



# UK Cricket Tours 2011

April - September

## Introduction

Welcome to SCCC UK Cricket Tours, specialising in trips to the North East of England. Tour groups can enjoy a hosted trip specifically tailored to suit their budget and requirements. Relax, arriving in the picturesque surroundings of Durham City for a min two week stay in the heart of one of England's oldest and most beautiful cities cast in the shadow of Durham's magnificent Cathedral.

Groups can look forward to fantastic sightseeing trips, hard fought cricket games, both 45 over daytime and evening 20/20 games played on turf grass pitches.

Coach led practice sessions complemented with video analysis for optimum player development, guest coaches / speakers, beach fitness sessions and plenty of time to see the local sights on your own in between. Players will be supplied with tour apparel and will have a welcome party upon their arrival and a team meal on their last night in England before their departure.

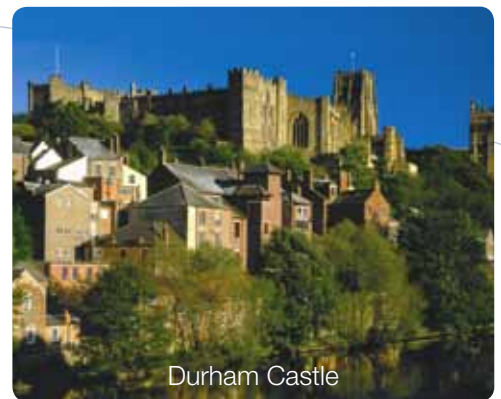


Durham Cathedral

## Durham City

Durham is a compact city yet offers a wide range of facilities. Many different shops, café's and restaurants co-exist happily with the Victorian Market. Much of Durham's shopping area is closed to traffic, making for a much more relaxed atmosphere and safer environment. The breath taking panoramic view of the Cathedral and Castle has been described as 'one of the finest architectural experiences of Europe' and together they are now designated a World Heritage Site.

Within minutes, it is possible to escape the bustle of this thriving market town by taking one of the many paths that lead down to the riverbanks. Watch the river for rowers from one of the university teams or take the 'Prince Bishop' river cruiser for a gentle trip along the river with stunning views.



Durham Castle

## Accommodation

Upon arrival at Newcastle Airport, the tour group will be collected by minibus and taken to their accommodation in the heart of Durham City. The seventeen seat minibus will stay with the group throughout their time in England and will be used for travel for all trips and fixtures. Players will room together in pairs and breakfast is included as part of their visit. From their rooms they will have the opportunity to take the short walk into the city centre during their free time.



Hotel Accommodation ★★★★★



## Your Host

During your time in England your trip will be hosted by Steve Chapman. Steve is the owner of the business and responsible for the day to day running of your trip. Prior to moving to Australia in recent years, Steve lived in the North East of England where he played professional cricket for many seasons, both in the recreational and the First Class game. Steve is a current ECB level III Coach and is much travelled from his playing and coaching experiences working with many current First Class and International cricketers as well as having vast experience of working with children. Steve will be with the group during the trip and on call constantly to help deal with any potential issues.

## Matches and Practice Sessions

Throughout your visit to the UK practice sessions and fixtures will be scheduled at regular intervals. Practice sessions will be led by Steve and will also be attended by overseas First Class or International professional cricketers who are currently playing in the area. Players will have the opportunity to practice, as well as play on turf grass pitches during their time in the UK to allow them every opportunity to experience cricket conditions on the other side of the world. Players will have the opportunity to be filmed at practice and their techniques analysed in a group tutorial at a later date.

Fixtures will be 45 over a side games or the much faster and more exciting 20 / 20 matches. Opposition teams will vary in standard as required for the touring side to ensure competitive fixtures. Schools, clubs, league representative or even County youth teams will provide tough opposition for the boys as they endeavour to develop their skills in the heat of battle. North East grounds in England are renowned for their beautiful settings, lightning fast outfielders and good batting wickets, perfect for high scoring games going late into the balmy summer evening.



Picturesque Grounds



Durham County Cricket Club

## Sightseeing and Daytrips

Outside of the cricket program lies a busy sightseeing schedule, ensuring every minute of your trip to England will be well spent. Tour groups will embark on a pilgrimage to the home of cricket – Lords Cricket Ground. There will be endless photo opportunities after their two hour tour of the ground facilities. As part of a two day trip to the capital, visits to Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and the awesome London Eye are awaiting your arrival. Throw in a boat ride on the Thames River and a trip around Tower Bridge to see the Crown Jewels and the holiday is off to a flier.. Phew!

Day long trips to Edinburgh and its famous castle, seaside trips to Blackpool with its iconic tower, and the fishing town of Whitby are included. Beamish Museum is one of England's finest and most respected attractions, showing how life in England existed in generations gone by – a must see to all visitors to the North East. Durham itself boasts some of the most beautiful landmarks in the country if not the world. The Cathedral and Castle are visited by thousands of tourists every year and will be where the tour will call home throughout the stay.

Activities will be arranged throughout the trip to keep the boys entertained including guest coaches / speakers, theme park trips, cinema and ten pin bowling, First Class Cricket fixtures or 20/20 games, beach fitness sessions and when the boys are in their rooms they'll have access to Playstation and Wii entertainment consoles, as well as DVD's.



Blackpool Tower



Buckingham Palace



London's Tower Bridge



Big Ben



Whitby - Fishing Port



Edinburgh at sunset

## Example Itinerary for a 3 week tour

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
1			Depart Aus
2		Arrive UK - Newcastle	Welcome Party
3	Free Time	Practice Session	
4	Keswick – Lake District	Friendly 45 over Game	
5	Beamish Museum		Local Cricket
6	Whitby		20/20 Game
7	Castle / Cathedral Tour	Practice Session	Free Time
8	London		
9	London		
10	Free Time	Friendly Game	
11	Beach Fitness	South Shields	Practice Session
12	Wet 'n' Wild Water Park	Guest Speaker	20 / 20 Game
13	Friendly Game		Free Time
14	Edinburgh		
15	First Class Cricket Match		Practice Session
16	Blackpool		
17	Friendly Game		Video Analysis
18	Metro Centre		20 / 20 Game
19	Friendly Game		Team Meal / Presentations
20	Depart UK		
21	Arrive Aus		

Itineraries for variable length trips can be supplied upon request

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