



**IRELAND TOUR 2008**

**Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Depart your International airport. Your tour director will be there to meet you when you arrive in Shannon, Ireland early the following morning

**Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning:** [Morning training session](#)

**Afternoon:** West Coast Excursion along Ireland's spectacular Atlantic coastline, driving to the 668-foot Cliffs of Moher. A scenic route across the limestone plateau of The Burren takes you to Galway, a vibrant city with a great seafaring tradition where you hear about the infamous Lynch Stone, commemorating the day Mayor James Lynch Fitzstephen hanged his son for murder

**Evening:** Enjoy a traditional tea in the 150-year-old thatched farmhouse

**Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning:** Breakfast in the hotel

**Afternoon:** Cross the Kerry Mountains and through County Cork to Blarney, renowned for its magical Stone of Eloquence. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. Proceed via Cork to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings, and look forward to a visit to the world-famous WATERFORD CRYSTAL FACTORY.

**Evening:** **GAME 1**

**Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**FULL DAY GUIDED TOUR OF DUBLIN**

**Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning:** [Breakfast in the hotel followed by a tactical session](#)

**Afternoon:** **GAME 2**

**Evening:** Return to the hotel for dinner

**Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning:** [Training session with a professional academy coach](#)

Breakfast in the hotel followed by some relaxation time.

**Afternoon:** An afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and past St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit Oscar Wilde's TRINITY COLLEGE, famous for the 1,200-year-old Book of Kells and the magnificent Old Library.

**Evening:** Evening activities in Dublin

**Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Morning:** Free morning

**Afternoon:** An exciting agenda today: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca; the Wicklow Mountains; the Glendalough VISITOR CENTER with its fascinating audiovisual show "Ireland of the Monasteries," and its ruins of a center of Irish Christianity founded by St. Kevin

**Evening:** **GAME 3**

**Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**SUPERVISED FREE DAY IN DUBLIN**

**Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Morning/Afternoon:** Head into Dublin for some last minute sightseeing, or relax by the pool in preparation for this evening's final game

**Evening:** **Game 4 and post game meal with opposition followed by tour closing ceremony**

**Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Travel back to the airport for the return flight home full of memories of your amazing Ireland experience

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## TOUR BENEFITS:

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- 3 GUEST SESSIONS FROM ACADEMY COACH
- 2 MEALS PER DAY BREAKFAST AND DINNER
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