

## **XL Soccer Tours becomes official travel partner of FC Stars**

### **FC STARS TOUR OF ENGLAND 2018**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

FC Stars announced a partnership with XL Travel that will see the Soccer Tour provider become the official travel partner of the FC Stars. XL Soccer Tours provides soccer clubs, schools and colleges with the opportunity to travel the globe and immerse themselves in the worldwide 'football' phenomenon. XL has a staff with over 50 years of combined International soccer experience taking teams on world class tours almost anywhere in the world with the most popular destinations being Europe and Brazil. Their official partnerships in place with professional clubs allow teams to train, play and watch live games in their home stadiums.

XL Soccer Tours Director of Business Development, Nick Dunbar was delighted with the strategic link-up. "This is a very exciting new venture. The commitment that FC Stars is showing to Youth development through International travel, mirrors that of the European academies and is the core of our mission statement. This new partnership with the club is a perfect platform for us to promote our ever growing number of international Soccer Tours."

2018 will represent the first overseas tour for the club and as part of the schedule the players will get to experience playing against some top English Academy teams as well as train with coaches from top professional clubs and academies in England and even get to stay and train at St. George's Park the very same facility the England National teams use!

In addition to games and training we will be taking the group to watch two live games from the English Premier League with the option to possibly add mid-week European and English Championship games! Also included in this fantastic tour will be visits to the home of Manchester United and Liverpool as we take personal guided tours of their stadiums.

However, it's not just soccer as we will be taking a tour of London and seeing the famous sights such as Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London plus seeing famous castles and incredible walled cities, cobbled streets and even the home of Shakespeare. The hotels we stay in are going to be 4 star city center locations meaning parents have the chance to do their own sightseeing when the team is training. Breakfast and dinner is all taken care of as part of the tour cost meaning full English breakfasts available daily and group dinners every night. In addition we will have a luxury coach with us at all times to transport the group meaning we have flexibility to add extra events.

XL Sports Tours will be handling registrations, offer assistance in booking international flights, available to answer any questions and even offering a fantastic fundraising program to ensure every player can afford to go! To highlight what a great tour XL provides please watch the movie file at <https://vimeo.com/64761760> or for more information head to [www.xlsportstours.com](http://www.xlsportstours.com).

The schedule for the tour is attached and based on initial feedback we expect this tour to fill up as we have a limited number of spaces for players and parents. This is going to be an incredible event for everyone involved and a fantastic opportunity to further our players and coaches' soccer education and development.