

GALWAY Cup 2014



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Destination	Galway, on Ireland's West Coast
Dates	Depart Boston Sunday 03 August – Return Monday 11 August 2014
Housing	Corrib Village, our roost during the Cup, is a 15 minute walk through campus to centre city.
Meals	Breakfast will be in the dorm kitchens, lunch and dinners a mix of dorm, and downtown fine restaurants and pubs in Galway.
Transport	Flights to/from USA, motor coach to/from Galway, and shuttles to/from the Drom tournament site. Daily transport involves walking (yes, it is a means of transport!), taxis, and shuttles depending on weather.
The Program	Has evolved from 30 years of feedback and football travel experience. Each player will return with an improved attitude and approach to competition, training, and teamwork...tools which ultimately help performances. The team, staff, and people met along the way all contribute to making this a lasting experience. Much more than a series of matches, plane and bus rides.
Itinerary	<p>The Football: No easing into a contest over there...the Irish, English, or Scot opponents will be coming right at you from the first whistle (yet are the first to offer a hand to help you up). Americans have produced decent results, and come away with a new understanding of what it means to concentrate for an entire match. Get to know opponents over tea or a meal...a highlight that adds to the football experience.</p> <p>The Culture: Galway City is over 1,000 years old, and you'll experience a mix of the "city" and relaxed Irish pace of life. Martin Ridge's colourful round Galway walkabout includes the renovated waterfront, the Claddagh (now famous for it's ring), St Nicholas (built 1300), and sites dating from 900AD to present. It's an old market city and seaport, full of small shops, lively street buskers, musicians, and international visitors. You may find yourself saying "Slainte" or "Dia Dhuit" on your return!</p>
References	We have 30 years of them, would be glad to put you in touch with former travelers or contacts on either side of the big pond.
Orientation	Includes information on what to pack, money exchange, local customs, geography, player's responsibilities and what to expect of staff. Special needs or interests can be reviewed to help make the most of your experience. Plan is to get team together a couple days before departure.
Medical	Forms and contact information will be collected; parents will have contact phone, fax, and email addresses should we have to be reached.
Passports	Yes, passports are required of Americans traveling into Ireland.
Player Feedback	<p>"...Communication, responsibility...hard work, I hadn't realized how much more concentration can be put into playing with others...feel more mature, in control."</p> <p>"...Team really came together in a short time. I feel more comfortable meeting and dealing with new people now; level of competition really opened my eyes, learned what it takes to prepare for it."</p> <p>"We were treated like guests, rather than tourists; a great time, hard work, staff had a good sense of humour and still kept things under control."</p>
Who We Are	Tom Johnson, Director, is a USSF "A" level coach; NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, past ODP staff, attended Dutch, Canadian, and English coaching courses; has traveled with teams in North & South America, Britain, Ireland, and the Continent, since 1978.
Expenses	All inclusive, will be \$3,000.00 USD; airfare, ground, meals, tourney, tours. Deposit, payable with check, PayPal (credit card): \$350.00 Balance of payments due through May.



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