SKY HIGH SPORTS GUIDE TO TOUR DURATION

From a few days away to a two-week adventure, we'll help you find the touring format that works best for your team, your destination and what you want to experience.

How Long Should a Rugby Tour Be?

There is no single perfect length for a rugby tour. For some teams, a few days away is all that is needed to experience a new rugby culture, play a great fixture and enjoy time together off the pitch. Others want the time to travel between cities, play several matches and properly immerse themselves in a destination.

The right length will depend on your group, budget, available travel time and what you want to achieve from the tour. Our Tour Managers will help you build an itinerary that gives you enough time to enjoy the experience without trying to squeeze too much in.

Long Weekend Tours

A Lot of Tour in a Few Days

Long Weekend Tours are ideal for teams wanting to maximise their time away without committing to a longer trip. They combine competitive rugby, a great destination and plenty of time together in a format that works well around busy fixture calendars, school schedules, work and family commitments.

The rugby might centre around a standalone fixture or tournament, alongside training, matchday preparation and the post-match hospitality that makes touring special. Away from the pitch, there is still time to explore, enjoy a team social and experience somewhere new.

With shorter travel times and fewer nights away, these tours can also offer excellent value and are a great introduction to rugby touring.

Best for: Short breaks, accessible budgets, busy schedules and teams looking for a concentrated touring experience.

Classic Tours | 6-10 Days

Time to Properly Experience a Destination

For many teams, six to ten days provides the ideal balance between rugby, travel and time away.

A Classic Tour gives you the freedom to experience a destination rather than simply pass through it. There is time to travel between different cities or regions, enjoy sightseeing and cultural experiences, and still build a meaningful rugby programme around the trip.

These tours will typically include 2-3 competitive fixtures, giving teams the opportunity to experience different opposition, playing styles and rugby environments along the way.

Just as importantly, the extra time creates more opportunities for the group to enjoy being together. Travelling between destinations, sharing meals and exploring somewhere new often produces just as many memories as the rugby itself.

Best for: Teams wanting a rounded rugby tour with multiple fixtures, more than one destination and plenty of time to explore.

Why Choose a Classic Tour?

- Time for 2-3 carefully matched fixtures.
- The freedom to travel between different cities or regions.
- A wider mix of rugby, sightseeing, activities and cultural experiences.
- Enough time to enjoy the destination without rushing from one place to the next.
- More time together as a team - often where the best tour memories are made.

Long Haul Tours | 10-14 Days

The Full Rugby Touring Experience

Long Haul Tours are designed for the journeys that deserve more time.

With 10-14 days available, teams can travel between different cities and regions, play multiple fixtures, work with local coaches and experience rugby in some of the world's great touring environments.

The additional time makes it possible to experience far more than one side of a destination. A tour could move through different communities and rugby environments in New Zealand, combine rugby with the landscapes and culture of South Africa, or take a group through several rugby nations across the UK & Ireland.

There is also time to slow the itinerary down. Rather than rushing between activities, groups can properly enjoy the places they visit and the people they meet.

And while the fixtures matter, the lasting memories are often created between them - travelling together, sharing new experiences and spending meaningful time as a team.

Best for: Major touring projects, long-haul destinations, multiple fixtures and teams looking for a genuine once-in-a-lifetime experience.

What Does the Extra Time Give You?

- Multiple fixtures against a variety of opposition.
- Opportunities for training sessions and professional coaching clinics.
- Time to travel between several cities or regions.
- A deeper experience of the country's rugby culture.
- More shared experiences and time together away from the normal season.

Which Tour Length Is Right for Us?

The right answer will be different for every group. Before deciding, think about how much time your team can realistically spend away, how much rugby you want to play, how far you want to travel and how much of the destination you want to experience.

Quick Comparison

Tour Format	Typical Length	Rugby	Best For
Long Weekend	3-5 days	1 fixture / tournament	Short breaks, value, busy schedules
Classic Tour	6-10 days	Usually 2-3 fixtures	Balanced rugby, travel and culture
Long Haul	10-14 days	Multiple fixtures	Major touring projects and long-haul travel

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A Few Questions to Think About

- How much time can your group realistically spend away?
- How much rugby do you want to play?
- How far do you want to travel?
- How much of the destination do you want to experience?

You do not need to have all of the answers before speaking to us. Tell us what you want from the tour and we'll help you find the right balance of rugby, travel and time away.

Ready to Start Planning?

Speak to a Sky High Sports Tour Manager and we'll help build the right tour for your team.