

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Team



The Gothia Cup

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE GOTHENBURG (7 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND GAMES & OPENING CEREMONIES)
- DAY 4 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND MATCHES)
- DAY 5 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND MATCHES & PLAYOFFS)
- DAY 6 GOTHIA CUP (PLAYOFFS & LISEBERG AMUSEMENT PARK)
- DAY 7 GOTHIA CUP (PLAYOFFS & CUP FINALS)
- DAY 8 GOTHIA CUP (CUP FINALS)
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM GOTHENBURG

ITINERARY

The Gothia Cup is the world's largest and most international youth football tournament. Each year, around 1,600 teams from 80 nations take part and they play 4,500 games on 110 fields. It's the teams, and participants from around the world that make the tournament unique. A meeting place for the world's youth, irrespective of religion, skin color or nationality, with football as the common denominator. The Gothia Cup was first held in 1975, and through the years, almost a million players from a total of 141 countries have participated in the tournament.

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. Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Gothenburg.
- Gothenburg is Sweden's second largest city. It has become one of the most popular tourist areas in Scandinavia as tourists and other visitors return year after year. The city is known for fine, locally produced ingredients and top-notch restaurant life, which makes it a great reason to visit. Gothenburg is also the gateway to the Western Archipelago, with its peerless isles and barren grey skerries and they are easily accessible by boat from the city. Sights to see while here include Opera, Botanical Gardens, Gunnebo Castle, Skansen Kronan, Haga, the Cathedral and much more!
- Our accommodation for the next 7 nights will be in the Gothenburg area. While here, breakfast and dinner will be included each day.
- We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to unpack and explore the area around the hotel.
- THE GOTHIA CUP**
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- THE GOTHIA CARD**
We will all receive a Gothia Card, which will allow you to take part in all of the Gothia Cup's fantastic events and provide entry to many of Gothenburg's tourist attractions.
- Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.
- GOTHIA HEDEN CENTER**
The Gothia Heden Center is the heart of the Gothia Cup. Here we will find the Central Information building, the tournament's headquarters during the week. Heden Center in the heart of Göteborg is centrally located within walking distance from Nya Ullevi (opening ceremony arena) and the main boulevard Avenyn. Heden is a storied place in the Swedish football. It was namely here that the first football game in Swedish territory was played. The year was 1892 and the match was between Örgryte IS and IS lyckans Soldater. In the Gothia Heden Center there will be a large event and exhibition area where our partners arrange fun activities and contests. You will also find souvenirs, food court, and Taste the World here!
- After dinner we will have time to experience the Heden Center or take part in any social activities that may be organized by the Gothia Cup, including a youth disco. Evenings are the ideal time to meet fellow soccer lovers from around the globe and maybe make a global friend for life!



DAY 3



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



FIRST ROUND MATCHES

We will play a first round Match against a 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 match is central during the Gothia Cup. It is the reason why you are here. In total 4,000 matches are being played during the week. Almost 100 fields are required and all regular matches are being played on natural grass or artificial turf.



GOTHENBURG CITY TOUR

Our tour director will lead us on a guided City Tour of Gothenburg. We will begin at Guldhedens Vattentorn the 394-ft. water tower, which is the best way to get our bearings when you set out to see the city. The elevator ride up the tower is free and offers great views over Gothenburg. Other highlights will include: the cultural center, Götaplatsen, with its Poseidon Fountain, sculpted by Carl Milles; the Concert Hall; the municipally owned theater; the Göteborgs Konstmuseum; and the Älvsborg Bridge spanning the Göta River, which one of the longest suspension bridges in Sweden at almost 2,953 ft.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



OPENING CEREMONIES

Tonight we will attend the Gothia Opening Ceremony, which celebrates harmony and fellowship. Similar to an Olympic ceremony the atmosphere surrounding the opening of the Gothia Cup is electric, enough to make you shiver with excitement. It's a memory you'll remember and smile at for the rest of your life. The ceremony takes place in Ullevi Stadium and is a show that takes about two hours. The presentation of the participating nations is memorable, as will be the Music, singing, dancing, and fireworks. More than 50 000 players, coaches, supporters and locals create a magical atmosphere at Ullevi Stadium. There are nearly 500 dancers, 10 musicians and 15 solo artists accompanying this great culture mix.

DAY 4



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



FIRST ROUND MATCHES

We will play a first round Match against a team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.



During our time not playing a match, we will have free time to enjoy the Heden Center, Gothenburg, or to watch other Gothia Cup matches.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



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DAY 5



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



FIRST & PLAYOFF ROUND MATCHES

We will play either a final first round match, or a Playoff Round Match against an international team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.



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DAY 6



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PLAYOFF ROUND MATCHES

We will play Playoff Round Matches against an international team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.



LISEBURG AMUSEMENT PARK

Enjoy time at Liseberg Amusement Park with the Liseberg Super Ride Pass, which gives us free rides on 41 attractions. There is something for everyone at Scandinavia's greatest amusement park. Thrill rides for the bold, charming rides that twirl around at just the right speed for younger tummies, spinning chocolate wheels, hundreds of thousands of flowers and lots of cuddly rabbits in Rabbit Land. The newest addition is Mechanica, a fast and powerful ride that spins you 360 degrees around three axes at 30 metres up in the air. Another ride you shouldn't miss is Helix, a world-class roller coaster that combines corkscrews, loops and double launches.



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DAY 7



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



PLAYOFFS & CUP FINALS

Today the playoffs continue and the Gothia Cup Finals commence. The various age and gender brackets will compete for the Gothia Cup titles.



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DAY 8



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



GOTHIA CUP FINALS

Today the Gothia Cup Finals conclude. The various age and gender brackets will compete for the Gothia Cup titles.



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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 the airport for our return flights home.

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
- Gothia Cup entry fees and Gothia Super Card
- 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)