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EUROPE & UK 2015 TOUR

10 JUNE – 20 JULY 2015

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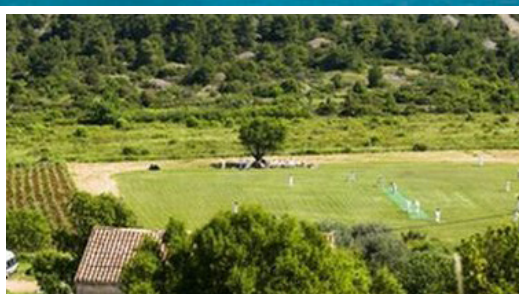
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London



Cricket at Vis



Cricket at Windsor

CROATIA

10-17 JUNE

The advance party will spend a relaxing week cruising on the Adriatic Sea from Dubrovnik to Split taking in the rugged, beautiful Croatian coastline with stops in idyllic destinations including Split, Hvar, Korcula and Mljet. This is the entrée to the main tour and is purely for recreation and having fun. Split is on the Adriatic's eastern shore and is a link to numerous Adriatic islands and the Apennine Peninsula. These small atolls of Hvar, Korcula and Mljet are covered in pine forests, vineyards, olive groves, fruit orchards and lavender fields with Hvar listed in the top 10 islands to be visited.



Our Cruise Boat



Dubrovnik Harbour

HUNGARY/ AUSTRIA

18-23 JUNE

The second entourage joins us in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Budapest. Hospitality plus will greet us here as we renew acquaintances with the members of the Hungarian Cricket Association. An evening dinner cruise on the majestic River Danube will be a highlight of this stay. Our opening cricket duties will see us join 4 or 5 other European teams in a "Spirit of Cricket" weekend in Hungary. From there it's off to spectacular Vienna and games against the Vienna CC after experiencing an afternoon exploring this romantic city of music and dreams. A lively evening in a traditional Viennese schnitzel and strudel restaurant, with our Austrian Crusader friends, will follow the cricket.



Hungary Cricket Ground



Seebarn - Austria

GERMANY/ SWITZERLAND

24-27 JUNE

From Vienna we venture to Munich and an evening at the Hofbrauhaus! This is a fun night as we mix oom-pa-pa with some good old fashioned Aussie beer drinking songs at the most famous beer hall in the world! Not quite karaoke but very close! A free day will see many in our group visit the world's most popular fairy-tale castle, Neuschwanstein, or the infamous Dachau, the sight of the Germany's first Nazi concentration camp or the music lovers might even take a two hour train trip to Salzburg, the home of Mozart. Then it's off to Zurich and games at Zuoz a small but spectacular village on the fringes of St. Moritz. Our Welsh and Dalmatian friends assure us this is a stunning region with spectacular views of the Alps!



Zurich



Zuoz, Switzerland

EDINBURGH

29 JUNE - 4 JULY

Our rear echelon joins us in Edinburgh which may well be a country in its own right by the time we arrive. Just between you and me the Scots already believe they are just that, they just haven't told their southern neighbours! Scottish hospitality will be overwhelming if last visits are any indication. Games at both Greenock and Grange cricket clubs will be hard fought both on and off the field with possibly a couple of late night bashes and bagpipes in the offing! Edinburgh is a very beautiful city with the Scots being first class hosts whilst the view of the castle, as you enter the city, is quite spectacular! The nearby village of St. Andrews with its famous Golf Course and University will give us the chance to wander around this charming and primeval Scottish hamlet.



Grange CC



Edinburgh Castle

From Scotland we mosey into a more traditional and familiar cricketing region, England, commencing in Nottinghamshire, where we are making our Crusaders debut. A small party went to Nottingham on last tour and had a sensational time watching the First Ashes Test and fellow Crusader Ashton Agar stand tall with a 98, which saved us from complete embarrassment. Boy how things change in a couple of years! We look forward to making new friends at clubs we will be playing for the first time. This is always an exciting aspect of a Crusader tour, as we discover quaint village grounds with colourful histories.

After Notts it's down to London and Brentford with a string of traditional games at historic venues including a finale at Sir Michael Parkinson's home club. For the adventurous ones, a two hour train trip from Paddington to Cardiff Central will get you to the First Test in Wales and the picturesque Sophia Gardens Cricket Ground. A few days in the heart of London and the Second Test at Lords will draw the curtains on this "not to be missed" tour!



Royal Household CC

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DAY 1	Part 1 Croatia	Wed 10 June	Group 1 Depart Melbourne		
DAY 2	Part 1 Croatia	Thu 11 June	Arrive Dubrovnik	Free Morning	Tour of Dubrovnik
DAY 3	Part 1 Cruise	Fri 12 June	Cruise in Adriatic Sea	Relax and smell roses	
DAY 4	Part 1 Cruise	Sat 13 June	Cruise in Adriatic Sea	Relax and smell roses	
DAY 5	Part 1 Cruise	Sun 14 June	Cruise in Adriatic Sea	Relax and smell roses	
DAY 6	Part 1 Cruise	Mon 15 June	Cruise in Adriatic Sea	Relax and smell roses	
DAY 7	Part 1 Cruise	Tue 16 June	Cruise in Adriatic Sea	Relax and smell roses	
DAY 8	Part 1 Croatia	Wed 17 June	Split	Free day	
	Part 2	Wed 17 June	Group 2 Depart Melbourne		
DAY 9	Part 2 Hungary	Thu 18 June	Travel to Budapest via Zagreb - Dep. 8.30 AM		
DAY 10	Part 2 Hungary	Fri 19 June	Budapest	Evening Cruise and Dinner	Hungarian Cricket Assn
DAY 11	Part 2 Hungary	Sat 20 June	Budapest	Games - Spirit of Cricket 6 A-Side	
DAY 12	Part 2 Hungary	Sun 21 June	Budapest	Games - Spirit of Cricket 6 A-Side	
DAY 13	Part 2 Austria	Mon 22 June	Travel to Vienna Dep. 8.30	3 hour bus trip	PM tour of Vienna
DAY 14	Part 2 Austria	Tue 23 June		Game - Vienna	CC Austrian Dinner
DAY 15	Part 2 Germany	Wed 24 June	Travel to Munich	3 hour bus trip	PM tour of Munich
DAY 16	Part 2 Germany	Thu 25 June		Free day	Night at Hofbrauhaus
DAY 17	Part 2 Switzerland	Fri 26 June	Travel to Zurich		PM tour of Zurich
DAY 18	Part 2 Switzerland	Sat 27 June	Group 3 Depart Melbourne	Game - Zuoz CC	Close to St. Moritz
DAY 19	Part 2 Switzerland	Sun 28 June		Game - Zurich CC	
DAY 20	Part 3 Scotland	Mon 29 June	Depart 7 AM Switzerland - Edinburgh	PM Training	Crusader Dinner #2 Carvery - Edinburgh
DAY 21	Part 3 Scotland	Tue 30 June		Game - TBA	Game TBC
DAY 22	Part 3 Scotland	Wed 1 July		Edinburgh Game – Greenock CC	Game Confirmed
DAY 23	Part 3 Scotland	Thu 2 July		Edinburgh Game – Grange CC	Game TBC
DAY 24	Part 3 Scotland	Fri 3 July		Edinburgh/St. Andrews Game 5PM 20/20 vs St. Andrews Uni	Tour St Andrews Uni, and Golf Course
DAY 25	Part 3 England	Sat 4 July	Dep. 8.30 AM Edinburgh- Nottingham		Crusaders Lunch #3 Carvery - Harrogate
DAY 26	Part 3 England	Sun 5 July	Nottingham	Game - Duchess of Rutland?	Game TBC
DAY 27	Part 3 England	Mon 6 July	Nottingham	Game - Repton Pilgrims?	Game TBC

DAY 28	Part 3 England	Tue 7 July	Nottingham	Game - TBA	Game TBC
DAY 29	Part 3 England	Wed 8 July	Nottingham	Game - TBA	Game TBC
DAY 30	Part 3 England	Thu 9 July	Brentford	Game - TBA	Game TBC
DAY 31	Part 3 England	Fri 10 July	Brentford	Game - MCC	Game TBC
DAY 32	Part 3 England	Sat 11 July	Brentford	Game - Windsor Great Park	Game TBC
DAY 33	Part 3 England	Sun 12 July	Brentford	Game - Royal Household CC	Game confirmed
DAY 34	Part 3 England	Mon 13 July	Brentford	Game - Duke of Norfolk XI	Game TBC
	Part 3 England	Mon 13 July	Brentford	Game - Arundel CC	Game TBC
DAY 35	Part 3 England	Tue 14 July	Brentford	Game - Old Wilsonian's CC	
DAY 36	Part 3 England	Wed 15 July		Game - Sir Michael Parkinson's XI	Game confirmed
DAY 37	Part 4 England	Thu 16 July	London	Game - Hurlingham Club (TBA) or Free Day	(Day 1 Lords Test (10 tickets) Crusaders Dinner #4 Farewell Dinner
DAY 38	Part 4 England	Fri 17 July	London	Free Day	Day 2 Lords Test (20 tickets)
DAY 39	Part 4 England	Sat 18 July	London	Free Day	Day 3 Lords Test (10 tickets)
DAY 40	Part 4 England	Sun 19 July	Depart for Melbourne	Free Day	Day 4 Lords Test

WHY COME ALONG?

The ideal Crusader tourist is a combination of a cricketer of some talent, a cricket nut, a food and wine enthusiast, a committed team person, a diplomat, family friendly, a traditionalist, a great ambassador for Australia and basically a good 'bloke or sheila!' With all this as a prerequisite, you may well ask how does Swan get a gig? – Well it's his baby and he makes the rules and he will give you a once in a lifetime experience!

Having said all that, I can assure you that Crusaders cricket tour is by far and away the best of any such tours leaving Australia with plenty of good cricket, oodles of sightseeing, an abundance of socialising and the chance to meet and rub shoulders with many great European and British cricket players, umpires and devotees. Talk to someone who's been on a tour and I'll bet "London to a Brick" that to a man (or woman) they will allocate such a tour, 11 out of 10!

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Crusaders on Tour



Balmoral Castle



Budapest