



# CHALLENGER 'TEAM TOUR' 2009

## SCOTLAND

### OFFERED YEAR ROUND

#### Tour Overview:

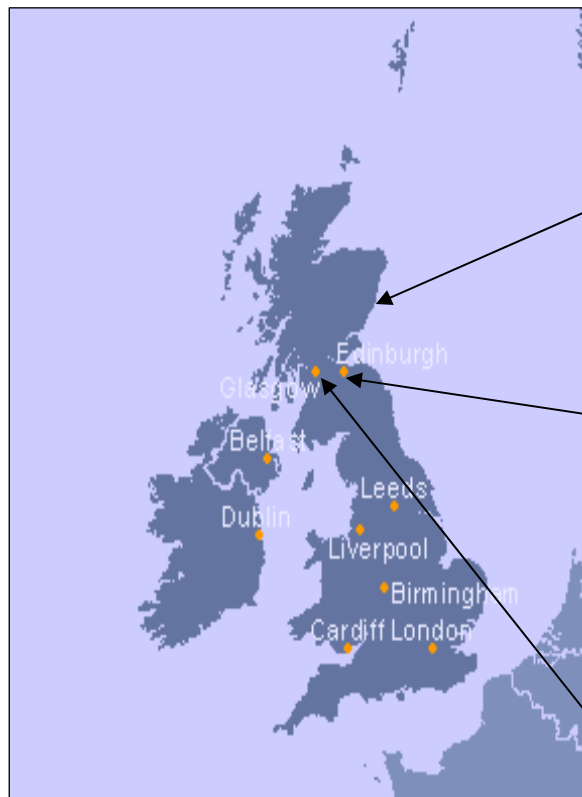
The **Challenger 'Team Tour'** itinerary is designed for Boys and Girls team's ages from U12 through U18 from throughout North America. This tour focuses on offering a competitive playing environment for teams competing against an array of UK talent such as Academy Teams, Center of Excellence Teams, Area Representative Teams, School Teams or Local teams.

*All teams will be arranged to suit your own age and level of playing ability.*

Examples of teams that we have played against in the past include:

- Manchester United F.C.
- Liverpool F.C.
- Everton F.C.
- Manchester City F.C.
- Charlton Athletic F.C.
- Tranmere Rovers F.C.
- Stoke City F.C.
- Wigan Athletic F.C.
- Leicester City F.C.
- Aston Villa F.C.
- Preston North End F.C.
- Hearts FC.
- Crystal Palace F.C.
- Burnley F.C.
- Glasgow Celtic F.C.
- Welsh, Scottish and English Schoolboy teams

In conjunction with games we arrange coaching sessions with professional club teams and coaches, stadium tours to the homes of clubs such as Manchester United FC, Chelsea FC, Liverpool FC, The Scottish FA and Glasgow Rangers and sightseeing opportunities galore.



#### Tour Destination 1 – St. Andrews

- Half board accommodation at the University of St. Andrews.
- Visit the home of Golf and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club.
- Play a friendly game against Scottish opposition.
- Play the famous Himalayas Putt Putt golf course.
- Visit the Cathedral, Castle and famous beach where the opening scene from 'Chariots of Fire' was filmed.

#### Tour Destination 2 – Edinburgh

- Half board accommodation in Edinburgh.
- Play a friendly game against local opposition.
- Visit Loch Lomond national Park/
- Guided tour or Edinburgh seeing sites such as:
  - 1.1. The castle
  - 1.2. The Royal Mile
  - 1.3. Princess Street

#### Tour Destination 3 – Glasgow

- Half board accommodation in Glasgow.
- Training sessions with professional club(s)
- Watch a live professional game.
- 2 x Games against local opposition.
- Visit Ibrox Stadium, home of Glasgow Rangers FC.



## Challenger Team Tour Scotland Offered Year Round

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The **Challenger 'Team Tour'** itinerary is designed for Boys and Girls team's ages from U12 through U18 from throughout North America & Canada. This tour focuses on offering a competitive playing environment for players and teams competing against an array of UK teams such as Academy Teams, Center of Excellence Teams, Area Representative Teams, School Teams or Local teams. *All teams will be arranged to suit your own age and level of playing ability.*

This itinerary combines training with one of Scotland's most famous teams Club's, Glasgow Rangers FC with time spent in Glasgow, Scotland's capital Edinburgh and the home of golf, St Andrews in The Kingdom of Fife.

The 'Team Tour' spends the first three days of the tour in the capital of Fife and the Home of Golf – St Andrews. Combine superb sightseeing, history and golf with coaching from the Scottish Football Association and your first Game of your tour. Following your time in St Andrews head to the Capital of Scotland – Edinburgh for two days/nights of sightseeing and soccer!

Finally land in Glasgow, former European city of culture and spend some time with the staff of world famous football club, Glasgow Rangers.

*This tour is offered year round and the actual dates and overall itinerary are flexible to fit into your schedule.*



### **Day 1: North America ~ Edinburgh, Scotland**

Friday – Itinerary offered year round

Depart North America on a scheduled transatlantic flight to Edinburgh, Scotland.

### **Day 2: Arrival in Edinburgh, Scotland – Transfer to St. Andrews**

Saturday - Itinerary offered year round

Arrive in Edinburgh (overnight flight), board your private bus and transfer to St. Andrews stopping off for lunch on route. St. Andrews has a special role in Scotland's heritage. It takes its name from the Christ's apostles whose relics are said to have been brought to the place. St. Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland. The seaside town is full of character is probably best known in modern times apart from its golf course for its University, which attracts students from around the world. Prince William attended St. Andrews in 2003/04. It is Scotland's oldest University and the students play a big part in the way of life of the town.



Check into our accommodation at the University of St. Andrews. Accommodation will be half board (bed, breakfast and evening meal) at the University.

There will be the option of a light training session on the University grounds followed by evening meal and the opportunity to explore the City.

### **Day 3: Professional Training Session – Sightseeing in St. Andrews**

Sunday – Itinerary offered year round

Following breakfast at the University we will take in a training session with a professional Scottish Club (or Scottish Football Association coach), this will give the players the opportunity to prepare for their upcoming matches.



*The actual coach, club and location of this training session are always subject to change depending upon availability and schedule.*

Following lunch attend a professional match with one of the local Scottish clubs (specific teams and games will be dependent upon availability and may be pre-season due to the time of travel).

Dinner will be served back at the University.



**Day 4: Free morning sightseeing in St. Andrews – Game #1**  
Monday – Itinerary offered year round

Following breakfast there will be the chance for free time in St. Andrews for further sightseeing, shopping or opportunities to visit specific sights.

While in St. Andrews, golf fanatics can play one of St. Andrews six links courses or even try to play the famous “Old Course” (additional fee involved). St. Andrews is also famous for its beach (where the opening scene to ‘Chariots of Fire’ was filmed), its castle remains and the ‘must play’ Himalaya’s putt putt course.

***GAME #1 of the tour will be played in the late afternoon/ early evening against a professional youth team, area representative team, a school team or a local club team from the St. Andrews area. The specific opposition will be dependent upon availability at the point of group registration and level of play of traveling team.***

Dinner will be served back at the University following the game.

**Day 5: Transfer to Edinburgh – Sightseeing in Edinburgh**  
Tuesday – Itinerary offered year round

Following breakfast at the hotel we will check out and head towards Edinburgh

Arrive at Edinburgh and check into your accommodation. Accommodation will be half board (breakfast and dinner) at a Edinburgh based 3-4 Star hotel. After settling in we will take a leisurely stroll/bus ride into the city to explore the cultural surroundings. Take time to do some sightseeing and visit Edinburgh Castle, The Royal Mile or Princess Street followed by lunch and then additional sightseeing and shopping in the afternoon.

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

**Day 6: Sightseeing Tour of Edinburgh – Game #2**  
Wednesday – Itinerary offered year round

Following breakfast at the hotel, depart on a sightseeing tour of the sights of Edinburgh.



A professional tour guide will take you and the bus to the main sight's of Edinburgh – giving you a real insight into one of the world's great capitals.

Edinburgh presents a spectacular cityscape which divides into two – the historic Old Town, with its medieval cobblestone wynds and alleys and the elegant neo-classical facades of the Georgian New Town. Visitors can walk the Royal Mile, an ancient network of historically linked streets, and walk in the footsteps of some of the best known figures in Scottish history from Mary, Queen of Scots to Robert Louis Stevenson. Edinburgh Castle, which dominates this World Heritage Site, takes visitors to the heart of the nation's history, symbolized in the Honors of Scotland – the Scottish Crown Jewels, on display with the famous Stone of Destiny.

***Play Game #2 of the tour in the late afternoon/early evening against one of the Scottish professional youth teams, area representative teams, a school team or a local club team from the area. The specific opposition will be dependent upon availability at the point of group registration and level of play of traveling team.***

Dinner will be served at the hotel following the game.

**Day 7: Transfer to Glasgow – Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow Rangers FC – Professional Training Session #1**  
Thursday – Itinerary offered year round

Breakfast at the hotel and then check out and transfer to Glasgow.

Once in Glasgow you will visit Ibrox Stadium the home of Glasgow Rangers Football Club.



Ibrox Stadium, home of Glasgow Rangers Football Club, is the last word in state-of-the art sports venues and is one of one 12 stadiums in Europe accorded five-star status by UEFA. Enter the front doors and you are in a world where the air is heady with tradition. View the ‘home of the legends’ where great names of the past live on, up the marble staircase and into the famous trophy room. Opened in 1959 the trophy room contains all of the clubs Scottish Championship pnnants, presided over by a portrait of their great old club manager Bill Struth. Then step into the dressing rooms where the players prepare on match day and finally out into the terraces of Ibrox where over 50,000 fervent fans all dressed in Rangers blue watch the games on match day.

Following the tour we will take time to pick up a memento or two in the Rangers Club shop.

Then check into our accommodation (which will be a 3-4 star hotel or Glasgow University – depending on the time of year of travel).

Dinner will be served at your accommodation, followed by a training session with Glasgow Rangers Football Club.



**Day 8: Professional Training Session #2 – Free time in Glasgow – Game #3**  
Friday – Itinerary offered year round

Following breakfast we will take in a second professional coaching session with Glasgow Rangers Football Club

In the afternoon take free time to visit and sightsee throughout the City of Glasgow.

Glasgow is Scotland’s largest city, famous for its culture, architecture, and design. Situated on the River Clyde on the country’s west coast, it’s known as Scotland’s style capital – a title reflected in its art deco brasseries, stylish shops, cultural centers, more than 30 art galleries and museums and an annual program of performing arts and festivals. Spectacular Scottish countryside and coastal views are within easy reach.

*Play Game #3 of the tour in the late afternoon/early evening against one of the Scottish professional youth teams, area representative teams, a school team or a local club team from the area. The specific opposition will be dependent upon availability at the point of group registration and level of play of traveling team.*

Evening meal back at your accommodation following the game.

**Day 9: Game #4 – Watch a Live Professional Match**  
Saturday – Itinerary offered year round

Breakfast at the hotel.

*Play GAME #4 in the morning against a Scottish professional youth team, area representative team, a school team or a local club team from the area. The specific opposition will be dependent upon availability at the point of group registration and level of play of traveling team.*

Following lunch attend a professional match with one of the local Scottish clubs (specific teams and games will be dependent upon availability and may be pre-season due to the time of travel).

Travel back to your accommodation for your final evening meal of the tour.



**Day 10: Glasgow, Scotland ~ North America**  
Saturday – Itinerary offered year round

Check out and transfer to Glasgow airport for return flight back to North America.

**Please note:**

This is a sample itinerary and actual events may vary or can be tailored dependent upon certain requests from your group, please be aware that this alteration to the itinerary may in some way alter the final cost for the tour.

Challenger Sports and Challenger World Tours may in its absolute discretion make changes to, or cancel any section of the above mentioned tour, should circumstances beyond the company's control make such actions necessary. These include: inappropriate weather conditions, schedule changes, advertised facilities not available, transportation problems and failure of other suppliers of services or goods to the company. If the above occurs then Challenger World Tours will attempt to substitute the changed section of the tour to an equal or better standard.

**Challenger Flight Option:**

All groups have the option to book their own flights or to book their travel arrangements through Challenger World Tours. We will work with our travel agent to get you the lowest group airline rate we can. These prices will obviously be subject to availability as well as city of departure and date of travel etc.

Please be aware that if booking your own flights, you will be responsible for all ground transportation until meeting up with the group in the UK.



## **2009 CHALLENGER 'SCOTLAND TEAM TOUR'**

- 10-day tour: Offered Year Round.
- Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Loch Lomond, Glasgow – Scotland
- Price based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers:

**TOUR COST FROM = \$1,695 USD per Traveler**

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE?**

- One FREE place for each paying 20 travelers (can be used for Coach, Team Manager, Players or Parents) – airfare will be included if flights are booked through Challenger World Tours.
- 3 nights at a 3-4 star St. Andrews hotel (half board - breakfast and dinner).
- 2 nights at a 3-4 star Edinburgh hotel (half board - breakfast and dinner).
- 3 nights at a 3-4 star Glasgow hotel (half board - breakfast and dinner).
- Private chartered bus throughout duration of the tour.
- 4 x matches against UK based Academy, Center of Excellence, Area Representative, School or Local Club Teams.
- 2 x training sessions at professional clubs located throughout Scotland
- Tour of 'Ibrox Stadium' - home of Glasgow Rangers Football Club.
- Entrance into a live professional match (actual team's dependent upon availability).
- Visit to Loch Lomond National Park.
- Full sightseeing (blue badge) tour of Edinburgh supervised by professional tour guide.
- Opportunities to visit St. Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- Option to purchase Travel Insurance through Challenger World Tours.
- Flight options available through Challenger World Tours for group travel.
- Challenger Travel Package (tour t-shirt, sack pack and travel binder).
- Challenger Travel Director to accompany the group 24/7 throughout the duration of the tour.

### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PACKAGE?**

- All Airfares, transfer fees and departure taxes.
- Lunches (suggest \$15 per day).
- Optional activities/excursions not listed in itinerary.

All tour costs are calculated in local currency at present exchange at time of group registration (presently calculated at \$1.60 US dollars to one British pound). Please be aware that certain costs may alter due to a change in this rate and thus affect the final cost of the tour.

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