



Middle & Off

Gullivers' Guide to Worldwide Cricket Tours

Some typically positive feedback from Gullivers' tourists...

•The whole tour was a very positive experience for our pupils. The place, the people, the sport, everything in Barbados was first class and left all the party feeling privileged to have been on our sports tour, with memories to cherish. •

Martin Tunnacliffe Shelley High School

•This was our first visit to Malta and we didn't know what to expect. We couldn't have hoped for more. The weather and hospitality was fabulous and the cricket surpassed all our expectations. •

John Raby Rendcomb College

•Everything was perfect in Trinidad, the wicket, the surroundings and the welcome. Much has been learnt about cricket and how to play in the most testing of conditions. •

John Bobby Sedbergh School

•Our tour to Australia was a resounding success – excellent grounds and well matched teams. As always the support from Gullivers was most professional and we're looking forward to our next trips to South Africa in 2003 and Perth in 2005. •

John Barrett Worcestershire CB O50's



■ John Raby, Rendcomb's captain leaves the field in Malta with new friend Sanji!

Extend your boundaries

GOING "on tour" is an intoxicating blend of the excitement of exploring new places and the camaraderie of playing your chosen sport together as a team. It is a holiday with a difference, a cultural experience, a team building exercise... the opportunity of a lifetime and an experience you will never forget.

Whether you are looking for a pre

or post season tour, an anniversary tour, a development tour or just a holiday with a bit of cricket, then please call us on 01684 293175 for more information.

All the destinations featured have been visited by one or more of our members of staff so we are well placed to offer advice. See inside for further inspiration!

INSIDE

POPULAR CRICKET DESTINATIONS

For the well tried and tested route

- Barbados ■ South Africa
- Malta ■ Grenada

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

For the more adventurous

- Goa ■ St Lucia ■ Northern India
- Sri Lanka ■ The Gambia

FURTHER AFIELD

For bigger budgets

- New Zealand ■ Australia
- Trinidad and Tobago

BACK PAGE

- Quick guide to cricket abroad – seasons, budgets, age groups
- The team behind your team – why to book with Gullivers



■ Famous venues: Sedbergh at Queen's Park Oval – a highlight of their tour to Trinidad

Your next step

Call us on **01684 293175**

Fax **01684 297926**

or visit

www.gulliversports.co.uk



Popular Destinations *For the well tried and tested route*

BARBADOS

No.1 for cricket and entertainment



Barbados Over 50s Cricket Festival

The most easterly of the Caribbean islands is characterised by rolling green cane fields, picturesque country towns and coral coastlines. The warm welcome draws visitors back time and again and good fixtures are plentiful as Bajans live and breathe the sport. Cricket is still the Number 1 sport on the island with over 100 grounds. Also keep your eye out for famous cricketers and celebrities.

Highfield School took their squad to Barbados in April 2003, read about their experiences below.

SOUTH AFRICA

Always competitive



The host nation of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 is one of our most popular destinations. The standard of competition is high and the sightseeing opportunities and activities limitless from marvelling at the view from Table Mountain, to exploring Robben Island, dancing with Zulus, riding an ostrich and so much more. No trip is complete without a trip to the bush to try and spot the 'Big Five'.

MALTA

All year round



Close to home and a beautiful island with a wealth of history and the marvellous architectural legacy of the Knights. Malta is an excellent destination for pre or post season trips. Ideal for First XI school groups and clubs. NB: All games on an excellent artificial wicket.

GRENADA

Top facilities



The 'Spice Island' makes a good alternative to Barbados. It is one of the quieter and less developed Caribbean islands but it boasts the prettiest harbour in the Caribbean at the capital, St George's, and some high quality cricket facilities. Excellent for pre-season tours.

See Back Cover for Quick Guide to Cricket Abroad and Past Tourists



Highfield School appreciated the hospitality and sportsmanship of their hosts

Barbados Highfield School April 2003

After a highly successful tour to Barbados in 2001, when the whole experience from the place to the people and the cricket impressed them so much, Highfield didn't hesitate to choose Barbados again for their 2003 tour.

Highfield took a mixed ability side with pupils who would be representing their school at 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI and U11's. The touring party consisted of a squad of 12 boys and two girls plus three members of staff, parents and family members.

"Gullivers was superb in choosing carefully the opposition which enabled Highfield to compete in all matches and come

home with a very commendable three wins from five matches.

Special mention must go to the ground handler in Barbados who ensured that every aspect of the tour ran smoothly and to Norman Davies of Gullivers who kept an eye on the proceedings throughout. Compliments must also go to our opposition cricketers for their hospitality and sportsmanship.

Everyone in our touring party enjoyed the cricket, leisure activities and friendliness of the Bajan people and Highfield looks forward to returning in the future." Barnaby Gray, Director of Sport, Highfield School.

Further Afield *For bigger budgets*

NEW ZEALAND

A warm welcome awaits



The Land of the Long White Cloud is where dreams are realised for outdoor sports enthusiasts. On the sporting field, the Kiwis are one of the most competitive and respected sporting nations in the world. Making a trip to New Zealand is not only a wonderful experience but a chance to pit your skills against some of the best young players in the world. *Brentwood School toured New Zealand in December 2002 and enjoyed an excellent tour as reported right.*

AUSTRALIA

Top sporting venue



This is a top sporting venue and, as you would expect from the country that currently holds the Cricket World Cup, you are assured of some challenging opposition. Australia is well known for its outdoor lifestyle since good weather prevails all year round. There is a wealth of sightseeing opportunities from cuddling a koala to white water rafting and standards of accommodation are excellent.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Tour of contrasts



The twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is the most southern of the Caribbean islands and where carnival, calypso, steel bands and the limbo dance were born. Trinidad is stimulating and exciting whereas Tobago offers relaxation and tranquillity. The standard of cricket is high in Trinidad with Tobago a little less taxing – a good blend.

New Zealand Brentwood School

December 2002



The Brentwood squad during their unforgettable tour to New Zealand

Brian Hardie, master i/c cricket vouches for New Zealand as an ideal destination for a cricket tour: "Our second cricket tour was to New Zealand in 2003 and it proved to be another all-round success. The lifestyle is easy and the cricket is very hard, ideal conditions for a challenging tour. To tour for any sport is an enjoyable experience but to tour with a cricket team to New Zealand is unforgettable."

Off the Beaten Track *For the more adventurous*

GOA

A taste of India



Goa offers many attractions – guaranteed sunshine, clear blue skies, palm fringed beaches and the warm waters of the Arabian Sea. The people are friendly and the cost of living low. Despite the Indian culture there remain traces of colonial Portugal and English is widely spoken.

Great for pre-season preparation and a taste of what the sub-continent has to offer.

For what it is really like to tour in Goa, see Repton's Tour Report right.

ST LUCIA

Hidden gem



One of the most stunning islands in the Caribbean. A special welcome awaits you here because it is still largely undiscovered. Only a limited number of teams may be accommodated so we urge you to book early to ensure you don't miss out.

NORTHERN INDIA

NEW DESTINATION

The Golden Triangle tour for schools



In this land of Moghuls and Maharajas, cricket is a national passion. Gullivers is proud to be the first sports tour operator to offer an itinerary which combines the culture of India's most famous historical region with cricket matches against prestigious public schools.

Attractions include elephant

rides, rickshaw rides and game viewing. Norman Davies has personally visited the region and the schools and is well placed to advise you.

SRI LANKA

Top quality cricket



Situated off the coast of India, this beautiful, cricket-mad island really is a paradise waiting to be discovered. Sri Lanka boasts palm fringed beaches, azure blue seas, breathtaking tropical scenery and a year round tropical climate. The ancient culture is still present though blended with modern

western influences. Cricket is available at all levels and the big school games attract crowds of over 20,000!

THE GAMBIA

NEW DESTINATION

For somewhere entirely different



Might not be the first place that springs to mind as a cricket destination but it has a lot going for it. The cricket is of a moderate standard but you are assured of a very warm welcome by the Gambia Cricket Association. Three clubs from the UK and one from Holland have so far

visited on cricket tour. On non-match days enjoy a river cruise through the mangroves and the "Roots" trip to James Island and Juffreh.



Repton building up their runs

Goa Repton School December 2002

Frank Watson, master i/c cricket at Repton, reported back on the inspiring trip to Goa where Repton's First XI faced six challenging matches.

"Only one win was achieved but after two defeats the boys came to terms with difficult conditions – 35°C temperatures and dusty, slow, turning pitches – and played some excellent cricket. The third match was won and the next three lost very narrowly. Given the very high standard of the opposition, the effort of the Repton squad was commendable. The squad improved beyond all recognition as the tour progressed and team spirit developed.

The highlight of the tour was the fourth match, played at Swantwadi in the neighbouring state of Maharashtra. Repton were the first foreign team ever to play in the town and the game attracted a fascinated crowd in excess of 500. The local youngsters were captivated by our visit and the Repton boys enjoyed being the centre of attention and revelled in signing autographs and generally pretending they were Test players!

Away from cricket, the party relaxed on Goa's magnificent beaches and went jet-skiing, banana boating and parascending above the Arabian Sea. A visit to the local flea-market was one of the many opportunities to purchase bargains, the local cuisine proved extremely popular



Repton enjoyed relaxing on the magnificent beaches

and the lads thoroughly enjoyed embracing the vastly different Indian culture.

The lasting impression we have of Goa is of a cricket-mad community. The boys we played against practice every day for two to three hours despite the lack of good facilities, so small wonder that the teams we faced were so proficient. To sum up their dedication – as we travelled to the airport on the morning of our departure we passed a cricket ground at 7am to witness a full-scale net practice taking place even though it had only been light for ten minutes!

The whole tour was a great success. The Repton boys made a fine impression on our genial hosts and I am convinced that they grew up, not just as cricketers but as young men."



Repton made a fine impression on their genial hosts

Familiarisation Trips

Familiarisation or 'fam' trips are an ideal way of checking out the facilities and meeting the people who will be looking after you before you travel abroad with your group. They are great fun, very cheap (often subsidised) and ideal for teachers and tour leaders. We run a regular programme of fam trips so please contact us if you are interested.

Quick Guide to Cricket Abroad and Past Tourists

Budget Guide	Destination	Season	Age Group	Gullivers' Tourists
Lower budget (under £600)	France	May-Aug	Adults	Exeter Geriatrics CC
	Holland	May-Aug	U15 plus	Kingham High School
	Ireland	May-Aug	Adults	Apperley CC
	Malta	All year	Adults	Rendcomb College St Paul's School
	Spain UK	Feb-Oct Apr-Sep	Adults U11 plus	Birmingham University
Medium budget (£600 to £1200)	Barbados	All year	U11 plus	Ampleforth College Dr Challoners GS Harvey GS Monkton Combe Twyford CC
	The Gambia	Oct-Apr	U17 plus	New cricket destination
	Goa	Oct-Apr	U13 plus	Repton School RGS Worcester Cheltenham College
	Grenada	Feb-Oct	U13 plus	Abingdon School Caterham School Shrewsbury House Sherborne School
	Jamaica	All year	U11 plus	New cricket destination
	Antigua	All year	U11 plus	Latymer Upper School
	South Africa	Sep-Mar	U11 plus	Cumnor House Prep Holmes Chapel School Millfield Prep Brondesbury CC
	Sri Lanka	All year	U11 plus	Middlesex U19's
	St Lucia	All year	U13 plus	Monmouth School
	High budget (£1,200 plus)	Argentina/Chile	Oct-Mar	Adults
Australia		Oct-Mar	U11 plus	South Wales CA Worcester Over 50's Monmouth School Brobdingnagians
Canada		May-Sep	Adults	Sedbergh School
Trinidad & Tobago		All year	U11 plus	Bradford GS
India (Northern)		Oct-Apr	U11 plus	New cricket destination
Kenya		All year	U13 plus	
Malaysia/Singapore		Jan-Sep	U12 plus	
New Zealand		Oct-Mar	U11 plus	Brentwood School

Photo credits: Repton School, Brentwood School, Highfield School, Norman Davies, tourist boards for the various destinations.

Gullivers Sports Travel Fiddington Manor Tewkesbury Glos GL20 7BJ
Tel 01684 293175 Fax 01684 297926 Email gullivers@gulliversports.co.uk www.gulliversports.co.uk
ABTA V8321 ATOL 3720 IATA 91201670



GULLIVERS

sports travel

The team behind your team

Gullivers Sports Travel is the UK's longest established specialist sports tour operator with over thirty years of experience. We are fully versed in looking after sports tours.

We have the experience, expertise and technology to organise your tour professionally and economically – from flights, coaches, hotels and billets to fixtures and sightseeing. Our bulk purchasing power ensures you get the best value for money.

We provide a personal service which includes supporting you with tour promotional evenings, videos, literature and fund-raising assistance.

We operate through a comprehensive network of associated agents that specialise in sports travel. Consequently you can be secure in the knowledge that you will be properly looked after wherever you chose to go.

You are guaranteed total financial protection as we are a fully licensed and bonded tour operating member of ABTA, ATOL and IATA

And it's not just cricket!

We don't just specialise in cricket. Please contact us for a quote for your rugby, hockey, netball or any sport's tour.

Inbound tours

We regularly organise tours for overseas visitors to the UK. If you are interested in hosting an overseas tour then please call us or email: inbound@gulliversports.co.uk

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE ON THE WORLD





A Division of the Crusader Group

9/10 Morelands Trading Estate, Bristol Road, Gloucester GL1 5RZ
Tel: 01452 505165 Fax: 01452 524110
E-mail: sales@willowsticks.com www.willowsticks.com