

ENGLAND 2016



Friday 11th November 2016 19:45 Wembley Stadium, London

England vs Scotland

Our first sporran guide was around uncharted territories as we faced Slovakia for the first time, this is the polar opposite as we are very familiar with our next opponents. This will be the 112th official fixture against our oldest rivals England.

It is however the first time the countries have been drawn together in world cup qualification (Home Internationals in 1950 and 1954 were used for qualification) as we bid to get our campaign for Russia 2018 back on track.

Both countries have not had their problems to seek recently although managerless England have still picked up 7 points to lead group F, we only have 4 and need a big result to put us back into contention for qualification.

Getting There

There are six major airports Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, City, Stansted and Southend that are all well connected to central London. Trains from Scotland travel throughout the day and arrive at either Euston or Kings Cross stations.

The biannual trip to Wembley Stadium was legendary for many Scots for years. Fans would descend on London in huge numbers and would find as many ways to get there as you could possibly imagine. So you don't really need us to tell you how.

Getting Around London

The simplest method of getting around on London transport is either to buy an Oyster card or use your own contactless credit or debit card. Both are accepted on bus, tube, tram, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail, Emirates Air Line, River Bus and most National Rail services in London. They represent major savings on traditional single paper tickets which should be avoided at all costs.

Both Oyster and contactless methods offer daily capping which means you can have unlimited travel all day and the total you are charged will be limited. For zones 1-2 the cap is £6.50 and for zones 1-4 (which include all three Wembley stations) it will be capped at £9.30 - compared to a paper day travelcard which would be £12.10 for either. Just remember to touch in and out at every tube or rail station (but only on entry on a bus). See www.tfl.gov.uk.

Armistice Day and Trafalgar Square

Scotland fans make every effort to respect local customs and traditions on their travels and this will continue when they play England on 11th November. Many Scotland fans will be keen to visit Trafalgar Square, and it is expected that this will be done sensitively to complement the remembrance ceremonies that will be taking place that day.



Average Temperature in London in November is 5-10°C
Time zone GMT
Currency Sterling

Scottish bank notes are legal currency and don't let anyone tell you any different.

If you need to contact the emergency services in England call 999.

Thanks

ATAC would like to thank the following web sites and organisations for information in this Sporran Guide.

www.scottishfa.co.uk
www.loonyalba.com
www.tartanarmychildrenscharity.org.uk
www.fasunshineappeal.co.uk
www.wembleystadium.com

We hope that you have found this useful, we have listened to feedback from the Slovakia guide and are always looking to improve. If you have any feedback or information you think would be useful for upcoming matches then get in contact with us via one of the social media channels on the foot of this page or by email to info@associationoftartanarmyclubs.com

This is an absolutely massive match for Gordon and the team and a win will put us back on the road to Russia!

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PUB CRAWL

Our friends in the Lunnainn Albannaich Tartan Army have recommended a few pubs on the south bank to frequent on the Saturday afternoon.

The south bank of the Thames has a veritable abundance of attractions where you can eat and drink your way around the globe whilst taking in some of the best of what London has to offer.

If we start off at the **Horniman At Hays** bar right next to HMS Belfast. Closest tube is London Bridge on the Jubilee and Northern line. You can watch the world go by on both the river and the pathway, just watch out for the joggers.

Ignore all the eating options in the surrounding environs as **Borough Market** is less than 300 yards away. Start walking west, with the river on your right hand side. You should be able to keep walking until you come to London Bridge where you can go up and over or try walking below it. As you go underneath, on your right hand side you will see the **Mug House**, a bar built in to the structure of the bridge itself. If you go over make sure to look up to view the Shard. Anyone with £25 to spare can book a ticket to go right to the top. Anyone with £125 to spare can have a Chinese meal in Hutong.

Keep walking till you have Southwark Cathedral on your left. Walk round the cathedral via Cathedral Street and you will find yourself in the heart of the market. All culinary life is here. You should be able to eat from Argentina to Ethiopia in either the permanent stalls or the pop up stalls. Don't leap in straightaway but have a wander around to see what you fancy. It's all good.

This area is also popular with film makers and you should be able to see the door from Bridget Jones' flat next to the **Globe Tavern** on Bedale Street, the office from Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels on Park Street and as you walk further round by the Thames, the riverside scene from the end of the first Mission Impossible (**The Anchor** pub) and the building that featured in an Only Fools and Horses Christmas special.

Once you have exhausted the market of what it has to offer, for any real ale fans the **Market Porter** on the corner of Stoney Street and Park Street should not be missed. Another bar with an even more eclectic selection of beers in the Borough Market area is the **The Rake** on Winchester Walk which boasts that it only sells real and craft beer on tap.

Other good pubs around the market include the **Southwark Tavern** and **Katzenjammers**, a proper German bar underneath the Hop Exchange on Southwark Street. Neighbouring bar **The Sheaf** shows live football and has a good selection of Real Ales and bar food.

Anyway, try to get back on to Stoney Street and head back towards the river. When you come to Clink Street, the site of the notorious prison, turn right to see a life size replica of the Golden Hinde. There is a pub next to it called the **Thameside Inn** where you can sit outside with the river immediately below you. Service can be slow in here as it can in the next pub, the **Anchor** (this is where Mission Impossible ended – as mentioned before) though there is a large outdoor area here if it's not too cold and it gives you wider view of the river and St Pauls.



Once past the bridge you are coming up to three of the major attractions on the walk. The Globe Theatre, Tate Modern and the Millennium Bridge. If you can be bothered to work your way through the tourists, for fantastic views of St Paul's and the London Skyline, go up to the 6th floor of the Tate Turbine hall or the 10th floor viewing platform on the newly opened Switch House extension where you can also spot Wembley Stadium. There are several café bars at the Tate where you can have a drink and a bite to eat but another option is to continue walking to the **Founders Arms**, another pub right on the river.

Carry on walking past Blackfriars Bridge. And you come to another pub called the **Doggett's Coat and Badge** where you sit outside or go inside if it's getting a bit nippy. Any boxing fans may want to leave the river at this point and head down Blackfriars Road to the Cut where you will find a pub called **The Ring**, across the road from Southwark tube station. This pub has a vast collection of boxing memorabilia and an actual ring in the room above the pub.

If you continue along the river however you then come to Gabriel's Wharf which is to be avoided at all costs as it's a complete rip off. Head into the Southbank Centre and browse the second hand bookstalls. There may be pop up bars and eating places on the Southbank although the centre itself has reasonable bars and there are the standard midrange chains available.

Keep on walking past the famous skate park and Royal Festival Hall until you find yourself on the Queen's Walk and you should have the London Eye right in front of you. Having seen this masterpiece of British engineering, you can then cross the Golden Jubilee Bridge adjacent to the railway and cross over to the Embankment where you can walk up to Trafalgar Square and the West End or hang about locally where there are a couple of interesting bars.

Just behind the Southbank centre is Roupell Street, a fascinating row of nineteenth-century workers' cottages with an excellent pub at one end called the **Kings Arms** which does Thai food. If you don't fancy that, head down to the Cut which houses both the Old Vic and the Young Vic theatres. There is also an excellent pub called the **Anchor and Hope** which does off the wall British dishes and it's all very informal. If you fancy doing some people watching, go to the terrace bar on the first floor of the **Young Vic** where you can sit outside and watch the world go past in the street below. No ticket required and reasonable London prices. Food is also available.

If you decide to head back to Waterloo at this point pop into the **Fire Station** for a drink. It's a converted Edwardian fire station which sadly has undergone some modernisation lately which detracts slightly from the pub but the exterior is still close enough to the old station house to let you see what it would have been like in its heyday.

THINGS TO DO

Football on the Saturday

Welcome to the world capital of football. With 38 teams in the top eight levels from Premiership to Isthmian League, and many more in the four leagues operating at level nine, there is rarely a day in any week that fans of football in London are deprived of a game to watch.

If you are staying on for the weekend in London after the England match, there are many options for a Saturday game even with the top two leagues out of action for the international break. Here are some top tips:

In the National League (i.e. the league formally known as the Conference) there are two very tempting games featuring giants of the south London non-league scene. Take your pick between **Bromley v Boreham Wood** at Hayes Lane or **Sutton United v Barrow** at Gander Green Lane. Both clubs play in fabulous old-fashioned football grounds with open terraces and friendly club-houses. You might recall Gander Green Lane as the scene of a legendary FA Cup 3rd round upset in 1989 when Sutton beat Coventry in front of 8,000 spectators. While the stadium has seen some redevelopment in the intervening years, the original character is intact. Expect crowds of over 1,000 at both games.

You might want to consider a trip to Champion Hill to see **Dulwich Hamlet v Chesham United**, although this is an FA Trophy tie for the best supported team in the Ryman Premier. Dulwich have a recently acquired hipster following which is not to everyone's taste, but that does mean there will probably be over 2,000 for this game and you shouldn't turn up late as the queues are usually dreadful. Warning – FA rules mean there is an alcohol ban on the terraces.

In the Ryman League South the pick of the London fixtures is **Greenwich Borough v Carshalton Athletic**. Borough are yet another travelling team recently settled in a new home which has resulted in a major spike in support, attracting average crowds of (hold onto your hat) 200 to the DGS Marine Stadium in Eltham (which, as I'm sure you know, is the birthplace of Bob Hope). You can have a pint or two watching the match – civilisation!

If you feel you need the throbbing atmosphere of a bigger stadium to celebrate Scotland's glorious victory at Wembley, then why not head to the Den for **Millwall v Bristol Rovers**? While the reputation of the Den is somewhat exaggerated these days (certainly for most matches) you may wish to tone down your Scottish accent (if you have one) as it is fair to say there will be a few geezers not too keen to see you – but what's life without taking a risk or two?

For the latest fixture information you should visit the excellent London Football Guide blog (www.tlfg.uk) which has a weekly round-up covering all leagues down to level ten.

Stadium Tours

Wembley, the Emirates, Stamford Bridge and White Hart Lane Stadiums all offer various tours that are available in November on days before and after the game. The London Stadium tours are not available that week. See the links on www.tlfg.uk/p/tours.html for more details.



There are lots of things to see and do in the big smoke as it has a massive tourist industry being one of the most visited cities in the world. The current top 10 attractions according to www.visitlondon.com are

1. Warner Bros Studio Tours London
2. London Eye
3. Madame Tussauds
4. Tower of London
5. The View from the Shard
6. Sea Life London Aquarium
7. Westminster Abbey
8. London Dungeon
9. London Zoo
10. Shrek's Adventure

SHOWTIME

Anyone interested in catching a show in London's glittering west end should not buy tickets direct from the theatre unless it is a complete last resort.

Lastminute.com has a number of offers which will include both a show and a meal. There are also various phone apps, the best of which is **today fix**. This has a wide variety of shows available at short notice and is very easy to use.

Other sites for buying tickets include the following
www.TheatrePeople.com
www.londontheatre.co.uk
www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk
www.westendtheatrebookings.com
www.ticketmaster.co.uk

There are a number of booths around Leicester Square doing deals on the day but if it is a show you particularly want to see you should book in advance.



Clubs for Saturday Night

The following clubs have been recommended for the Saturday night:

XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, Shoreditch, London EC2A 4AP
 The Hydra 110 Pennington Street, Wapping London E1W 2BB
 The Pickle Factory 13-14 The Oval London E2 9DU

Other club events can be found at www.residentadvisor.net



AT THE MATCH

Scotland supporters will be located in the south west corner of the stadium. On level 1 in sections 123 - 133 (access via turnstiles M & N) and on level 5 sections 528 - 533 (access via turnstile P) as coloured navy blue in the adjacent map.

The match is a complete sell out.

General Admission 18:15
Kick Off 19:45

Directions

Wembley Stadium is a public transport destination. Rail, tube, bus and pedestrian routes have been upgraded to enable visitors to travel to and from the stadium smoothly and safely on major event days. Lots of further information to assist you plan your journey to the Stadium can be found on the website

www.wembleystadium.com/gettingtowembley.

For live travel information on the day of the event call the Wembley Stadium Travel Information Line on 0845 6000 555 (calls charged at standard local rate).

Parking

The official Stadium car parks are available to pre-book by visiting

www.wembleyofficialparking.com/event/eventdetail/9.

Cars £30 Blue Badge £15 Mini-bus £65
Coaches £65 Motorbike £5

A resident's only parking permit scheme operates in the Wembley area on Stadium event days. Illegally parked vehicles will be fined by Brent Council and may be towed away. For details of the restrictions visit

www.brent.gov.uk/wembley

Public Transportation

Wembley Stadium is in zone 4 of the London network served by three stations and six tube lines:

Wembley Park Station – Jubilee and Metropolitan lines

Wembley Stadium Station – Chiltern Railways line

www.chilternrailways.co.uk

Wembley Central Station – Bakerloo, London Overground and National Rail lines

Bus routes servicing the local area include 18, 83, 92, 182, 224 and 297. Please note that on major event days London Buses in Brent will be running an event day timetable, which may differ from their normal timetable. For further details on London Buses please visit

www.tfl.gov.uk/buses

Coaches

National Express, is an official Travel Supplier to Wembley Stadium and operates direct coach services to events at Wembley Stadium from all over the country. To find out more visit www.nationalexpress.co.uk/wembley. Bookings can also be made via the national customer contact centre on 08705 80 80 80, at any National Express coach station or through one of a thousand travel shops around the country.



Ticket Pickup

If you have to pick up your ticket in London the SSC will be at the East Ticket Office, Wembley Stadium from 17.00 hours until kick-off on Match Day. Tickets must be collected in person and you must provide photographic ID.

Flags and Musical Instruments

If you have a Musical Instrument or a flag larger than 250cm (at the widest or longest point) or with a flag pole longer than 1m in length you must seek approval from Wembley Stadium via help.wembleystadium.com/support/home

All approved instruments must also be taken to B2 security entrance prior to 19.15 on match day at Wembley to gain entry, where they will be searched.



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TA EVENTS

Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal Presentation

TASA have announced that the Sunshine Appeal's 62nd consecutive away game donation will take place at the The Garage, Islington at the pre match Party hosted by Tam Coyle. The nominated charity is Lifeline 4 Kids.

The charity, established in 1961, buys equipment for children care homes and hospitals as well as specialist items for children with disabilities such as wheelchairs and specially adapted playground equipment.
www.tasunshineappeal.co.uk

A cheque for £5,000 will be presented to the charity on stage at The Garage before the Tartan Specials.



TACC donations in England 2016

Instead of a single donation to a deserving charity in and around Wembley or London, TACC have decided to spread the goodwill of the Scotland supporters around the country, by donating over £6,000 in Lincoln, Derby and Corby.

Lincoln: Rainforest Ward – Lincoln County Hospital

Donation of £2,000 will enable the staff to create a teenage area on the paediatric Rainforest Ward.

Derby: Springfield Primary School

TACC's support of over £2,000 will help to provide outdoor musical instruments for a sensory garden for children who have an autism diagnosis.

Corby: Corby Youthie

TACC's donation of over £2,000 will enable the group to purchase a safe and secure storage facility and games equipment across the age spectrum.



ALL PRE-MATCH EVENTS LISTED HERE ARE FOR VENUE INFORMATION ONLY. THEY ARE ALL SOLD OUT

Nicht Afore` Party

DJ Tam Coyle will host a night out on the day before the game Thursday 10th Nov at 8:00pm - 2:00am
 Walkabout, Temple Station, Temple Place, WC2R 2PH
<https://www.walkaboutbars.co.uk/venues/temple>

This event is sold out.

Pre Match Party at the Garage

Tartan Specials Live
 DJ Tam Coyle
 The Garage
 20-22 Highbury Crescent (Highbury & Islington Tube)
 Friday, November 11, 1pm - 6pm
thegaragehighbury.com
 Victoria Line to Kings X then Metropolitan line to Wembley Central.

This event is sold out.

Pre Match Party at Crystals

Ted Christopher
 Gimme Gimme Gimmes and other guests

Crystal Clubs Wembley
 1 Popin Business Centre, South Way, HA9 0HB
 Friday, November 11, from 12 noon
www.crystalclubs.com
 This nightclub is right beside the stadium.

This event is sold out.