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# Zenith Soccer Tours Introduction


Zenith Soccer Tours is a premier soccer tour agency providing players and teams of varying ages and abilities with an unforgettable footballing experience. Football is more than a game: it has the power to provide youngsters with all-important life experiences to help them fulfil their true potential, on and off the pitch.


Experience football in the country that invented the beautiful game.




# Tour Highlights


 Stay and train at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, home to British Olympic athletes and world-class training facilities.

 At the end of the week we will aim to play in a 4 team tournament involving 1 team from a professional academy.

 Learn from top quality coaches who have experience coaching with Premier League academies.

 Watch a Premier League team play and train.

 Day trip to London to experience the sights and sounds of one of the world's most culturally diverse and vibrant cities.

 Stadium tour of one of London's premier footballing venues.





# About Me

My name is Rob Gier and I am captain of the Philippines National Football Team. I established Zenith Soccer Tours with the aim of providing players and teams, whatever their abilities, an elite life experience that they will never forget.

Having been a professional footballer in the UK for over 12 years, I have played in leagues ranging from the Championship to the Football Conference, in addition to amassing more than 60 international caps for the Philippines. I have my Level 2 coaching licence with plans to earn my UEFA B licences in the near future. I have been lucky enough to play with - and against - many top international players throughout my career and I have also learnt from excellent head coaches on how to - and how not to - coach.

I can honestly say that the experiences I have had playing football in different countries has helped mould me as a player and as a person. Encountering different ways of life and cultures has helped me focus on what I believe is important and I believe anyone can benefit from exposure to such experiences.

Football is a universal sport that has the power to bring the world closer together. As a child, I would have loved nothing more than exploring the world and playing football with my friends. That is what I am aiming to achieve with Zenith Soccer Tours.

I hope to see you on one of our camps soon as I am confident it will be an experience you will never forget.



# Bisham Abbey Introduction

Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre perfectly combines hundreds of years of British history with a state of the art sporting facility. In addition to the 800-year-old abbey, once home to English aristocracy, there is a newly redeveloped site where the sporting facilities stand.

- Facilities include:
- Great Hall.
- On site restaurant - The Engine Room.
- Cafe - Refuel
- Warwick room.
- Seven meeting and conferencing rooms.
- Bar/outdoor terrace area - for marquee events and BBQ's.
- Riverside lawn.
- En-suite bedrooms



# Bisham Abbey Football Facilities



Bisham Abbey boasts three state-of-the-art, world class football pitches which are frequently used by professional, national and international teams as well as local clubs and colleges.

## Desso Pitch:

A world class playing surface representing a precise replica of the Wembley pitch - in terms of both dimensions and playing surface. The pitch is recommended by FIFA and used by the top European football clubs including Liverpool, Manchester City, Internazionale, and AC Milan.

- Footwear: Moulds, studs or blades only.

## 3G Pitch:

A UEFA standard third generation playing surface with a long piled tufted carpet featuring rubber and sand infill. The 3G pitch provides maximum comfort under foot, exceptional ball bounce as well as superb ball roll and control.

- Footwear: Rubber moulds, rubber blades or astroturf trainers only.

## Grass Pitch:

A high standard natural grass pitch being developed to recognised UEFA standards.

- Footwear: Moulds, studs or blades.





# Bisham Abbey Sports Facilities



Bisham Abbey caters for more sports than just football. More British Olympic medallists at London 2012 trained at Bisham Abbey than any other training venue in the UK.

The sports facilities at Bisham include:

- Three FA standard grass pitches
- A £1.2 million international synthetic hockey pitch
- A fully equipped elite strength and conditioning facility
- 90-station fitness suite with cardio and free weights and full fitness class timetable
- Dance studio
- Two squash courts
- Twelve tennis courts: Four indoor, four outdoor clay courts, four outdoor acrylic courts.
- Nine hole golf course
- Sauna and steam room
- Indoor and outdoor changing facilities
- Abbey Clinic (sports rehabilitation)
- Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School
- A sports therapy performance centre which enables elite level sports science and medicine services to be provided on site



# Bisham Abbey Accommodation

Having recently undergone a £7 million redevelopment, all work on the new accommodation block has now been completed, providing Bisham Abbey with 50 twin en-suite rooms (convertible to doubles) for visiting athletes and teams.



Each new bedroom includes:

- A television
- Complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.
- A selection of rooms are specially adapted for disabled guests.
- Wireless internet access is also available for all resident guests.
- Use of the gym is free during your stay.





# Bisham Abbey Catering

The dining options at Bisham Abbey are extensive and designed with guests in mind. Delicious cooked breakfasts, light bites and a wide range of delicious lunches and dinner menus using only the freshest ingredients, there is something special for everyone at Bisham Abbey.

Bisham Abbey provides a wide range of English Institute of Sport nutritionally approved menus for on-site elite users. The on-site restaurant, The Engine Room provides balanced meals for all guests. Complementing the restaurant, is the on-site café, Refuel. The café provides a range of Costa Coffee beverages and fresh juices.

Menus are tailored to meet the needs of athletes to ensure optimum performance.

The catering is accredited to the Red Tractor, food assurance scheme, which covers production standards developed by experts on safety, hygiene, animal welfare and the environment



# Example Itinerary



	Day 1 Sunday	Day 2 Monday	Day 3 Tuesday	Day 4 Wednesday	Day 5 Thursday	Day 6 Friday	Day 7 Saturday	Day 8 Sunday
8am	Arrival at London Heathrow Airport  Collection at the airport and bus transfer directly to Bisham Abbey	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am	Breakfast 8-9am
9am		Training session 10 – 12pm	Training session 10-12pm	Day excursion to London and football stadium tour	Trip to Professional team training ground	4 team tournament vs professional academies	Fun training – Coaches & parents vs the players	Depart for Manila
10am								
11am								
12pm								
1pm		Lunch 1 – 2pm	Lunch 1 – 2pm		Lunch 1 – 2pm	Lunch 1 – 2pm		
2pm		Free time	Game vs FAB Academy					
3pm								
4pm	Welcome drinks, introduction meeting. Bisham Abbey Tour	Training session 4 – 6pm	Possible trip to see a live game – Dinner off site	Dinner 6 -7pm	4 team tournament vs professional academies	Watch a Premier League team – 3pm kick off		
5pm								
6pm								
7pm	Dinner 7-8pm	Dinner 7-8pm followed by fun evening activity	Dinner 8 – 9pm	Indoor futsal games 7-8:30pm	Dinner 7-8pm followed by fun evening activity	Dinner 7 – 8pm		
8pm								
9pm	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Presentation evening		
10pm								

# Day Excursion to London

One day during the week we will pack the balls away and change our football boots for sneakers as we take the players on a memorable trip in to London, the country's capital. Our day trips are constantly changing but we guarantee to take in all the famous London landmarks, have a stroll along the River Thames and, if we're lucky, get a few photos taken with the Queens Guards.



## Other attractions and places to visit include:

- The EDF London Eye
- The world famous London Natural History Museum
- The Tower of London and its ceremonial guardians, the Beefeaters.
- Windsor Castle
- Buckingham Palace
- Madame Tussauds - wax work museum.
- St Pauls Cathedral.
- Big Ben and the houses of Parliament

\*Please note some of these attractions will come at an extra cost.





# Footballing Excursions

## Stadium Visit:

During their stay the players can also look forward to a tour of one of the premier footballing venues the capital has to offer. Go behind the scenes, where few members of the public ever go, to see the changing room, players' tunnel, dug outs, and press conference room, just make sure you take as many photos as possible as this will be a day you will never forget

- Wembley Stadium:

Home of the England national football team. 90,000 capacity.

- Emirates Stadium:

Home of Arsenal Football Club. 60,272 capacity.

- Stamford Bridge:

Home of Chelsea Football Club. 41,798, capacity.



# Footballing Excursions

## Match Day Tickets:

No trip would be complete without actually getting to watch some top quality live football action and during every camp we will aim to see at least one live football match. Nothing compares to watching your heroes play live in front of your very own eyes, it is only then that you get to experience the technical skill and speed of today's top players. Obviously this all depends on the time tables of the teams during your stay but we always try to see one of the top teams in the area, and we are fortunate that we have some of the best teams in Europe on our doorstep. \*

## Training Ground Visit:

To try and get the players even closer to their idols we endeavour to go and visit the training ground of a local professional team. The players will have the opportunity to see how top flight professionals train, what drills they do in practice, and what is required to be the best. This really is a once in a life time opportunity and we do everything we can to make this happen during your stay. \*



\* unfortunately we cannot guarantee all the excursions as the clubs timetables will vary from day to day.

# What's included:

## Below are the fees which includes the following:

- Return (round trip) economy airfare from Manila – London.
- Transfers to and from the airport in the UK.
- Zenith Soccer Tours uniform and sports bag.
- 7 nights accommodation at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.
- Full Board – breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Use of the various facilities on offer at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.
- Full 7 days training
- All games vs similar age groups including 4 team tournament, plus transport to and from the venue.
- Day trip to London, including transport, entry in to London museums, and packed lunch.
- Fun evening activities program.
- Tickets and travel to a live game. \*
- Training ground visit. \*
- All visa fees.

**Total Package price – PHP 180,000**

\*All subject to availability and the fixture list at the time of the camp.

## Not included:

- Pocket Money (for any additional food/drink, souvenirs etc. the players may want)
- Entry to Madame Tussauds, The London Eye etc. – current prices for these activities will be outlined in the welcome pack where you can decide to opt in or out of the listed events
- Stadium Tour – current prices for the available tours during your tour dates will be included in the welcome pack.
- Personal injury and travel insurance – as already mentioned, this is to be arranged by the parent /guardian prior to travel.



# FAQ:

## 1. Visas.

Depending on your nationality you may need to arrange a visa to enter the UK and we will help you do this. If you live in the Philippines and only have a Filipino passport then you will need to apply for a UK visa. We will help you process with this and an organised trip to the DFA in Manila, including collection and drop off will take place at an arranged time where all visas, biometrics etc. will be completed.

## 2. Can I travel with my child?

Yes of course you can. The package price will remain the same as you will also be staying on site at Bisham Abbey and you will also enjoy all the activities too. We will even arrange a few 'parents/guardian nights' where the adults can enjoy an evening out together.

## 3. What happens if I can't travel with my child?

Once in the UK we will make sure your child is in safe hands. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us and we take this very seriously. We always have a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 5 children at all times and all the relevant DSWD forms (Philippines only) and approvals will be completed prior to departure.

We will all meet at the airport where Zenith Soccer Tours staff will be present and we will then take responsibility for the care and protection of your child for the duration of the tour. Once in the UK we will provide the children with access to call home every day via skype should they wish to.

## 4. Are you insured?

Yes. The company is fully insured with public liability insurance cover. We use a reputable flight agency when booking flights who are ATOL protected meaning that all money used to pay for flights is fully protected. The child's personal travel insurance will also cover each child individually which is why it is a requirement of Zenith Soccer Tours that all children attending our tours have travel insurance in place before we travel.

## 5. Do you provide travel insurance?

We strongly advise you to arrange this yourself as getting the right cover for your child is something personal to you. One parent may want additional cover in a certain area so this is why we recommend it be dealt with by the parent/guardian, however if necessary we will of course help you with this process if you wish.

**It is a requirement of Zenith Soccer Tours that all children be fully insured and all travel insurance be in place before we travel, otherwise the child will not be allowed to come.**

## 6. Child Welfare

As company director I am fully DBS (formerly CRB - Child protection Bureau) cleared. All our coaches currently work in academies so they are also fully checked and cleared to work with children, adhering to the UK's strict child welfare policies. Any additional staff members will also go through a rigorous screening process to ensure they meet the high standards set by Zenith Soccer Tours.

## 7. How will we know what extra activities will take place and how much will they cost?

The day excursions and activities are constantly changing, sometimes due to outside influences such as club timetables etc. Prior to departure, your welcome pack will provide a list of the possible activities and how much they will cost. You will need to check which activities you would be happy for your child to attend and we will endeavour to accommodate this, taking into account the preferences of the other tour attendees. If you decide that you did not want your child to go along to the extra activity then we will aim to arrange something else either on site at Bisham Abbey or off-site that does not involve additional cost.

## 8. Why don't you publish the tour cost on the website?

Our tours are bespoke and will vary from one tour to the next so it is difficult to post exact prices online. We also have clients that come from all over the world, for example, some from Europe and some from as far away as Asia. There are many variable costs involved such as travel and visa expenses etc., so this is why we will tailor your package to suit your needs.

Please feel free to contact us and we will happily build your perfect soccer tour.

# Contact Details:

If you would like to book for our 2015 soccer tour please contact us at [info@zenith-soccertours.co.uk](mailto:info@zenith-soccertours.co.uk).

You can also check out our website [www.zenith-soccertours.co.uk](http://www.zenith-soccertours.co.uk) and follow the links to the 'contact us' page where we will answer any queries and take any bookings.

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis so to ensure your child is part of this unforgettable experience contact us without delay to ensure their participation.



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