



# OVER & BACK

## MEN'S EDITION

### 2007 SUMMER & LABOR DAY TOURS STILL AVAILABLE

Additional game experience and team bonding opportunities top the list of reasons to take your team on a foreign tour. After the 2006 change in NCAA legislation, teams are now allowed to take a tour AND play in a "Multiple Team Event" (MTE) during the same year. For the greatest amount of games and time to build team chemistry, a summer tour is the best choice. Summer tours typically run 9-10 days with about 5 games. Tours during the Labor Day break (if your school is in session) offer different advantages, including bringing your freshmen and transfers. Labor Day tours are a shorter, more intense alternative to the summer tours, lasting in general 3-4 days with 2-3 games played during the trip.

**Tour destination options include: Europe, Australia, Canada and the Bahamas**

**TOUR TEAMS:** Summer - 2007: Tennessee, New Mexico, UCSB, Utah, Drake, Iowa, Illinois, Washington, BYU, N. Iowa  
 Fall - 2007: Presbyterian



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# TIDE RISES TO PARADISE JAM CHALLENGE

The Alabama Crimson Tide overcame first half foul woes to claim the 6th annual U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam championship over Xavier, 63-56. With eventual tournament MVP Alonzo Gee and Richard Hendrix benched with first half foul trouble, Xavier closed out the half by nearly erasing an 11 point deficit. Coming out of halftime, the Musketeers then built a 40-34 lead to begin the second half. Gee and Hendrix sparked the Alabama attack to put them up late in the game and carry the team to victory.

Alabama coach Mark Gottfried remarked following the contest, "For a November game, that was an NCAA Tournament-type game and atmosphere, so we felt real good about winning that one." Gottfried hailed the "gutsy performance" by his team, which played with several players banged up.

In the consolation games, Villanova beat Iowa 89-60 for third place. Toledo squeezed by Virginia Commonwealth, 60-59, to claim fourth place and College of Charleston beat Middle Tennessee State, 64-56, for seventh place. This is the first time the Paradise Jam has hosted an 8-team field.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands is a 3-game MTE tournament held annually in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Games are played at the state-of-the-art Sports and Fitness Center on the U.V.I. campus. The 2007 tournament field includes: Baylor, Georgia Tech, Illinois-Chicago, Monmouth, Notre Dame, UNC-Charlotte, Wichita State and Winthrop. Only a few spots remain for the 2008 tournament. **Call now for entry into 2008 and beyond or go to [ParadiseJam.com](http://ParadiseJam.com) for more details.**



*The Alabama-Xavier championship game plays to a full house in St. Thomas.*



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## U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam – St. Thomas USVI – 3-Game MTE – Pre-Thanksgiving

**2006 CHAMPION:** Alabama  
**2007 FIELD:** Baylor, Georgia Tech, Illinois-Chicago, Monmouth, Notre Dame, UNC-Charlotte, Wichita State, Winthrop  
**2008 FIELD:** UCONN, Wisconsin, Miami, La Salle; *4 teams needed*

## Basketball Travelers Classics – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Various Dates

**2006 CHAMPIONS:** Oregon (host), Clemson (at ODU), Fresno State (host), Iowa State (host), Washington (host), BYU (host)  
**2007 FIELD:** New Mexico (host), Loyola Marymount, St. Bonaventure, Presbyterian College  
 N. Iowa (host), N. Illinois; *2 more needed*  
 Stanford (host), UCSB; *2 more needed*  
**2008 FIELD:** Open to host & participants

## World Vision Classic – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Various Dates

**2007 FIELD:** Oregon (host), Pepperdine; *2 more needed*  
 Fresno State (host), Portland; *2 more needed*

## BP Top of the World – Fairbanks, AK – 3-Game MTE – Pre-Thanksgiving

**2006 CHAMPION:** Utah State  
**2007 FIELD:** Alaska-Fairbanks (Host), Akron, Colorado St., IUPUI, Oregon St., Portland St., S. Carolina Upstate, Tennessee St.  
**2008 FIELD:** Alaska-Fairbanks (Host), Stanford, UT-Chattanooga, Morehead State; *4 more needed*

## Duel in the Desert – Las Vegas, NV – 3-Game MTE – Pre-Christmas

**2006 CHAMPIONS:** UNLV  
**2007 FIELD:** UNLV (host), Kennesaw State, Nicholls State, Minnesota



# NABC, BTI CONTINUE WEB SCHEDULE BOARD PARTNERSHIP

The NABC and Basketball Travelers, Inc. continue their commitment to offer Division I coaches access to the finest web-based scheduling bulletin board available. Unrivalled in numbers of participants, the complimentary service assists coaches in finding or posting non-conference games and tournaments. Coaches can post game openings or view games currently posted. The site is constantly being improved and expanded based on feedback from users. Call our office if you need assistance with posting or viewing games.



## BASKETBALL TRAVELERS CLASSICS OFFER FLEXIBILITY

The Basketball Travelers Classic is BTI's newest innovation, offering expanded options to teams looking to host or participate in an MTE tournament. The BTI Classic concept employs a 3-game, round-robin tournament model based on a host school and three other tournament participants. Both the host and the participants can utilize options to roll their fees or earnings into future opportunities to participate in foreign tours or travel to a warm-weather tournament such as the U.S.V.I. Paradise Jam. Call our office for tournament participation or host opportunities.

# OREGON DUCKS FLOCK TO BAHAMAS

Coming off their August trip to the Bahamas, the Oregon Ducks are flying high this season. The Ducks, who finished the regular season 23-7 and ranked 16th in the AP polls, are enjoying the success that eluded them during the previous two seasons which were laced with high expectations.



Oregon traveled to Nassau, Bahamas on a nine-night odyssey last August in search of improving team chemistry.

"Winning gives you better chemistry," Ernie Kent said this January, prior to a critical PAC-10 game. "But because of the Bahamas trip and everything we've gone through, we've had better chemistry."

The Ducks went 5-0 against the local Bahamian competition. Although the games were generally not close, it did give the team an opportunity to cement the bonds that would lead them successfully into the season ahead.

While on the trip, Kent commented, "One of the most encouraging things about this trip is that this team made the big adjustment of learning how to play with each other. It was impressive the way they came together as a team sharing the ball and playing team basketball. That is very encouraging for future success this season."

Outside of the gym, the team also took the opportunity to enjoy the marvels of the Caribbean.

The Ducks stayed at the Atlantis Hotel, one of the most glamorous resorts in the Caribbean, offering numerous water sports, pools, and entertainment. Several players also enjoyed a catamaran snorkeling tour.

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