



Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Group



World Cup in France

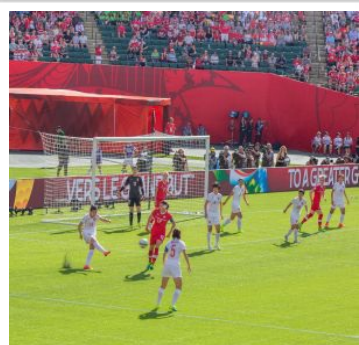
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LYON AREA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 LYON & OPENING CEREMONIES
- DAY 4 LYON - AVIGNON - NICE AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 5 NICE & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 6 MONACO, EZE & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 7 NICE - SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY - TGV TRAIN TO PARIS AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 8 PARIS & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 9 PARIS & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM PARIS

ITINERARY

France continues to be at the top destination for travelers. Its glorious past as well as its cutting-edge cuisine, style and fashion will help to create an unforgettable cultural experience. Additionally, soccer is the number one sport in France. France was one of the four European teams that participated at the inaugural Men's World Cup in 1930. For women, the World Cup has been held every four years since 1991. Matches are planned for nine venues across France with the opening and final match being played at Parc Olympique Lyonnais.

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 from North America.



* 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. We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next eight days.

Lyon is France's second largest metropolitan area and has been important gateway between the north and south since ancient times. The history and architecture of the town has made it a UNESCO World Heritage Site, though many associate Lyon more with its lacework and fine gastronomy; it is often considered to be the culinary capital of France.



Our base for the first two nights will be in the greater Lyon area, where breakfast and dinner will be included at the hotel.



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



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.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 3



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into Lyon.



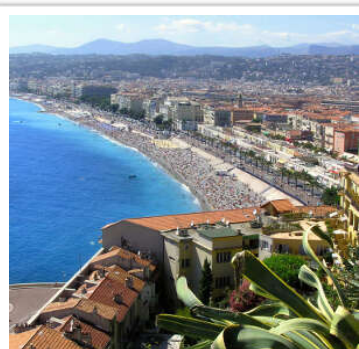
LYON WALKING TOUR

Take a Walking Tour of Old Lyon. Highlights of our walk will include La Place Bellecour, the city's finest square, where we will view the magnificent equestrian statue of Louis XIV; the Pont de Bonaparte; the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Jean; and the Palais de Justice.



THE 2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

With women's soccer being one of the fastest growing sports in the world with over 40 million ladies participating in the game, the excitement of the 8th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup will be exhilarating in 2019. In March 2015, France won the right to host the event, the first time the country would host the tournament and the third time in Europe. Matches are planned for nine different venues across France.



DAY 3



OPENING CEREMONIES

We will attend the spectacular opening ceremonies where you will experience music, dance, and cultural dress that represents France and will help to springboard the energy within the stadium into the matches that lie ahead.



You will have some free time to explore the area.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from Lyon to Nice. En route we will stop to explore Avignon.

The medieval town of Avignon was once home to the Roman Catholic Papacy and is one of the few French cities to have preserved its rampart. The city is even classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which helps to preserve its history. Visit its historic center, the "Palais des Papes" and the famous bridge of Avignon. The "Pont du Gard" is a popular destination for an afternoon swim under the ancient Roman aqueduct that spans the Gardon River.



PALAIS DES PAPES

Visit the spectacular Palais des Papes, a series of buildings that offer a glimpse into the grand life under the seven Popes who built a miniature Vatican in Avignon during their rule in the 14th century.

Nice is the largest resort on the Mediterranean coast, and the fifth largest city in France. Its temperate climate has attracted visitors from the Greeks and Romans to Queen Victoria. As the capital of the Côte d'Azur, Nice also has plenty to offer in culture, museums, and atmospheric streets.



Our hotel in Nice area, will be our base for the next three nights. While here, we will enjoy breakfast and dinner at the hotel.



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PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS

Hotel location permitting; we will stroll along Nice's magnificent and historic Promenade des Anglais that encompasses the Bay of Angels. The perfect place to people watch, enjoy the Mediterranean, or get some local food.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will admire the city of Nice.



NICE CITY TOUR

Enjoy an introductory City Tour of Nice using our own private bus. We will view many of the most important and distinctive landmarks and attractions in Nice, both from the bus and on foot. Highlights of our tour will include Vieux Nice (old quarter), the Matisse Museum, the Regina Palace Hotel in the Cimiez neighborhood, the magnificent Russian Orthodox Church, Castle Hill for amazing views of the Riviera and the Alps, and the glamorous Promenade des Anglais.

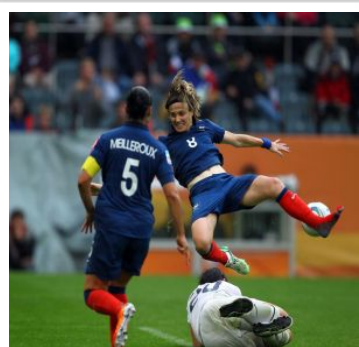


RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Stroll through the Cathédrale Orthodoxe Russe St-Nicolas à Nice. Built by Nicholas II, the cathedral is considered the finest example of Orthodox architecture outside Russia.



You will have some free time to explore the area.



DAY 5



ATTEND A WORLD CUP MATCH

We will attend a World Cup Match and we will be one of the excited fans in the crowd cheering and chanting as women from select nations compete to be the best in the world. We will be immersed into the frenzy of World Cup fans and feel the thrills of the close calls, the headers and the beautiful goals! (Match and venue selection will be determined after the time of booking and will be subject to ticket availability. Booking a trip early will give your team the best opportunity to inform us of your preferences.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 6



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to nearby Monaco and Eze.

The tiny country of The Principality of Monaco is the world's oldest monarchy and the most densely populated sovereign country in the world. It began as a Greek settlement, before the Romans took it. The Grimaldis took power in 1297 and have reigned ever since. Visitors primarily come to enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere and the casinos, for which the principality has become famous.



MONACO CATHEDRAL

Spend time in Monaco Cathedral, a Neo-Romanesque church containing a number of early paintings of the Nice School, including a St. Nicholas altarpiece by Louis Bréa. American actress and beloved Monacan princess Grace Kelly is buried here.

THE VILLAGE OF EZE

En route to Eze we will enjoy the spectacular panoramic views from Villefranche over Cap Ferrat, the Bay of Billionaires and its famous villas. We will drive along the Meddium corniche and then explore the charming village of Eze, which features quaint lanes, stunning gardens, Fragonard perfume and sweeping views over the Riviera.



You will have some free time to explore the area.



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.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 7



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



We will travel from the hotel to our friendly 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.)



We will travel by high-speed train from Nice to Paris.



Upon arrival in Paris, we will be transferred to our Paris area hotel.



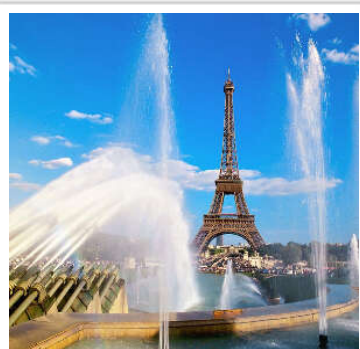
Paris is one of the most iconic cities in the world, filled with culture and history, monuments and museums. Known as the City of Light, Paris is a million things to a million people. No writer has ever been able to truly capture Paris in words, and only the experience of being there can begin to express the grandness and magic of this incredible city.



Our base for the next three nights will be in the Paris area, where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 8



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into central Paris.



In Paris, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.



PARIS CITY TOUR

Enjoy an introductory City Tour of Paris using our own private bus. We will view many of Paris' most important and distinctive landmarks and attractions, both from the bus and on foot. Highlights of our tour will include the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, Les Invalides, and Notre Dame.



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Visit Notre Dame Cathedral. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.



ATTEND A WORLD CUP MATCH

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DAY 9



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will return to central Paris.



EIFFEL TOWER ASCENT

Ascend to the top of Paris' most recognizable landmark, the Eiffel Tower, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The wrought-iron tower was not meant to be permanent, and the first permit was only for 20 years. But by that time, it had proved to be a valuable communication device for radio. It is now France's global icon and has hosted over 200 million visitors.



Take some time to explore or shop at your leisure in Paris. Our tour director will be available to make suggestions, provide directions, or accompany the group if there is a selected activity that the majority of the group would like to do.



THIRD 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.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 10



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin rooms or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Full breakfast daily at the hotel
- Lunch or dinner daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- A full-time WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- All sporting arrangements, including matches, training sessions or clinics (as per the itinerary)
- Two Women's World Cup soccer match tickets (subject to travel dates and schedule)
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers, friendly games and sightseeing (where and when required)
- Public Transport pass for group sightseeing (cost included) for the days in central Paris
- One way train ticket from Nice to Paris
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- USTO Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- One free place in a single room throughout the tour
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage, which extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of Excel Sports

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults (will be available at a supplement of \$50 per night)
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149

Manchester United GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final Manchester United home game at Old Trafford Stadium



The Winner Will Receive:

- Two round trip flights to Manchester
- Two nights at the 3-Star Willowbank Hotel in Manchester
- Two tickets to see Manchester United's final season home game at Old Trafford



"The Manchester trip was an awesome experience that I will never forget. It's been a dream of mine to see a Premier League game so this trip helped that wish come true for me. The atmosphere at the game was awesome and I got to see some great goals from Manchester United. I was also impressed with how accommodating Excel International Sports was while arranging extra days and flights for the trip. Overall, I am so grateful that I got this opportunity to go to Manchester and fulfill one of my dreams!"

Mike Smith, Grand Prize Raffle Winner

THE ULTIMATE FUNDRAISER

WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards the cost of their sports tour.

We will provide a PDF of the raffle tickets. The participants will print the tickets at home, and then they will proceed to sell the tickets for \$10 each. WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs will provide the grand prize and hold a drawing on the 1st of March each year in order to choose a winner.

"This raffle fundraiser is sending me to Spain to play soccer. When my parents told me I had to pay for the trip myself I was determined I could do it and with the help of this raffle I was able to pay for the entire trip. Thank you so much!"
Sydney Larkin, St. Mary's College Women's Soccer (MD)



Don't Just Take Our Word for it. Here is What Our Participants Had to Say:



"We had a spectacular trip to the UK through WorldStrides Excel. The trip was very well organized which allowed us to focus on the practice sessions and games that we played. Our schedules were planned efficiently and we were able to sightsee and learn about the unique history of various cities in the UK. The players had a fantastic time and many of them said that this was one of the best weeks of their lives. The trip is certainly something that they will remember forever."

Kelly Tyrell, Dickinson College, Head Coach, England



"My team's spring break trip to Portugal was amazing. It was a first-class operation as soon as we got off the plane in Lisbon. Everything was well coordinated with hotels and meals, bus transportation and sightseeing with Filipe, our full-time tour guide. There were so many great things to do in close proximity to each other, plus the quality of women's soccer over there was excellent. My girls thoroughly enjoyed the training and gained valuable experience playing against three very talented clubs. I hope more teams will follow our lead and visit Portugal with WorldStrides Excel in the future. Thank you!"

JP Sousa, Catholic University, Head Coach, Portugal



"The Whittier College Women's Soccer program took part in a 10 day tour to the UK. WorldStrides Excel matched all of our needs, organizing competitive soccer games with local opponents. We also utilized much of our free time to visit various part of England/Scotland – while enjoying the culture, the food and the people! Two visits to professional games was the icing on the cake! Without a doubt we will be using WorldStrides Excel for any future foreign travel....they are the absolute best."

Monica Gerardo, Whittier College, Head Coach, England



"First class from the moment we arrived in Barcelona. The trip was planned to perfection. The hotel, transport and training facilities were all top quality and our tour manager Uri was excellent. The sightseeing tours were fantastic. We played our matches in local stadiums (which the players loved) against very well-organized clubs, who were great hosts. We would take a trip every season if we could and the players had the time of their lives!"

Martin Claves, Westminster College Head Coach, Spain