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## **MSYSA 1999 GIRLS ODP TEAM \*PROPOSED ITINERARY – LONDON**

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- Airfare - Roundtrip flights from BWI/IAD/DCA. Airline taxes and fees.
- Accommodation - 7 nights in shared rooms at a 3\* London Area Hotel; Triple rooms for players, Twin rooms for chaperones. Single room upgrades available at \$39 per night.
- Meals - Two meals daily.
- Transportation - Private Bus to all friendly games and airport transfers.
- Games - Four games against quality opposition.
- Tour manager – Services of a full-time Excel International Sports Representative.
- Sightseeing – Entry fees to one professional soccer game and the Tower of London.



*\* Package excludes sightseeing entrance fees, lunch, local public transport, optional travel insurance and anything not included in the above inclusions section.*

### **COSTS (9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS)**

- \$2925 per person

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Maryland State Soccer Association's ODP girl's team will travel to London, England for a series of friendly matches and cultural activities arranged by Excel International Sports. Below you will find a tentative schedule, recent testimonials and pictures. The soccer program will include training and games in and around the London area of England. A great deal of flexibility is built in to this trip where we hope to catch one or more pro games and enjoy some professional guest coaching sessions.

What is the purpose of the trip? For many years Excel International Sports has followed its mission of bringing people from North America to different countries to participate in the world's greatest game while breaking down barriers of language, culture, and geography. As world travelers, we make it our mission to enhance your cultural and soccer awareness. Never has either mission seemed so important or so relevant as today. We thank you for your continued belief in the value of global discovery and look forward to showing you amazing things in a world of soccer where learning has no limits.

ODP Tours As soccer experts with first-hand knowledge of the special needs of an ODP soccer program, we are confident we provide the best possible program. The combination of playing quality opponents, top-level facilities, and some great sightseeing is what we at Excel International Sports take great pride in.

Experience the Culture See country sides so picturesque that you will never think of green the same way again. View societies which have stood the test of time and people that have maintained a sense of their culture throughout history. This is what we offer at Excel Sports: an adventure in soccer and an opportunity to build friendships that will last a lifetime.

See the Pros The game is faster, the players more impassioned, and the excitement contagious. Do not miss your opportunity to take part in the intensity that is European football. See the premier players in the world compete with the pride and passion that is only found in Europe.

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International Matches We take great pride in organizing playing experiences that are remembered for a lifetime! We match a team's level of ability to international sides.

Accommodations All lodging and food is assured to meet the Excel Sports rigorous standard of excellence.

Tour Managers The tour will be managed by a staff member of Excel International Sports. Teams are met on arrival by a local tour coordinator who assists the group throughout your entire tour.

Flights and Transport All flights are arranged on scheduled routes with carefully selected airline partners. When you arrive at your destination airport, all ground transfers will be undertaken by high quality and experienced bus operators.

The Best Contacts We have developed quality relationships with the individual soccer specialists in each country. This is critical to our guarantee to include highly personalized arrangements in each of our soccer tours. Our excellent reputation for reliability and integrity has ensured that these relationships are maintained and strengthened from year to year, greatly benefiting our clients.

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

- Depart BWI/IAD/DCA Airport on an overnight flight for London Heathrow Airport.

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

- Arrive at London Heathrow Airport where you are met by your Excel International Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to your 3\* hotel accommodations in London where you will be staying for the following seven nights.
- Check-in and unpack.
- Welcome meeting and orientation.
- Afternoon practice session.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening practice session.

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing in London. Take in all of the major attractions; see the majestic Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, the Horseguards Barracks and 10 Downing Street.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening practice session.

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- In the afternoon take a visit to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels, Execution Site & more.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Play your first international friendly game this evening vs. an English side.

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**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Perhaps for a bit of a change, take a day trip to Bath or Oxford. Both are splendid historical cities not far from London.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Play your second international friendly game this evening vs. an English side.

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, 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.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Play your third international friendly game this morning vs. an English side.
- Possible afternoon visit to professional game, local teams include Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC, Queen's Park FC and many more!
- Dinner at hotel.

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Optional Easter morning church visit.
- Play your fourth international friendly game this afternoon vs. an English side.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free to enjoy your last night in England!

**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart London Heathrow Airport for the US.

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## ABOUT ENGLAND



**London** - London has the greatest concentration of major attractions in Britain which allows it to offer an amazing variety of places to visit. Whether you are a history buff, an art fanatic, a sports fan or a shopaholic, there is something to see and do in London for everyone. One of the best ways to view the city is to take an Open Top Bus Tour, these tours allow your group to visit your selected attractions with the convenience of the famous Double Decker Bus. Another great way to visit the city is to take a ride on the British Airways London Eye. The London Eye is 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, the commentated tour takes you from the Houses of Parliament to the Tower of London and back to the London Eye. There are also many great side trips from London, including Windsor Castle, which is an official residence of The Queen and the largest inhabited castle in the world. Sights to see in London: The London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Changing of the Guard, Fortnum & Mason store, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly Circus, Eros statue, The National Gallery, Nelson's Column & 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. For more information about visiting London please see [VisitLondon.com](http://VisitLondon.com).

## TESTIMONIALS

"It was a great trip"! **Sasho Cirovski, University of Maryland, England**

"The trip was outstanding for the team's chemistry. Being able to experience another culture, play competitive matches and have fun the entire time is what we were looking for, and that is exactly what we got. The accommodations were good, and having access to a "soccer mind" tour guide was beneficial both on and off the field. We thoroughly enjoyed working with Murray." **Alf Bilbao, Head Coach, Truman State University, England**

"I would highly recommend Excel International Sports as the travel company for the Maryland ODP program. 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." **Bill Stara, U.S. Soccer National Staff Coach, London**