



Winston Churchill HS

Holland, Belgium and Germany

July 28th - August 8th 2005

Day 1: Thursday 28th July 2005

- Depart Washington Dulles International Airport at 4:38 p.m. on Delta Airlines flight #5216 to New York JFK International Airport (arrive no later than 2:00 p.m. with tickets and passports)
- Arrive in New York at 6:07 p.m. and transfer to Delta Airlines flight #140, departing at 7:45 p.m.

Day 2: Friday 29th July 2005

- Arrive at Brussels International Airport at 9:10 a.m. where our bilingual Harvard Sports International full time Tour Escort meets the group to transfer by private motor coach for a guided tour of the Belgian capital
- One of the continent's most cosmopolitan cities, Brussels is also being transformed into the capital of Europe
- Visit the Old Town, Market Place, Royal Palace, Basilica and the Mannequin Pis, one of the most famous statues in the world, and have lunch on your own in the Grand Place (pictured)
- This afternoon travel through the beautiful Belgian countryside to the town of Valkenburg south eastern Holland to check in to the Hotel Vonken for an 8 night stay
- Later, transfer to the astroturf field of a local hockey club for training from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 3: Saturday 30th July 2005



- Breakfast at the hotel then return to the training fields for a clinic with Dutch KNHB certified trainer Mr. Pim Van Dartselaar (8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.). Pim will handle all training and game coaching during the stay in The Netherlands
- After practice depart to visit the American Cemetery at Margraten, an area donated to the American people as testament to our sacrifices during World War II
- From Margraten continue to Maastricht, the oldest city in Holland. Situated on the River Maas, it was founded by the Romans over 2000 years ago as a vital link between Gaul (France) and Germania. It has since been ruled by the Franks, French, Spanish, Burgundians and Germans
- Lunch on your own and free time to discover Maastricht's Roman ruins and quaint shopping areas
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 4: Sunday 31st July 2005

- After breakfast return to the training fields with our professional clinician (8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)
- Return to the hotel and enjoy lunch on your own
- Transfer this afternoon to a wonderful team bonding experience at an Adventure Day in the Valkenburg Caves. Enter the underground labyrinth of former coal mine tunnels and enjoy as instructors assist in activities including mountain biking, rock climbing and spelunking (pot-holing)
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 5: Monday 1st August 2005

- Breakfast at the hotel then morning practice with our KNHB trainer (9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)
- After training return to the hotel for lunch on your own and a free afternoon - maybe opt to take the Quik Rail service to Maastricht for some extra souvenir shopping
- Enjoy an early dinner at the hotel at 5:00 p.m.
- Return to the training fields this evening for another session with the professional clinician (7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)
- Free evening at the hotel

Day 6: Tuesday 2nd August 2005

- After breakfast cross the border into Germany to visit Cologne (pictured). The largest city in the Rhineland, WWII bombing unearthed previously unknown evidence of Cologne's importance in the Roman, early Christian and Medieval worlds. The legacy is best preserved in Cologne's Cathedral, the world's largest gothic structure
- Free time to discover the bustling city of Cologne before transferring to Königswinter to meet a Rhine River Cruiser (pictured)
- Board the steamer to Remagen where the motor coach meets the group to return to Valkenburg
- Dinner at the hotel and free evening



Day 7: Wednesday 3rd August 2005 Game 1

- After breakfast return to the training fields for a session with the professional clinician from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m
- Lunch on your own then return to Germany this afternoon to visit Aachen. Colonized by the Romans 2000 years ago as a spa town, Aachen became the home of Charlemagne, the legendary 8th Century King of the Franks and the Holy Roman Empire!
- Enjoy a guided tour of Aachen, including the Cathedral and City Hall which have dominated the city since Charlemagne.
- Free time to discover the quaint streets and stores of Aachen - be sure to try the 'Printen' a nationally renown confectionary similar to gingerbread coated in chocolate
- Return to Valkenburg for a pre-game dinner before the first game of the tour this evening
- **Game 1: Winston Churchill HS vs. HC Blerick (8:00 p.m.)**
- Return to the hotel



Day 8: Thursday 4th August 2005

- After breakfast transfer to the final training session with our Dutch coach (8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)
- Return to the hotel and enjoy lunch on your own
- Depart this afternoon to visit the German town of Liège
- Free time to explore fervent, lively Liège. Known as 'La Cité Ardente' (the Passionate City) Liège has always had an independent spirit. Its 12th-century charter decreed that the 'pauvre homme en sa maison est roi' (the poor man in his home is king) - an attitude that is still vividly alive in Liège today
- Return to Valkenburg for dinner at the hotel and a free evening



Day 9: Friday 5th August 2005 Game 2

- After breakfast transfer to a local water park to spend the day enjoying the Dutch summer (admission included)
- Return to the hotel for a pre-game meal at 4:30 p.m.
- Game 2: Winston Churchill HS vs. HC Kerkrade (7:00 p.m.)
- Return to the hotel



Day 10: Saturday 6th August 2005 Game 3

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and head north towards the Dutch capital, Amsterdam
- En-route travel to Abcoude for the final game of the tour
- Game 3: Winston Churchill HS vs. HC Abcoude (2 p.m.)
- After the game continue to Amsterdam and enjoy dinner in a pre-selected restaurant
- Transfer to Lisse and check in to the Hotel De Nachtegaal for a 2 night stay

Day 11: Sunday 7th August 2005

- After breakfast return to Amsterdam and enjoy a novel and entertaining guided tour of the city with Mike's Bike Tours. Discover the elaborate system of canals and famous 17th Century leaning townhouses as you travel the only way the locals know how.
- Free time for lunch on your own and to explore Amsterdam - opt to visit the Anne Frank House, Rijks Museum, Van Gogh Museum, Rembrandthuis Museum, the Waterloopein flea market, or the floating flower market (not included)
- Dinner at a preselected restaurant in Amsterdam
- Return to the hotel for the final night in The Netherlands



Day 12: Monday 8th August 2005

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and transfer to Amsterdam Schipol International Airport for the return flight to the United States
- Depart Amsterdam at 11:00 a.m. on Delta Airlines flight #81 to New York JFK International Airport (Check all luggage through to Washington Dulles)
- Arrive in New York at 1:05 p.m. and transfer to Delta Airlines flight #5566 to Washington Dulles International Airport, departing at 2:30 p.m. and arriving in Washington at 4:01 p.m.





INCLUSIONS - 12 Days, 10 Nights

- Round trip airfare and taxes: Washington D.C. - Brussels - Amsterdam - Washington D.C.
- 10 nights accommodation in 3 Star hotels players in triple bedded rooms, staff and parents in doubles unless upgraded
 - 8 nights in Valkenburg in the Hotel Vonken
 - 2 nights in Lisse in the Hotel De Nachtegaal
- 2 meals daily - breakfast and lunch unless otherwise stated
- Full time bilingual Harvard Sports International Tour Escort
- All transfers by full time private motor coach
- 3 games against international opposition
- 7 training sessions with a professional clinician from the Dutch KNHB
- Adventure Day in the Valkenburg Caves
- Mike's Bike Tour of Amsterdam
- Rhine River Cruise
- Guided tour of Aachen
- Guided tour of Brussels
- Sightseeing in Maastricht
- Sightseeing in Cologne



EXCLUSIONS

- Personal Insurance
- Lunches
- Beverages (soda) with meals
- Gratuities for Tour Escort and Motor Coach driver
- Admission to attractions not stated in above 'Inclusions'