



WOMENS RUGBY WORLD CUP
RUGBY TOUR TO NEWCASTLE
21ST-25TH AUGUST 2025
TOUR INFORMATION PACK

THE RUGBY
TOUR SPECIALISTS



INTRODUCING: SKY HIGH SPORTS



The Rugby World Cup arrives into the North-East of England on 22nd August with a phenomenal bang. The Red Roses, tournament hosts & the Worlds #1 team host the United States in a mouth-watering game at The Stadium of Light on opening night. We want you to be there!

Sky High Sports is a Rugby Specialist Tour Operator which excels at combining Rugby and Travel to provide once in a lifetime experiences for good Rugby people across the world.

Our commitment to offering innovative, exciting and bespoke tours, along with our client focused, personal and dedicated approach has allowed us to build a global portfolio of clients and earn a reputation of excellence in our field.

Our team is made up of passionate rugby playing people & travel experts who take pride in introducing you to the vast rugby cultures of Europe through the great rugby tradition of touring.

Every one of our Rugby Tour itineraries has been developed from our own individual and subsequent Professional experiences. We're privileged to work with some superb rugby people who allow us to create a personal experience on each tour which we are delighted to share with you and your team.

THE RUGBY TOUR SPECIALISTS





MEET THE SPECIALISTS

Richie Gledson - Top Left

Founder and Director at Sky High Sports. A former front-row, Richie played his Rugby across Europe before returning to native Northumberland to set up the company.

Jamie Dixon - Top Right

Jamie has been with SHS Since 2013 & heads up the Youth & Senior Tours on offer. On the pitch, he is a breezblock handed centre who doesn't let a lack of ability get in the way of his enthusiasm for the game.

Harry Snowdon - Bottom Right

An ex-Pro with Newcastle Falcons, Harry joined SHS in 2016. The focus and dedication which served him well in the pro-game is evident in his work at Sky High Sports.

Tom McCallum - Bottom Middle

Tom heads up our South-East Office. Based in South London, Tom is on hand to meet those clubs and schools looking to tour. A three-quarter, Tom currently plies his trade with Battersea Ironsides.

David Cook - Mid-Left

A scrum half on the pitch & a whizz with our marketing & branding off it. David is the creative member of the team & brings our ideas to life.

Mackenzie Thomas - Bottom Left

Canadian Mackenzie is our Operations Manager & keeps the plates spinning and the team in order. Away from the office, she is Club Captain at Premier15's team DMP Durham Sharks.



Clockwise from Top Left: Richie Gledson, Director; Jamie Dixon, Senior & Youth Tours; Harry Snowdon, Mini Rugby Tours; Tom McCallum, South East Sales Manager; Mackenzie Thomas, Operations & David Cook, Marketing.



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The Rugby Community in the North-East of England is thriving & passionate. Sometimes considered a backwater of the sport, we can't wait for the Rugby World to arrive on our doorstep & find out the truth for themselves! Long after full-time on Opening-Night, the legacy of the match will live on in these parts for Generations! Come and be a part of it!

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THE TOUR PACKAGE

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD PROVISION

- ◆ Two Nights Bed & Breakfast Accommodation at one of our Options in the North-East of England.
- ◆ Hotel Accommodation based on twin-bed, private, en-suite rooms. Hostel Accommodation based on Multi-Share Rooms with a mix of En-Suite & Shared Bathroom Rooms.
- ◆ All Meals as stated in the tour itinerary on Pages 7.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ Executive Coach & Driver available for all transfers stated in the tour itinerary.
- ◆ All Coaches equipped with WC, DVD, Seatbelts & adheres to the highest UK industry safety standards.

FERRY

- ◆ Return Overnight Ferry Crossings between Ijmuiden & North Shields with DFDS Seaways. Group accommodation in quad-bedded, en-suite cabins. Crossings are inclusive of Breakfast & Dinner on-board DFDS Seaways.

THE RUGBY EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Entry into a Women's Rugby Tournament (Saturday) or Entry into a Girls Rugby Tournament (Sunday). Inclusive of entry fee, post Rugby Food & all associated events.
- ◆ Tickets to the WRWC2025 Match between England & The United States at The Stadium of Light.

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

- ◆ N/A
- ◆ *Optional extra's on page 9*

TOUR QUOTATION

PACKAGE PRICING

NUMBER OF TOURISTS	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45+
KABANNAS HOSTEL	€539	€529	€519	€509	€499	€489
THE GRAND HOTEL	€519	€509	€499	€489	€479	€469
HAMPTON BY HILTON HOTEL	€619	€609	€599	€589	€579	€569

Quotation Valid Until: 3rd March 2025 | Prices Quoted are Per Tourist & in Euros (€)

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

PAYMENT TYPE	DEPOSIT	PAYMENT ONE	PAYMENT TWO	BALANCE PAYMENT
AMOUNT DUE	€50	€150	€150	Balance
DUE DATE	At Confirmation	Six Weeks post Deposit	90-Days before Tour	42-Days before Tour

Please Note: We are flexible with payment dates & amounts & can develop a structure which works for you.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PACKAGE AS STANDARD

- ◆ Pre-Tour Assistance with Rugby Union & Federation Documentation and Permission to Tour Paperwork.
- ◆ 24-7 On the Ground Tour Representative from a Sky High Sports Representative.
- ◆ 24-Hour Emergency Contact at our UK office
- ◆ Financial Security and Payment Protection
- ◆ Bespoke Itinerary Planning Service
- ◆ Access to discounted prices for Rugby Kit & Apparel from our partners at Macron.

THE ADULT TOUR ITINERARY

#	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE
DATE	Thursday 21st August 2025	Friday 22nd August 2025	Saturday 23rd August 2025	Sunday 24th August 2025	Monday 25th August 2025
MORNING		Arrival into North Shields Ferry Port ~ Disembarkation & transfer to your Accommodation ~ Arrive & Check-In	Morning at leisure sightseeing in Newcastle ~ Transfer to a local Rugby Club	Pack your tour bags & Check-Out ~ OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Transfer to Tynemouth Beach	Arrival into Ijmuiden Ferry Port ~ Disembarkation & End of Tour
AFTERNOON	Squad assemble at Ijmuiden Ferry Port ~ Embarkation onto DFDS Seaways	Afternoon at leisure to explore your surroundings ~ Transfer to Sunderland ~ Enter the RWC Fan zone	Arrival & Warm-Up ~ WOMEN'S RUGBY TOURNAMENT ~ Post Tournament Social	Sea Kayaking or Surf Lesson on the North Sea ~ Transfer to North Shields Ferry Port ~ Arrive & Embarkation onto DFDS Seaways	~
EVENING	Overnight at Sea	Witness History in the making at the Opening Ceremony ~ ENGLAND Vs USA RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025 ~ Return to your accommodation	Evening at leisure	Overnight at Sea	~
DIGS	4-Berth Cabins on DFDS Seaways	Kabannas Hostel, The Grand Hotel or Hampton by Hilton Hotel	Kabannas Hostel, The Grand Hotel or Hampton by Hilton Hotel	4-Berth Cabins on DFDS Seaways	~
MEAL PROVISION	Hot/Cold Buffet Dinner onboard DFDS Seaways	Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast onboard DFDS Seaways	Cooked Breakfast ~ Post Rugby Lunch	Cooked Breakfast ~ Hot/Cold Buffet Dinner onboard DFDS Seaways	Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast onboard DFDS Seaways

THE JUNIOR TOUR ITINERARY

#	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE
DATE	Thursday 21st August 2025	Friday 22nd August 2025	Saturday 23rd August 2025	Sunday 24th August 2025	Monday 25th August 2025
MORNING		Arrival into North Shields Ferry Port ~ Disembarkation & transfer to your Accommodation ~ Arrive & Check-In	Morning at leisure sightseeing in Newcastle	Transfer to a local Rugby Club ~ Arrival & Warm-Up ~ GIRLS RUGBY TOURNAMENT	Arrival into Ijmuiden Ferry Port ~ Disembarkation & End of Tour
AFTERNOON	Squad assemble at Ijmuiden Ferry Port ~ Embarkation onto DFDS Seaways	Afternoon at leisure to explore your surroundings ~ Transfer to Sunderland ~ Enter the RWC Fan zone	OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Transfer to Tynemouth Beach ~ Sea Kayaking or Surf Lesson on the North Sea	Post Tournament Social ~ Transfer to North Shields Ferry Port ~ Arrive & Embarkation onto DFDS Seaways	~
EVENING	Overnight at Sea	Witness History in the making at the Opening Ceremony ~ ENGLAND Vs USA RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025 ~ Return to your accommodation	Evening at leisure	Overnight at Sea	~
DIGS	4-Berth Cabins on DFDS Seaways	Kabannas Hostel, The Grand Hotel or Hampton by Hilton Hotel	Kabannas Hostel, The Grand Hotel or Hampton by Hilton Hotel	4-Berth Cabins on DFDS Seaways	~
MEAL PROVISION	Hot/Cold Buffet Dinner onboard DFDS Seaways	Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast onboard DFDS Seaways	Cooked Breakfast ~ Post Rugby Lunch	Cooked Breakfast ~ Hot/Cold Buffet Dinner onboard DFDS Seaways	Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast onboard DFDS Seaways

UPGRADES, EXTRAS & ALTERNATIVES

ACCOMMODATION UPGRADES

UPGRADE ITEM

	KABANNAS HOSTEL	GRAND HOTEL	HAMPTON BY HILTON
Single Room	£50 per person, per night	£50 per person, per night	£60 per person, per night
Extend the Tour	Stay for an extra night in Newcastle. Prices from £70 and includes an extra day coach hire.		

Prices are all Supplements, priced per person, per night | Supplement price is in addition to the prices quoted on Page 6 | Available to individual tourists

FOOD PROVISION

MEAL	PRICE	DESCRIPTION
Rugby Club Lunch or Dinner	£10.00 per person	A one-pot option, ideal following training sessions.
Restaurant Lunch	£15.00 per person	A one-course meal, such as a Pizza Buffet.
Restaurant Dinner	£25.00 per person	A two or three course meal at a group friendly restaurant
Special Team Dinner	£35.00 per person	Ideal for a Celebration Dinner at a Traditional Restaurant

RUGBY EXPERIENCES

An additional Rugby Match on Tour	Price on Application	An extra tour match including post match hospitality
An additional Training Session on Tour	Price on Application	Includes access to club equipment and changing facilities
Guest Coaching Session	Price on Application	Coaching Clinic with Newcastle Falcons Players

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

North Sea Activity	£35.00 per person	Surfing, Kayak or Paddle boarding at Tynemouth Beach
Hadrian's Wall Day	£50.00 per person	Hadrian's Wall Guided Trek, Vindolanda Roman Fort Entry & Traditional Pub Lunch
Coast & Castle Day	£50.00 per person	Private Tour of either Bamburgh or Alnwick Castle & beachfront Fish 'n' Chip Lunch
Food, Drink & Tours	Price on application	Brewery Tours, Distillery Visits & Food Tasting Experiences available on request
Go-Karting	£45.00 per person	Mini Grand Prix activity at Teamsport Karting Track Newcastle
Paintball	£35.00 per person	Half-day of Paintball games with 200 paintball and safety equipment included
Mini-golf	£28.00 per person	18 holes of mini golf, inclusive of a buffet dinner

KABANNAS NEWCASTLE

17 Carliol Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6UQ | Tel: 0044 345 260 2583 | [Accommodation Website](#)

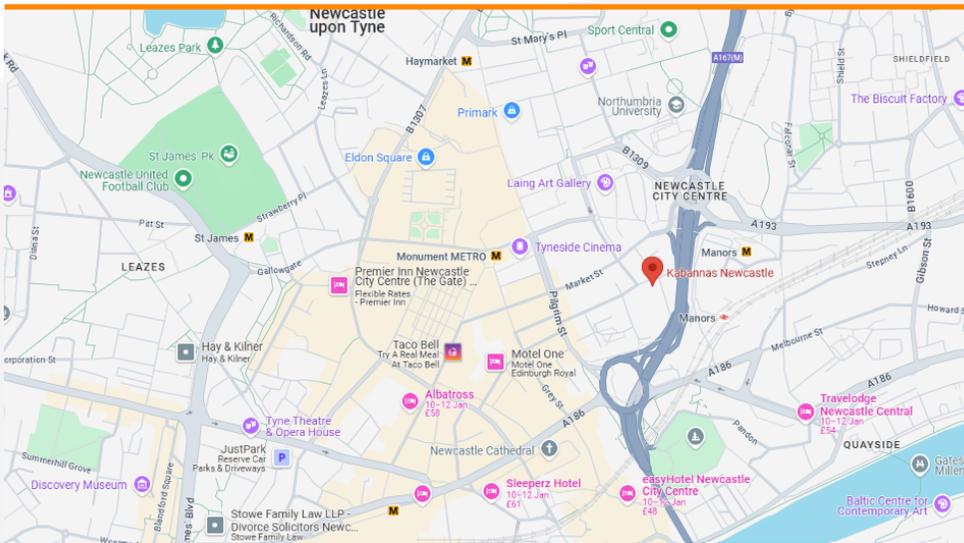
OUR THOUGHTS

Kabannas Hostel is a fantastic option for rugby teams looking for affordable, team-friendly accommodation in the heart of Newcastle. Ideally located near top rugby venues, nightlife, and the Quayside, it ensures your squad can enjoy both the game and the city.

The hostel offers spacious dorms, private en-suite options, and excellent communal areas for team bonding. With secure storage, free Wi-Fi, and a welcoming bar, Kabannas covers all the essentials for a memorable tour.

Clean, modern, and perfectly situated, Kabannas Hostel delivers everything your team needs for a successful rugby tour in Newcastle. Great value, unbeatable location!

LOCATION



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26 REVIEWS

ROOM TYPE



MULTI-BEDDED, ENSUITE ROOMS

HAMPTON BY HILTON HOTEL NEWCASTLE

Neville St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5EN | Tel: 0191 500 5001 | [Hotel Website](#)

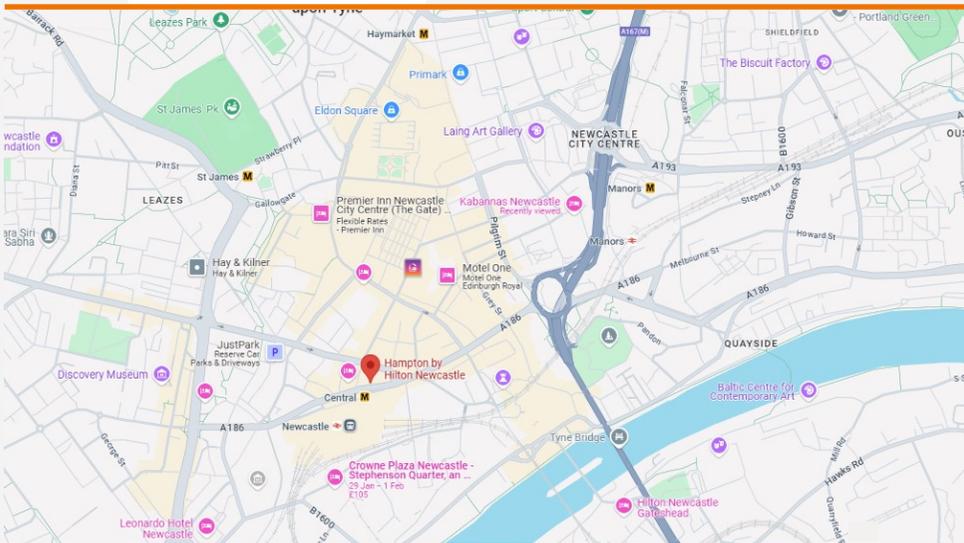
OUR THOUGHTS

The Hampton by Hilton Newcastle offers everything a rugby team needs for a comfortable and seamless stay. Located directly opposite Newcastle Central Station, this modern hotel provides easy access to the city's top attractions and rugby venues.

Spacious, well-equipped rooms ensure players get a great night's rest, while the free hot breakfast guarantees the team is ready for action. Coaches will appreciate the hotel's free Wi-Fi, fitness facilities, and professional service, making logistics stress-free.

With its unbeatable location, top-notch amenities, and team-friendly vibe, the Hampton by Hilton is the perfect base for your Newcastle rugby tour.

LOCATION



TRIP ADVISOR



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2,092 REVIEWS

ROOM TYPE



TWIN BEDDED, ENSUITE ROOMS

THE GRAND HOTEL GOSFORTH PARK

High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 5HN | Tel: 0871 222 1758 | [Hotel Website](#)

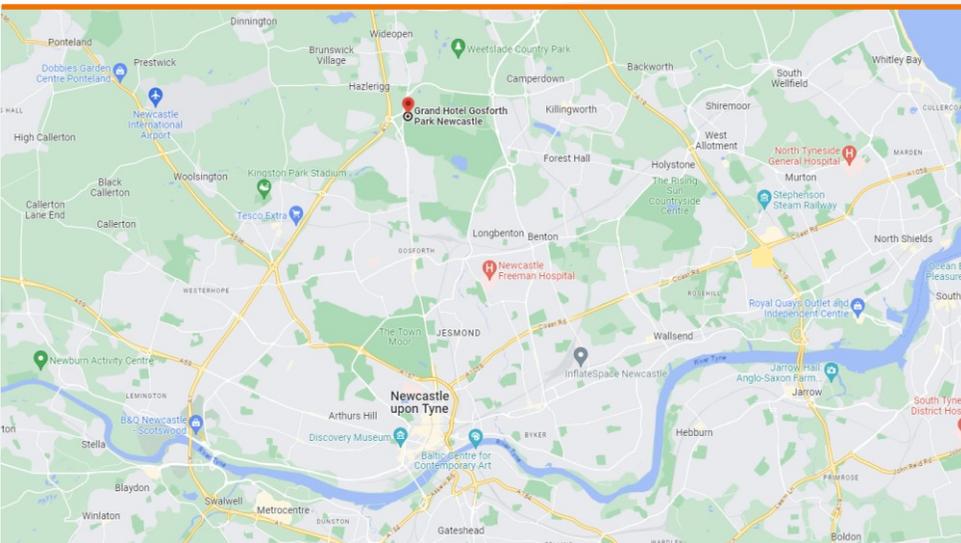
OUR THOUGHTS

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by the hotel's stunning architecture and lush landscaped gardens, setting the tone for an unforgettable stay. Step into the opulent lobby, where attentive staff awaits to cater to your every need.

All rooms are thoughtfully designed with a harmonious balance of contemporary amenities and timeless charm. Bask in the natural light streaming through large windows while relishing views of the surrounding parklands.

For the active guest, the Grand Hotel Gosforth Park boasts a range of recreational facilities, including a state-of-the-art fitness center, tennis courts, and scenic walking trails through the picturesque parklands.

LOCATION



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#53 OF 92 HOTELS IN NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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1,514 REVIEWS

ROOM TYPE



TWIN BEDDED, ENSUITE ROOMS

INTRODUCING: NEWCASTLE

We thoroughly believe that on the eighth day, the Good Lord put an axis into the ground in Newcastle City Centre and declared that the World shall revolve around this magnificent place for eternity. We may be slightly biased about our fantastic home city, but show me a person who leaves here disappointed and we'll admit defeat.

Newcastle possesses a vibrant atmosphere like no other. Whether it be by day on the bustling hives of Northumberland Street and Grey Street, or at night on the World Class Quayside or eyebrow raising Bigg Market.

There is, it must be said, a lot more to Newcastle than The Toon Army and Geordie Shore!

The people of Newcastle are exceptionally friendly, welcoming and hospitable. The Rugby Clubs up here are of a tight-knit nature and welcome anyone daring to make the journey to this 'quieter' part of the UK!

Situated on the River Tyne's north bank, the city boasts a 2,000-year-old history and is filled with the most classical listed buildings in the UK.

The city's origins as a Roman town are still evident in Hadrian's Wall, whose ruins can be seen stretching eastwards to Wallsend. Along the route of the famous Wall, you will find the stunning Northumbrian countryside.

Being based near the city, our knowledge and experience in arranging tours up here goes directly into the plans for your tour. We excel at giving you those little pieces of information and assistance that you wouldn't otherwise find.

Rugby has been thriving up here for years. Newcastle Falcons are the marque name in the North East. Playing in the Gallagher Premiership, enjoy behind the scenes experiences with the players at the top end of the game. The City hosted World Cup games at SJP in 2015, the European Finals weekend in 2019 & nearby Sunderland kicks off Rugby World Cup in 2025, all putting our corner of the Rugby World on the Map, we cannot wait to show you and your team mates what the game is like up here.

We're also pretty sure that away from game-time, you'll have a hell of a weekend whether it be in some of the old-fashioned pubs, edgy bars & superb restaurants. Haway up hinny, yer in for a belta.



St James' Park Stadium sits on the Newcastle skyline and has hosted several top flight International & Club Rugby Union fixtures in recent years.



Australian Raptors Rugby Academy in action at Kingston Park Stadium.

You know you're home when you see the Angel on the A1 Motorway.

TOP FIVE: NEWCASTLE

- Play Your Tour Games at Kingston Park Stadium, home of Newcastle Falcons.
- Match Tickets & Rugby Experiences with Newcastle Falcons
- Surf Lessons on the North Sea Coastline at Tynemouth Longsands Beach.
- Mario Kart Style Go-Karting activity at the brand new BattleKart Newcastle
- Our unprecedented local knowledge and insider info.

OUR GUIDE TO RWC 2025 OPENING WEEKEND

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as Sunderland's iconic Stadium of Light takes centre stage to kick off the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 this August! The tournament's opening fixture will see hosts England face off against the USA in what promises to be a thrilling start to this global event.

But the excitement doesn't end at the final whistle. The North East is preparing to roll out the red carpet for rugby fans from across the globe. As the gateway to the stunning North East of England and beyond, this is where we come in.

The North East is more than just a matchday destination. Situated on England's most picturesque coastline, it offers a mix of urban excitement, coastal charm, and rural adventure. Whether you're soaking up the atmosphere in the city or heading out to explore the surrounding areas, there's something for everyone.

Just a short journey from Sunderland, Newcastle is a bustling city famous for its friendly locals, lively nightlife, and rich cultural scene. We have fantastic accommodation options in the city to suit every preference. Choose from the budget-friendly Kabannas Hostel, the excellent Hampton by Hilton in the city centre, or the great-value 4-star Gosforth Park Hotel with leisure facilities.

For those seeking a quieter escape, the rolling hills and historic landmarks of Northumberland provide a stunning backdrop. Dive into the region's history by visiting iconic sites like Durham Cathedral, Hadrian's Wall, or Alnwick Castle, famously known as Hogwarts Castle from the Harry Potter films.

Rugby teams won't want to miss the additional tournaments happening in the region across the weekend, including events for women's and girls' teams. Whether you're here to watch, play, or simply soak up the camaraderie, the North East's thriving rugby community is ready to welcome you with open arms.

As the most northern host city in the tournament, the North East is a beacon for rugby lovers and newcomers alike. England Captain and World Rugby Player of the Year 2021, Zoe Aldcroft, sums it up perfectly: "We're super excited for more rugby-loving fans to experience international rugby in the North of England, and we're also relishing the chance to meet new fans of the sport."

From the electrifying atmosphere of the opening game to the countless opportunities for exploration and adventure, the North East of England is the perfect destination for rugby enthusiasts and tourists alike. Pack your bags, embrace the spirit of the game, and let the North East captivate you this summer!



We were fortunate to work with the Spanish National team on a Training Camp in the North-East. Here they are post-match with the Northumberland County XV



Sarnia Saints (CAN) on Tour



The US Navy XV (USA) at Bath Rugby

TOP FIVE: OPENING WEEKEND EXPERIENCES

1. Tickets to the Opening Match of WRWC2025 between England and the United States at the Stadium of Light.
2. The incredible FanZone on opening weekend & the exciting March over the River Wear to the Stadium ahead of the Big Game.
3. Girls Rugby Tournament at U12, U14, U16 & U18 on Sunday 24th August at the beautiful Tynedale RFC near Newcastle.
4. Women's 15's Tournament at Novocastrians Rugby Club on Saturday 23rd August.
5. A full weekend of 'I Was There' moments.

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