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Media visit: Sport



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Day 1

Tour of Villa Park, home of Aston Villa FC

Stadium tours at 10.30am, 1pm and 3pm Monday-Saturday. Tour (with lunch) on Sunday at 10.30am, tour (without lunch) at 1pm.

How do you fancy looking out on Villa Park's hallowed turf? Or would you love to check out the first team dressing room? If the answer is yes, join us for an unforgettable day out at one of the oldest stadiums in the country and home to Aston Villa. Soak up the atmosphere and walk in the footsteps of Villa's finest players, both past and present, in an amazing experience which highlights the club's proud history.

As well as 19 major domestic honours, including seven league championships, Villa are one of just a handful of clubs to have won the European Cup. Celebrate Villa's success by having your photo taken with the splendid European Cup, Division One Trophy and FA Cup – a recent addition which will now be on permanent display.


Morning



Address: Villa Park, Birmingham, B6 6HE

Telephone: 0800 612 0970

Website: <http://www.avfc.co.uk/page/StadiumTours>

<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p>Lunch at The Brabazon Bar at The Belfry</p> <p>A relaxed environment to enjoy a coffee and a light bite or a delicious afternoon tea by day, whilst transforming into one of the areas liveliest destination bars by night.</p> <p>Address: Lichfield Road, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9PR Telephone: 0844 980 0600 Website: www.thebelfry.co.uk</p>
<p>Afternoon</p>	<p>Round of golf at The Belfry <i>The Belfry has hosted the prestigious Ryder Cup on a record four occasions. The venue houses the headquarters of the Professional Golfers' Association.</i></p> <p>Surrounded by over 500 acres of countryside, recreate your own mini-Ryder Cup at one of golf's most famous locations. We offer a variety of tailor-made packages for everything from 2-200 players. Warm up with a round on The Derby, our most forgiving course. Then rise to the golfing world's ultimate challenge on one of our two iconic courses: the PGA National and the world-famous Brabazon.</p> <p>With our bars, restaurants and rooms all newly refurbished, the same quality and attention to detail continues once your final putt is holed. Ease away any strains in the spa, take a dip in the pool, then regroup for dinner and drinks in the Ryder Grill. And, after dark, there's still the draw of the Brabazon Bar and Bel Air Nightclub.</p>  <p>Address: Lichfield Road, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9PR Telephone: 0844 980 0600 Website: www.thebelfry.co.uk</p>

<p>Evening</p>	<p>Go snowboarding at Tamworth Snowdome, the first full-sized recreational indoor ski slope in the UK</p> <p>Whether it's a fun packed day on the real snow, sliding and gliding about on the ice or relaxing in the luxurious spa, the SnowDome is the ultimate snow, ice and leisure experience.</p> <p>The complex houses a 170 metre indoor slope covered in real snow all year round and two further real snow nursery slopes...providing the perfect facilities for learning new skills such as skiing and snowboarding.</p> <p>It's not only skiing and snowboarding on the main slope; imagine racing your family and friends down the snow in steerable toboggans! Or hold on tight for snow tubing, the fastest experience on snow – hurtling down the slope in specially designed inflatable tubes!</p> <p>In addition to the snow slopes, the SnowDome also features the Ice Arena with an ice rink and the UK's only ice track...providing unique and unparalleled skating facilities for all ages and abilities! The children's snowplay area is the place for children to have fantastic fun with a game of snowballs, hide and seek in the igloo and a slide about on the sledges.</p> <p>Address: Leisure Island, River Drive, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 7ND Telephone: 08448 00011 Website: www.snowdome.co.uk</p>
<p>Overnight</p>	<p>Hyatt Regency Birmingham <i>Birmingham's Hyatt Regency hotel played host to the USA Track & Field team while they trained in the city ahead of the 2012 Olympics. The American team finished top of the athletics medal table, with 9 gold, 13 silver & 7 bronze.</i></p> <p>One of the best situated hotels in Birmingham city centre, Hyatt Regency Birmingham is a modern, 4 star hotel that enjoys a prime central location. It is located opposite the Library of Birmingham and five minutes' walk from the exclusive Mailbox and Bullring shopping centres, as well as Broad Street and Brindleyplace, where you can find a wide range of vibrant Birmingham restaurants and bars, along with theatres and art galleries.</p> <p>The hotel's 319 luxury rooms and suites, including the exclusive Presidential Suite, all have floor-to-ceiling windows that command breathtaking views of the canal network or the city. For leisure, hotel guests can visit Amala Spa & Club for wellness and beauty treatments, the 16-metre indoor swimming pool and the well-equipped gymnasium.</p> <p>Address: 2 Bridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2JZ Telephone: 0121 643 1234 Website: http://www.birmingham.regency.hyatt.com</p>

Day 2

Tour of Edgbaston Stadium, home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club
Edgbaston Stadium, Birmingham's oldest international sports venue, staged its first Test Match in 1902 when Australia were bowled out for 36 runs. It hosted the Ashes Third Test in July 2015, which England won on the way to reclaiming the famous urn. The stadium hosted the ICC Champions Trophy final in 2013, and is the regular home of the NatWest T20 Blast Finals Day.

Would you like to experience what it's like to walk out onto the famous pitch at Edgbaston, where so many legends of cricket have played? If so, you could take a tour of the stadium, which has been home to Warwickshire since 1882, and hosted its first England match in 1902.

Your tour could include:

- Viewing the Warwickshire and England changing rooms
- Walking on Edgbaston's hallowed turf
- Visiting the Media Centre – where journalists from around the world report on the biggest matches
- Visit the Indoor School where Warwickshire and England stars train regularly
- Groups can book a coaching session
- Learn more about the Club and legendary venue in a fun and interactive manner inside the Visitor & Learning Centre

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Address: Edgbaston Stadium, Birmingham, B5 7QU

Telephone: 0844 635 1902

Website: www.edgbaston.com

<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p>Afternoon tea at The Edgbaston Boutique Hotel & Cocktail Lounge <i>The Edgbaston is located just half a mile away from Ampton Road, where lawn tennis was invented in 1859 by Major Harry Gem and his Spanish friend Augurio Perera at Perera's home. Today, the area hosts the pre-Wimbledon Aegon Classic ladies tournament – winners include tennis greats Billie Jean King, Martina Navratilova and Maria Sharapova.</i></p> <p>The Edgbaston is a six bedroom boutique hotel and cocktail lounge located in Edgbaston, Birmingham. It is a unique refuge of timeless elegance, unwavering taste, and unrivalled care and courtesy.</p> <p>An effortless arrival experience to The Edgbaston sets the tone of a spectacular visit – much like the welcome offered by a gracious friend at a fine private residence.</p> <p>Address: 18 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, B15 3DU Telephone number: 0121 454 5212 Website: http://www.theedgbaston.co.uk/eb/index.html</p>	
<p>Afternoon</p>	<p>Swim at the Sir Doug Ellis Woodcock Sports Centre, the oldest operating swimming pool in Birmingham</p> <p>There's over 100 years of history in the foundations of the Sir Doug Ellis Woodcock Sports Centre. The swimming pool at Sport Aston is Birmingham's oldest operating pool and one of the oldest in Britain. The stunning Victorian structure was originally built in 1860. Today, the pool offers a beautiful place to swim in the city. You can pay per swim.</p> <p>Address: Woodcock St, B4 7ET Telephone: 0121 204 4623 Website: www.aston.ac.uk/sport</p>	<p>Enjoy a 5km walk in Cannon Hill Park</p> <p>Birmingham is one of the UK's greenest cities with over 8,000 acres of parks and open space.</p> <p>Located less than two miles from the centre of Birmingham, Cannon Hill Park is one of the city's premier parks, with walkways and cycle routes for those seeking exercise. There is a vast opportunity to explore the park and keep fit using either the 2km or 5km walking route – start at the entrance by mac birmingham.</p> <p>Address: 2 Russell Rd, Moseley, B13 8RD Telephone: 0121 442 4226 Website: http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cannonhillpark</p>