

# Global Sports Academy

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## Duquesne University Men's Basketball Tour Ireland



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# Tentative Itinerary

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## **DAY 1 - USA**

Gather at US Airport and board your connecting transatlantic flight to Ireland. Enjoy meals and snacks in route and arrive the next morning with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and activities ahead.

## **DAY 2– GALWAY**

Welcome to the Emerald Isle! You have arrived in Dublin, Ireland where you will be met and taken on an orientation tour and travel to Galway City. Transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free for relaxation or your own exploration. This evening gather together for a light practice and a Welcome Dinner.

## **DAY 3 – GALWAY**

This morning you will be introduced to Galway, Ireland. The medieval city of Galway is full of narrow, twisting streets, cavernous pubs, music, dancing, and culture, all with the endless Atlantic as a backdrop. Then we are off to tour the Ashford Castle, surrounded by the immense lawns and beautiful forests of its 350 acre private estate, overlooking the sparkling waters and picturesque islands of Lough Corrib, is so grand, so beautiful, and so magical, that it is hard to believe your imagination is not playing tricks on you. Then it's back to get ready for the first game of the trip. Dinner and overnight

## **Game One vs. TBD**

## **DAY 4 – CORK**

After breakfast we are off through the countryside to Cork and on our way we will tour the **Cliffs of Moher**. Upon arrival at the Cliffs of Moher, you'll experience one of the most stunning seaside views available anywhere in the world. You'll have time to explore taking in the historic towers built along the top which have stood for almost 200 years and the breathtaking views from of the Atlantic Ocean, over 200 metres below in places! Then it off to Cork and the hotel to relax, Dinner and overnight

## **DAY 5 – CORK**

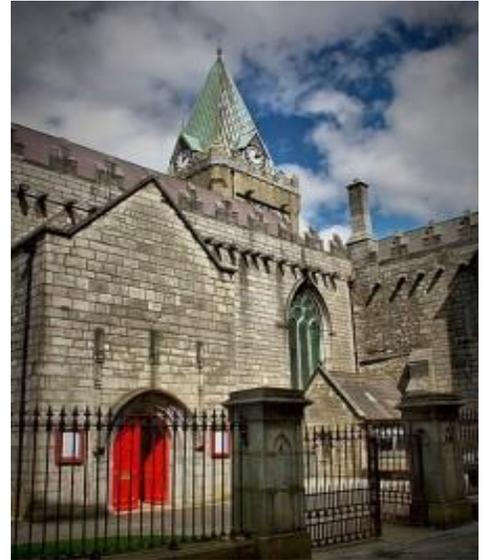
This morning, we will visit Blarney Castle. This 15th-century fortress is known above all else for the legendary Blarney Stone, said to grant magical powers of eloquence to those who kiss it—which you can attempt by climbing the steep staircase to the top of the parapet and leaning out of the battlements. Afterwards the remainder of the day is at leisure to wander about on your own. This evening gather together for a light practice and have a friendly game against a local Cork Select Team. Dinner and overnight

## **Game Two vs. TBD**

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## *DAY 6 – DUBLIN*

In the morning you will be travelling to Dublin. Originally founded as a Viking settlement, it evolved into the Kingdom of Dublin and became the island's principal city following the Norman invasion. It's never too early to pour the perfect pint. The Guinness Storehouse aims to tell the story of Guinness from its origins at the St James' Gate Brewery to its growth into a global brand. At the base of the atrium lies a copy of the 9,000 year lease signed by Arthur Guinness on the Brewery site. Dinner and overnight



## *DAY 7 – DUBLIN*

After breakfast it's time to explore and see for your self the city of Dublin. Most of the main sights of Dublin are situated in a comparatively small area. To get a good impression of this lively and historic city you only need to take a walk. But don't travel too far because in early afternoon we will need to gather back together, have lunch and then a team practice at Dublin City University (DCU) and then followed by an early dinner. Then it's back to DCU for your third game of the trip. Dinner and overnight.



## **Game Three vs. TBD**

## *DAY 8 – DUBLIN*

After a long day yesterday we will get to sleep in this morning and have a late brunch before getting ready for an early afternoon game the last game of the tour. After the game we will have a quick meal at the hotel and then you are free to rest of the day to relax, explore the surrounding area and enjoy the city of Dublin. Dinner and overnight



## **Game Four vs. TBD**

## *DAY 9 – DUBLIN - USA*

All good things must come to an end! This morning transfer to the airport to board your transatlantic jet returning you to the U.S.A. Arrive later this afternoon with many unforgettable memories.

# Tentative Hotel

## **Jurys Inn Galway**

Quay Street, Galway

T: +353 91 566444

Email: [jurysinngalway@jurysinns.com](mailto:jurysinngalway@jurysinns.com)

Located on the busy hub of Quay Street with a beautiful view overlooking Galway Bay, Jurys Inn Galway is perfectly situated in the heart of this historic city centre.



## **Cork - Hotel Montenotte**

Montenotte Hotel,

Middle Glanmire Road,

Montenotte, Cork City, Ireland

T: +353 21 453 0050

USA: 1800 618 5343 |

With fantastic city views, The Montenotte Hotel is just one mile from Cork city center. In a tranquil location, it offers spacious modern rooms, a pool and free parking.



## **Dublin - Fitzwilliam Dublin**

The Fitzwilliam Dublin Hotel,

St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

T: +353 1 478 7000|

E: [enq@fitzwilliamhotel.com](mailto:enq@fitzwilliamhotel.com)

Right at the beginning of Grafton Street, the city's main shopping avenue, on St. Stephen's Green, the main square, this really is the finest location for a hotel in Dublin city centre. Everything you could want – Dublin's best shops, restaurants, theatres, bars, museums and galleries



# About Global Sports Academy

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Global Sports Academy is a non-profit organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

Global Sports Academy ("GSA") has been participating in domestic and international competition since 1991. It was initially established to provide athletes overseas playing opportunities in Ice Hockey and it has grown to support a total of 12 different sports that compete in 25 different countries.

In 1991, the organization incorporated and received its 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status. As a not-for-profit organization its mission is to create and arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels internationally. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is the major goal.

In 2008, in order to create a comprehensive organization, Pegasus 360 Sports was formed as a for-profit event manager so GSA would focus on its mission to raise funds to support the primary goals of:

## **"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"**

### **Tour Package Includes the Following:**

- Round trip airfare: USA Location – Ireland - USA Location
- Luggage: Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one 1 carry-on (backpack)
- All taxes (airline/road/hotel) and gratuities (see "Exclusions" below)
- 9 Days and 7 Nights
- Accommodations in 3 or 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms; (single room, additional charge)
  - 2 nights in Galway
  - 2 nights in Cork
  - 3 nights in Dublin
- Meal plan:
  - Daily buffet breakfast and daily dinner at hotel's restaurant\*\*
  - 4 Pre-game meals included at local restaurants or at hotel's restaurant
  - Farewell dinner at a local restaurant
- English speaking tour guide for entire stay
- Ground transportation as "a group" for entire tour while in Ireland
- ***4 friendly matches against local teams*** (with number of games to be agreed upon prior to leaving)

### **Exclusions:**

- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
- Admission to all attractions not specified in above inclusions

# Recommended Places to Visit/Things to do

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## Galway

- Kylemore Abbey & Walled Victorian Gardens (<http://www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie/>)
- Ashford Castle (<http://www.ashford.ie/>)
- Eyre Square (<http://www.eyresquarecentre.com/>)

## Cork

- Blarney Castle/Stone (<http://www.blarneycastle.ie/>)
- Jameson Whiskey Distillery (<http://www.cork-guide.ie/attractions/jhc.htm>)
- Saint Fin Barres Cathedral (<http://cathedral.cork.anglican.org/>)

## Dublin

- Guinness Factory (<http://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/Index.aspx>)
- Open Top Bus Tour (<http://www.dublinsightseeing.ie/citytour.aspx>)
- Temple Bar Area (<http://www.templebar.ie/>)