



Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Group













Soccer in Madrid & Lisbon

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE MADRID AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 MADRID & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 4 MADRID & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 5 MADRID AREA - LISBON AREA (4 NIGHTS)
- DAY 6 LISBON & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 7 SINTRA & PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 8 LISBON & FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM LISBON

ITINERARY

The most successful side of the past decade, the Spanish National Team (La Roja), has won two European Championships and a World Cup. Spain also boasts the most dominant club teams in Europe headed by FC Barcelona and Real Madrid. The Spanish way of soccer is renowned for its total football approach. Portugal has a diverse mix of geography, including splendid beaches, rocky coasts and coves, fertile valleys, and arid plains dotted with groves and vineyards. Portugal also has a rich soccer culture and history and is home to Ronaldo.







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







DAY 1

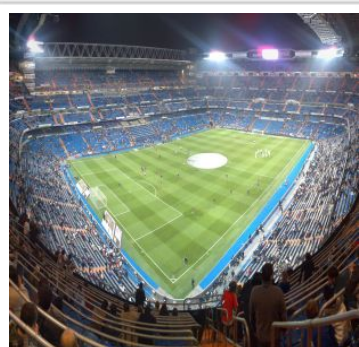
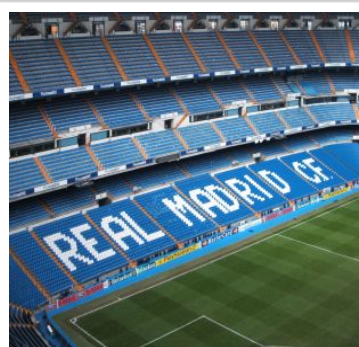
-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from North America.

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 seven days.
-  Spain's capital city of Madrid lies at the heart of the country. Despite its modern and cosmopolitan culture, the city has preserved its traditional architecture and charm. This is a city of great monuments and great art, all against the backdrop of a rich culture and an exciting nightlife.
-  Our base for the first three nights will be the greater Madrid area, where breakfast and dinner will be provided 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 you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
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-  Today we will transfer into central Madrid.
-  **MADRID CITY TOUR**
Take an introductory City Tour of Madrid to learn about and view some of Madrid's top landmarks and attractions using our private bus and on foot. Highlights will include The Prado, the Plaza de Cibeles, the Puerta de Alcala, the Gran Via, Plaza de Espana, Palacio Real, and the Puerto del Sol.
-  Take some time to explore or shop at your leisure in Madrid.



DAY 3



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 4



This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into Madrid and then to a pro match.



REAL MADRID STADIUM TOUR

Tour of the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home of the Real Madrid football club. Our tour will include a visit to the Trophy Room, a walk on the field, a visit to the Presidential Balcony, the Player's Benches, Coaching Area and Dressing Room, as well as the Press Room. (The tour may be modified in the event of a match day).



Take some time to explore or shop at your leisure in Madrid.



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).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5



This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from Madrid to Lisbon.



Lisbon is a charming capital city with a rich cultural heritage. The city is a striking mix of old and new, whose laid back pace welcomes visitors to this European capital.



Our base for the final four evenings will be in the greater Lisbon area, where daily breakfast and dinner will be included.



TRAINING SESSION

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Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 6



This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will transfer into central Lisbon.

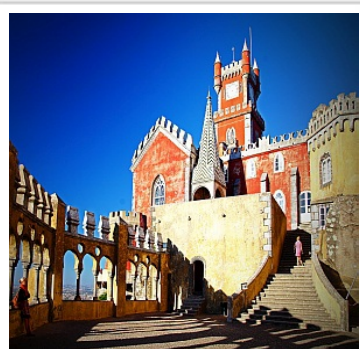


LISBON CITY TOUR

We will take an introductory Lisbon City Tour by private bus and on foot. We will view some of Lisbon's most important landmarks and attractions, including the Cathedral, the Castle St. George, the Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries.



We will have some free time for shopping and exploration in Lisbon.



DAY 6



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 7



This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to nearby Sintra.



At only half an hour from Lisbon, the beautiful town of Sintra is dotted with historic palaces and surrounded by wooded hills. The town which was once the favourite summer residence of the Kings of Portugal, has been internationally acclaimed by poets and artists over the years and was declared a UNESCO world heritage site for its Cultural Landscape in 1995.



PALACE OF PENA

Visit the spectacular Palace of Peña, built in the 19th century as King Ferdinand's summer home. King Ferdinand loved art, nature and new inventions, which is reflected in the interior of this enchanting palace that is filled with oddities from all over the world. Explore the park that surrounds the palace.



We will have some time to explore Sintra, the beaches of Portugal or return to Lisbon for more sightseeing or shopping.



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).



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 8



This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into Lisbon.



BENFICA - ESTADIO DA LUZ TOUR

Take a guided tour of Estadio da Luz, home to Benfica. The stadium reflects the greatness of its host club and is the biggest and most modern sports venue in Portugal. Since its inauguration, the stadium has received over 11 million spectators and countless matches and events. During our tour we will travel through the Cathedral of a thousand emotions. Highlights of our tour will include the Dressing Rooms, the Presidential Tribune VIP area, the Press Conference Room, the Players Tunnel, the Pitch and Beach, and the Eagle Vitoria, Benfica's mascot and symbol, which flies around the stadium and presents an awe-inspiring sight and a unique moment for all fans. Our tour concludes as we travel back in time through the Benfica Museum, featuring memorabilia from its storied history.



We will have some free time to explore or shop in Lisbon.

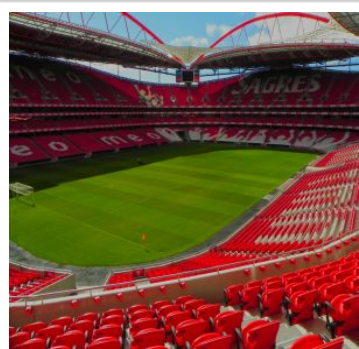


FOURTH FRIENDLY MATCH

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.



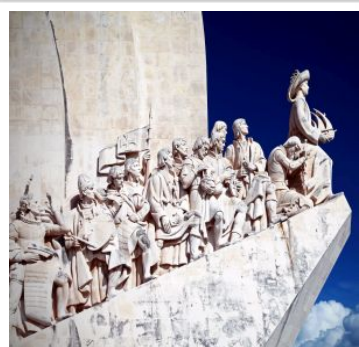
DAY 9



This morning you will enjoy 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 (with an occasional triple) with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Full breakfast daily in 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
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers, touring and all soccer content as required throughout
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour (where required)
- 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)
- One pro soccer ticket (subject to schedule and availability)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (this is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- 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
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Manchester United Raffle fundraiser
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage, which extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of Excel Sports as Coaches and Chaperones
- One free place in a single room throughout the tour

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Single rooms for adults (will be available at a supplement of \$50 per night)
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- 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

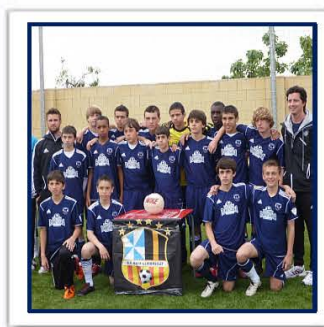
WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards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



"Our trip was spectacular from start to finish. The opportunity to train, play, and experience Barcelona is something that will not soon be forgotten. The cultural influences we encountered will be lasting and the memories will last a lifetime"

Mark Biagi, Head Coach, Arizona Boys ODP, Spain



"The trip was amazing and so well organized. Your folks on the ground that led the groups were excellent and so impressive. The schedule was full of wonderful events and the boys had an awesome time. Our family loved the trip and we are all so glad to have had the opportunity to go. Thank you so much for everything you do to make these trips happen. All of your hard work and organization really pays off on the user end when the trip goes as great as this one!"

Gabi Koeppel, Chaperone, MSYSA ODP, Spain



"Our tour director, Christina was exceptional and made the trip even more memorable. Not only did I get to see the beauty of Spain and gain international experience but I grew as a soccer player and enjoyed seeing a European style of play. Thank you WorldStrides Excel for a fantastic trip!"

Bennet Olsen-Zwick, Player, Arizona ODP, Spain



"Simply outstanding. The entire experience. From pre-trip planning, WorldStrides Excel did a fantastic job covering all the details, to the trip itself – was truly exceptional. Thanks again for the opportunity to take part in this awesome trip!"

Rich Ruiz, Board Member, MSYSA ODP, Spain