

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Team














Soccer in Copenhagen

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE COPENHAGEN AREA (7 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 TRAINING SESSION & COPENHAGEN
- DAY 4 EXCURSION TO MALMO & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 5 COPENHAGEN & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FREINDLY
- DAY 6 TRAINING SESSION & PROFESSIONAL SOCCER MATCH
- DAY 7 EXCURSION TO MALMO & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 8 COPENHAGEN & FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM COPENHAGEN

ITINERARY

Scandinavia is a beautiful region which includes the countries of Sweden and Denmark. The region is known for its rich heritage, history, and culture spanning back thousands of years. In addition to world renowned natural wonders, Copenhagen and Stockholm offer an enticing mix of historic charm and cosmopolitan flavor. Both nations are passionate about soccer and consistently compete for spots in major competitions.

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|  Educational Tour/Visit |  Cultural Experience |  Festival/Performance/Workshop | Tour Services |
|  Recreational Activity |  LEAP Enrichment |  Match/Training Session |      |



DAY 1



Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight to Copenhagen.

* Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)

DAY 2



Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

Upon our arrival we will be met by our private bus and driver and we will transfer to our hotel in the Copenhagen area. We will have use of a private coach and driver, as needed for the next seven days.

Copenhagen is a place of contrasts; this cobblestone city has been Denmark's capital for over 1000 years and is home to the world's oldest monarchy. Yet modern Copenhagen is a surprisingly cosmopolitan city of cutting-edge fashion and design and striking modern architecture.



Our base during our tour will be in the greater Copenhagen area. While here breakfast lunch (possibly packed depending on the final schedule), and dinner will be included at the hotel restaurant. (Subject to availability at time of booking, we will attempt to house the group at the FCN Training Center and Hotel.)



We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the area around the hotel.



Lunch will be provided today.



TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 3



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



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Today we will travel into central Copenhagen.



DAY 3



COPENHAGEN CITY TOUR

We will take an introductory Copenhagen City Tour on our own private bus and on foot to view and learn about some of the most important sights and landmarks in Copenhagen.



Lunch will be provided today.



CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE

Visit Christiansborg Palace which contains the Danish Parliament, the Supreme Court, and the Ministry of State. The Royal Reception Rooms include The Tower Room and The Oval Throne Room where foreign ambassadors to Denmark are received by the Queen and the Throne Room gives access to the balcony where the Danish monarchs are proclaimed.



You will have some free time to explore Copenhagen.



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into southern Sweden to explore Malmö.

Malmö was one of the earliest and most industrialized towns of Scandinavia and since the construction of the Øresund Bridge, the city has undergone a major transformation with many architectural developments. The city also contains many historic buildings and parks, and is also a commercial center for the western part of the Scania region.



MALMO CITY TOUR

Take an introductory Malmö City Tour by private bus and on foot. We will view and learn about the most important sites, landmarks and attractions in Malmö. Highlights will include Malmöhus Castle, the Town Hall, the Stortorget, and the avant-garde and controversial Turning Torso, rising over the Western Harbor.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

Visit Sankt Petri kyrka, the most important church in Malmö. Dark and a bit foreboding on the exterior, it is light and airy within. This Gothic church originated in the 14th century, when Malmö was under the control of the Hanseatic League, and was modeled on Marienkirche, a famous church in Lübeck, Germany. The church's most stunning feature is its Krämarkapellet, or tradesmen's chapel, from the 1400s, where the original artwork remains. At the Reformation, the artwork here was viewed as "redundant," and the chapel was sealed off, which, in effect, protected its paintings from the overzealous "restoration" of the reformers.



Lunch will be provided today.



FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



We will transfer back into Copenhagen.



HARBOR BOAT TOUR

Take a Boat Tour around the harbor and through the idyllic canals where a guide will tell us about Copenhagen's beautiful churches, castles, old listed houses, new buildings and all other sights of interest. The tour departs from Nyhavn or Gammel Strand and passes some of Copenhagen's best sights and attractions including the Little Mermaid statue, a Copenhagen symbol.



DAY 5



NYHAVN

Explore Nyhavn, which was a busy commercial port where ships from all over the world would dock. The area was packed with sailors, pubs and alehouses. Today the beautiful old houses are colorful and magical, and they have been renovated and classy restaurants dominate the old port. Nyhavn is filled with people enjoying the relaxed atmosphere by the canal, jazz music and great food. Many of the houses lining the quays of Nyhavn have been the homes of prominent artists and the famous Danish fairytale writer, Hans Christian Andersen, used to live in no. 20.



Lunch will be provided today.



We will have some free time at the hotel before our match.



SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 6



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



TRAINING SESSION

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Lunch will be provided today.



This afternoon we will travel to see a professional match.



ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL MATCH

We will attend a professional soccer match featuring teams from the top leagues. Seeing the top talent in the world in person would itself be an unforgettable experience, but add the passionate crowds singing, cheering and chanting and you will enter an atmosphere that can only be understood through personal experience. (Excel Programs will secure tickets for the group after time of booking and upon release of the official schedule. Due to scheduling your final itinerary may need to be adjusted to accommodate attending a match).



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.



TIVOLI GARDENS

After dinner we will explore the Tivoli Gardens, which were created in 1843 and gave Walt Disney an idea. The original is still here, standing in a 20-acre garden in the center of Copenhagen. The Tivoli is the virtual symbol of Denmark and features more than 100,000 specially made soft-glow light bulbs and at least a million regular bulbs. It also features thousands of flowers, a merry-go-round of tiny Viking ships, games of chance and skill and a Ferris wheel of hot-air balloons and cabin seats. The latest attraction at Tivoli, "The Demon," is the biggest roller coaster in Denmark. An Arabian-style fantasy palace, with towers and arches, houses more than two dozen restaurants.

DAY 7



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.

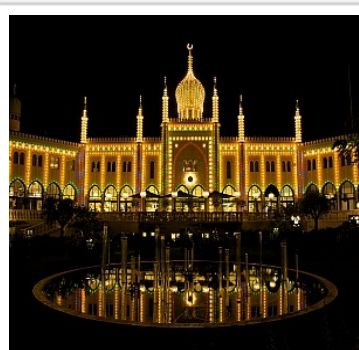
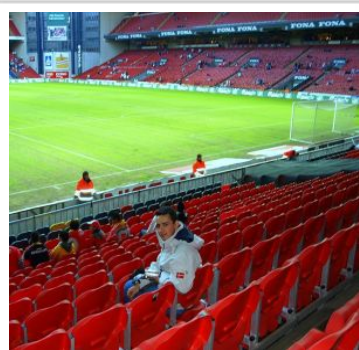


Today we will take another excursion into Sweden to further explore Malmö.



SVANEHOLM CASTLE

The province of Skåne is known for its castles, and we will visit Svaneholm, the best one to visit while based in Malmö. This impressive Renaissance fortress dates from 1530 and many aristocratic families have lived here, including the castle's most colorful character was Baron Rutger Macklean (1742-1816), who introduced crop rotation to Sweden, an unheard-of concept. The castle was partially converted into an Italian-style palace. Today it houses a museum of paintings, furnishings, and tools dating primarily from the 18th and 19th centuries.



DAY 7



MFF MUSEUM

Visit the MFF Museum to experience a collection of trophies, artwork, photos, and many other exciting objects that tell the history of Malmö FF. The museum is located on the fourth floor at Swedbank Stadion and overlooks the pitch and the stands. A tour through the museum will take us back to the club's founding in 1910 and leads us forward through the decades and the events that created the most successful football club in Sweden. It's not all football though. The museum also gives an insight to our strong social commitment and what part the club played during turbulent times in history.



Lunch will be provided today.



THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH

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This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 8



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



We continue on our journey from ** to **.



FC COPENHAGEN - STADIUM TOUR

Take a guided tour of Telia Parken, known as Parken Stadium, which is the largest football ground in Denmark and is home to Danish Superliga team FC Copenhagen and the National Football Team. With a capacity of 38,065, the 1992 built ground is rated as a four star stadium by UEFA. Our tour will take us through the dressing rooms, the press rooms, the stadium grounds and through the FC Copenhagen Museum.



Lunch will be provided today.



The afternoon will be free to shop or sightsee in Copenhagen at our leisure.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Europe.

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches between teams from different confederations, and we provide U.S. Soccer Federation sanctioning of all games, which
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital
- Marketing support for Program Leaders to assist in group recruitment (digital, print, and in-person presentations)
- One free place in a single room throughout the tour

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$50 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)