



## **ENGLISH TENNIS TOUR**

**including**

### **WIMBLEDON**

The English summer provides a feast of tennis tournaments before Wimbledon and the Wimbledon Tennis Championships itself. Some of the venues provide close proximity to the courts and players set in beautiful countryside. Some of these events are high society occasions with the opportunity to see and be seen, to have a champagne reception, a gastronomic lunch and afternoon tea, scones, strawberries and cream provide a perfect accompaniment to the tennis. If some exercise is required try the sport of kings, real tennis.

We will organize your holiday to include some of these events; ensure you have luxurious accommodation, chauffeured transport to the events. If you are looking for some other activity we can arrange golf, sailing, fishing, sightseeing, cookery courses, single malt whisky tour, gourmet tour, London fashion tour.

#### **Wimbledon Tennis Championships**

First championship was in 1877; now it attracts 500,000 people over 14 days. Located near London.

For Centre Court and Courts No. 1 and No. 2, overseas visitors can apply for special packages; tickets are also available through an annual ballot for these courts; Apply between August 1 and December 15 for the following year.

#### **Eastbourne International Women's Open**

One of the most prestigious women's tennis tournaments in the international tennis calendar. 2006 Justine Henin-Hardenne beat Anastasia Myskira; in the doubles Amelie Mauresmo and Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Liezel Huber and Martina Navratilova.

#### **Stella Artois Championships, Queens Club**

This is recognized as one of the top tennis in the world for male players at a private members' club. Started

In 1979, 25 of the last 27 Wimbledon champions have played at the Championships. The Members' enclosure or President's Room provide lunch, private bar, access to the members' clubhouse.

#### **The Nottingham Open**

Some of the world's leading players compete at this tournament. In the 2006 finals Richard Gasquet beat Jonas Bjorkman and in the doubles Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram beat Tursunov and Kunitsyn.

#### **DFS Classic, Edgbaston**

The tournament attracts about 14,000 enthusiasts and in the 2006 finals watched Vera Zvonareva beat Jamea Jackson. Maria Sharapova was beaten in the semi finals. In the doubles Jelena Jankovic and Na Li beat Liezel Huber and Jill Craybas.



**Hurlingham Club**



**Boodles**

### **The Boodles Challenge**

Set in a beautiful country estate of 350 acres with glorious gardens near London. Grasscourts to Wimbledon specification. Limited numbers ensure close on view of the tennis. 2006 layers included Andre Agassi, David Nalbandian, Fernando Gonzalez, James Blake. Take lunch in the Players or Legends enclosures or a Fortnum and Mason hamper on the lawn. Attendance limited to 1500 each day. (Players enclosure provides question and answer session with players).

### **The Legends Classic. Harlingham Club**

Seniors tennis tournament played in a team format; Pat Cash, Ilie Nastase and Henri Leconte have played in the charity fund-raising event. Tickets include champagne reception, three course gourmet lunch, afternoon tea and evening cocktails. Last year Raphael Nadal, Mark Philippoussis, Feliciano Lopez and Jarkko Nieminen played in a singles tournament. Also available are Pro-am (round robin doubles format with a pro and guest in each pairing) and clinics (coaching sessions with two tournament pros) available in the morning.

### **Real Tennis**

The game of real tennis is the forerunner of all racket sports. The game is closely associated with King Henry VIII and Hampton Court Palace since 1530. Have a lesson with a professional (with guests watching) and relax in the Club rooms, or watch some club games.

### **Royal Tennis Court Hampton Court Palace**



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