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Itinerary Outline for YOUR TEAM

Mini-Camp/Chester, England; Welsh International Super Cup/Cardiff, Wales; Sightseeing, London. July 30-August 9, 2017.

- July 30: Depart your gateway city for an overnight flight to Manchester, England. Arrival will be in the morning of the next day, local time
- July 31-Aug. 3: Upon your arrival in Manchester, you will be met by a local representative and a privately chartered bus and driver. The group will then be transferred to the nearby town of Chester, a small and historic city located very near the border with Wales. Here you will be accommodated for the next three nights at Chester College, in single and double dorm rooms. While here, two meals each day will be provided for the group.

For the next three days, your team will take part in a mini training camp, designed and run by professional coaches licensed by the Football Association of England. In tandem with your own coaches, your English coach will plan a series of trainings designed to give you a different perspective on the game, while also preparing you for the upcoming tournament. As a supplement to your training, we will arrange for one friendly game while here, to be played against a quality youth team from the area.

Aside from the soccer part of your time in Chester, we will build in an appropriate blend of sightseeing and recreational activities into your final itinerary. Chester College is within easy walking distance from the city center, which dates back to the year 80 AD, and you might enjoy simply walking around and exploring the area. But you will also have a bus on hand, and so you will also have the chance to take some sightseeing excursions. For example, perhaps a trip to Liverpool to tour the famous Anfield Stadium (home of Liverpool FC), or Manchester United's Old Trafford will appeal to you.

Aug. 3-6: From Chester, your bus will transport your group to the south and west, into Wales, to the town of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, and home to the Welsh International Super Cup, formerly known as the Ian Rush Tournament.

This event has a well deserved reputation as one of the premier youth tournaments in all of Europe. It offers serious teams a chance to compete with and against some of the best competition around, including professional youth teams such as Liverpool, Dynamo Kiev, Glasgow Celtic, Sparta Prague, to name a few. It is not uncommon to see National Teams and other well know groups like Tahuichi of Bolivia in attendance also. Cardiff is a scenic, seaside resort town of 12,000 on the shores of Cardigan Bay in Wales. The University of Wales is located here, and along with the town it will host the 30th annual Welsh International Super Cup Tournament. The playing fields here are reputed to be among the finest anywhere in the United Kingdom. The tournament is large enough to ensure a great mix of competition, but small enough so that you will not feel like you're a computer generated number. Approximately 120 teams from fifteen different soccer playing nations are expected to attend next year.

Your team will be guaranteed a minimum of four full length games while here, one each day. Each game will be decided by three referees who will be appointed by the Welsh FA. The refs are likely to be very good, because this tournament is used as a training ground for referees, and they are assessed during the games of the tournament.

Accommodations for the group will be on the campus of the University of Wales, in single, dormitory style rooms. Bathroom and shower facilities are centrally located in each hallway. Any adults or boosters that accompany the group can opt for upgraded, tourist class hotel accommodations nearby. All hotel rooms will have private bathroom and shower facilities. For those accommodated on campus, three meals each day will be provided, cafeteria style.

The tournament provides free shuttle transportation for everyone involved, allowing for easy and convenient access to and from the accommodations and fields. And aside from the soccer, there are plenty of activities for your enjoyment. The University of Wales is a major college, and on campus are facilities for swimming, tennis, and an indoor sports center. Each night there is a video theater for everyone. In addition, you will have the chance to see some of the many spectacular sights of the area.

Aug. 6-9: Finals day is August 6 and following the awards ceremony, you will be transported by private bus to London. You will be accommodated in a tourist class hotel near the city center of London, and the last three nights of the tour will be spent here.

We will reserve these last days in London exclusively for sightseeing and shopping. You'll have a full time bus on hand to transport you, and we'll also arrange for a professional guide to show you all of the famous sights of this famous world capital

While at the hotel, breakfasts will be included each day. All hotel rooms will have private bathroom and shower facilities.

August 9: After a great twelve days of soccer and fun in England and Wales, it will be time to return home. You will be transported to the airport in London, where you will catch your return flight to the USA.