unless otherwise stated)
- Gratuities for driver and tour escort
- Single room upgrades
- Entry fees to Tower of London
- River Thames cruise and Millennium Wheel flight
- Attractions not specified above

