



QUEST SPORTS TRAVEL

# Aquatic Sports Institute Water Polo



**Scotland & Ireland**  
**June 12th - June 20th, 2012**

## Tour Inclusions

### (A) LOGISTICAL SERVICES

- Round trip TransAtlantic flights on regularly scheduled airlines (including departure tax / fuel surcharge allowance)
- Inter-European airfare and taxes
- 7 nights accommodation in 3/4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms
- 8 days ground transportation in a private motor coach
- 8 days service by a Full-Time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager
- 7 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners
- Group Travel Insurance

### (B) WATER POLO RELATED SERVICES

- 3 competitive water-polo matches against local club teams
- Facilities for 2 training sessions

### (C) SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES

- Sightseeing around Loch Lomond
- Introductory tour of Edinburgh
- Sightseeing in Stirling
- Introductory tour of Dublin
- Sightseeing in the Dublin Suburbs of Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey and Killiney
- Day Excursion to County Wicklow



## Tour Exclusions

- Airline departure tax and fuel surcharge above allowance
- Lunches
- Beverages (soda) with meals
- Single room upgrades
- Gratuities for Tour Manager
- Attractions not specified above



# Daily Itinerary

## DAY 1: TUESDAY 12th JUNE, 2012

- Depart Miami International Airport at 5:25 p.m. on British Airways flight #206 to London Heathrow International Airport



A concert below Edinburgh Castle



Dusk over Edinburgh

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE, 2012

- Arrive in London at 6:40 a.m. and transfer to British Airways flight #1438 to Edinburgh International Airport, departing at 9:45 a.m.
- Arrive in **Edinburgh** at 11:05 a.m. where our full time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager meets the group to transfer by private motor coach for an introductory tour of **Edinburgh** - the Scottish capital has an almost fairy-tale setting with its imposing castle high on one hill. Built on ancient volcanoes and first established because of its secure and defensible position, Edinburgh is compact and tidy and is more of a big town than a small city. Maybe *opt* to tour the Castle or stroll through the charming Old Town, along the Royal Mile that is lined with shops from the Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse (the Queen's local home)
- Later **check in** to an area hotel for a 2 night stay in twin bedded rooms
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



Pristine Loch Lomond



Stirling Castle



Stirling's Old Town

## DAY 3: THURSDAY 14th JUNE, 2012

- After breakfast transfer to a local pool for **practice** with the ASI coaching staff
- After practice travel across Scotland to explore the majestic **Loch Lomond**, the longest stretch of freshwater in Scotland
- Travel to **Balloch** the most touristy of the villages around the lake then continue along the western side of the Loch to the traditional village of **Luss** to wander among its stone cottages on the water's edge and pick up some traditional Scottish souvenirs in its stores
- Return to Edinburgh for dinner this evening

## DAY 4: FRIDAY 15th JUNE, 2012

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and depart to explore nearby historic **Stirling** - With winding cobblestone streets, the old town clings to the slopes beneath its castle and the fairy-tale history of the region includes the Wallace (Braveheart) Monument and Bannockburn Heritage Centre, home of Robert the Bruce's victory over the English
- Lunch on your own then transfer to the **first friendly match** of the tour against a local club
- After the game check in to a Glasgow airport area hotel for a 1 night stay
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



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Dublin on the River Liffey



Dublin seen from Dún Laoghaire



Dalkey Beach

## DAY 5: SATURDAY 16th JUNE, 2012

- Early check out and departure on British Airways flight #2953 to London Gatwick International Airport, departing at 06:45 a.m.
- Arrive in London at 8:15 a.m. and transfer to Aer Lingus flight #237 to Dublin International Airport, departing at 12:50 p.m.
- Arrive in **Dublin** at 2:10 p.m. and transfer for an **introductory tour** of the Irish capital - Wandering the Georgian streets is one of the great pleasures of any visit here. One minute you're walking along on a quiet leafy street, and suddenly the Irish Parliament appears before you. A few minutes later it's gorgeous Merrion Square and then the granite buildings of Trinity College, home of the world famous Book of Kells
- **Check in** to a Dublin hotel for a 4 night stay in twin bedded rooms then transfer to a local pool for **practice** with the ASI coaching staff
- Dinner at the hotel this evening

## DAY 6: SUNDAY 17th JUNE, 2012

- After breakfast depart to explore Dublin's suburbs - the bustling harbor town of **Dún Laoghaire**, and upscale seaside towns of **Dalkey** and **Killiney** have been collectively nicknamed "Bel Eire" for their beauty and for the density of Irish celebrity residents. Dún Laoghaire has lots of shopping, a long promenade and a bucolic park. Killiney has a picturesque, cliff-backed expanse of beach. Pretty little Dalkey is a heritage town with two tiny castle towers, a lovely medieval streetscape, and lots of charming pubs, gourmet restaurants, and little boutiques.
- Lunch on your own then transfer to the **second friendly match** of the tour against a local club
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



Wicklow's Glenmacnass River



Dublin's City Hall at night



## DAY 7: MONDAY 18th JUNE, 2012

- Breakfast at the hotel then depart for a full day excursion to **County Wicklow**
- Begin in the sweet harbor town of **Greystones**, from where a raised granite ridge runs through the county, peaking at two of the highest mountain passes in Ireland - the Sally Gap and the Wicklow Gap. Stroll the well-marked **Wicklow Way** walking path, past mountain tarns and secluded glens. Also take in the picturesque villages of **Roundwood, Laragh, and Aghrim**.
- Return to Dublin for dinner at the hotel

## DAY 8: TUESDAY 19th JUNE, 2012

- Breakfast at the hotel and a free morning in the Irish capital - the best way to discover **Dublin** is on a Big Green Bus Tour that operates on a hop-on, hop-off basis, connecting 10 major points of interest, including museums, art galleries, churches and cathedrals, libraries, and historic sites.
- Also, be sure to spend time shopping along Grafton Street, Ireland's 5th Avenue
- Lunch on your own then transfer to the tour's **third friendly match** against a local club
- Dinner at the hotel and free time this evening

## DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE, 2012

- Early check out and departure for Dublin International Airport for the return journey to the United States
- Depart Dublin at 9:50 a.m. on Aer Lingus flight #158 to London Heathrow International Airport, arriving in London at 11:10 a.m.
- Transfer in London to British Airways flight #209 to Miami International Airport, departing at 1:35 p.m. and arriving in Miami at 5:40 p.m.