

Old Trafford

Old Trafford is an all-seater football stadium in Manchester. It's the home ground of English football club Manchester United for hundred years. The stadium is also called "The Theatre of Dreams". That's the nickname given by Bobby Charlton.

History

Old Trafford has been United's permanent residence since 1910, with the exception of an eight-year absence, following the bombing of the stadium in the Second World War. During this period, the club shared Maine Road stadium with local rivals, Manchester City football club. United's first game back at Old Trafford was played on 24th August 1949, as 42,000 spectators witnessed a 3–0 victory over Bolton Wanderers.

There were lots of improvements after Second World War and the capacity steadily declined. By the 1980s, the capacity had dropped from the original 80,000 to approximately 60,000. The capacity dropped still further in 1990 when the government demanded that all First and Second Division stadia should be converted to all-seater. The club's success and increase in popularity in the early 1990s ensured that further development would have to occur. The new three-tiered stand raised the capacity of the entire ground to more than 55,000. In the year of 2000 the capacity of Old Trafford was more than 68,000.

2006 expansion

Old Trafford's most recent expansion took place between July 2005 and May 2006. The new capacity was 76,212. Premier League record was made on 31st March 2007, when 76,098 spectators saw United beat Blackburn Rovers 4–1, meaning that just 114 seats were left unoccupied (0.15% of the total capacity). In 2009, a reorganisation of the seating in the stadium resulted in a reduction of the capacity by 255, meaning that the club's home attendance record would stand at least until the next expansion.

Today, Old Trafford has the second-largest capacity of any English football stadium after Wembley Stadium in London, and the eleventh-largest in Europe. Despite the high ticket prices the Old Trafford is sold out constantly. Future expansion is likely to involve the addition of a second tier to the South Stand, which would raise the capacity to over 90,000.

For the 2012 Summer Olympics, the stadium will also host several football matches.

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all-seater stadium	štadion samo s sedišči (brez stojšč)
permanent	stalen
residence	rezidenca, sedež
exception	izjema
absence	odsotnost
bombing	bombardiranje
local rival	mestni rival / tekmeč
spectator	gledalec
witness	priča
improvements	izboljšave
capacity	kapaciteta, prostornost
steadily	enakomerno
decline	padati, se zmanjševati
demand	zahtevati
stand	tribuna
expansion	širjenje
reorganization	reorganizacija, preureditev
reduction	zmanjšanje
attendance	obisk, udeležba
constantly	stalno