

Top Canadian High School Rugby Team return from Rugby Tour to Ireland

Strathcona High School Rugby from Alberta has just returned from an "amazing" nine-day rugby tour to Ireland. The tour was organised by Irish Rugby Tours.

DUBLIN, IRELAND, May 9, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Last month Strathcona Girls High School Under 18s Rugby Team spent nine glorious days on a [rugby tour](#) to Ireland. The team from Alberta are a major player in [Canadian High School Rugby](#). The tour, which Head Coach Kara Haslam described as "an absolutely amazing experience", was organised by Ireland's most accomplished rugby tours specialists, [Irish Rugby Tours](#).

Packed with both rugby and non-rugby activities, the Canadian school's itinerary showcased the tour company's ability to balance the team's pursuit of all things Irish rugby and sport with the students' interest in culture and history.

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Strathcona High had three matches against top class teams; St Mary's RFC in Munster, Ashbourne RFC and Wexford Wanderers in Leinster. They also had three training sessions with former rugby internationals and coaches in Dublin, Galway and Limerick.

The team from Alberta were treated to a visit to Ireland's largest stadium and the home of Hurling and Gaelic Football, Croke Park. They were later invited to try their hand at both at the nearby Gaelic Experience in Glasnevin. In Dublin there were also visits to Dublin Castle and Trinity College.

The squad then headed west, to the home of the Irish language, The Aran Islands, before setting sail past the dramatic rocky faces of the spectacular Cliffs of Moher.

One of the highlights of the tour was a morning spent Kayaking on Britain and Ireland's longest river the River Shannon in Limerick. There was too a visit to Bunratty Castle and Heritage Centre where the team learnt all about life in ancient Ireland.



Strathcona High School Rugby Team visit Croke Park on their Rugby Tour to Ireland

After a night in the Munster capital, Cork City, the team travelled to the sunny Southeast and the spectacular Curacloe Beach famous for the opening scenes of Saving Private Ryan and the more recent Oscar-nominated movie Brooklyn.

Head Coach, Kara Haslam said: "The girls, myself, Jane, Janine and Josh had an amazing time and I've heard nothing but good words. The girls came home with huge smiles and lots of stories of a great experience and happy memories...Hospitality and general organisation of the trip was very well done and appreciated. Value of the trip also exceeded expectations. Our students were busy and engaged the whole time and received an absolutely amazing experience. As a trip leader and head coach, this was my first time planning an international rugby tour for high school students. I would definitely travel with Irish Rugby Tours again in the future and plan to recommend Irish Rugby Tours to other club and school groups. Thank you for a fantastic experience."

About Irish Rugby Tours

Irish Rugby Tours has been organising Irish and international rugby tour groups for over sixteen years. The company is run by people who have decades of experience playing, coaching and managing the game.

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Strathcona High School Rugby Team visit Dunbrody Famine Ship on their Rugby Tour to Ireland



Strathcona High School's Rugby Tour to Ireland was organised by Irish Rugby Tours

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