

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for FC USA Boys and Girls














World Cup in Paris, Montpellier & Nice June 17 - June 26, 2019

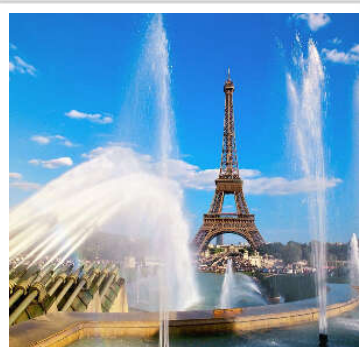
ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK
- DAY 2 ARRIVE PARIS AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 PARIS & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 4 VERSAILLES & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 5 PARIS AREA - TGV TRAIN - MONTPELLIER AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 6 FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY & MONTPELLIER
- DAY 7 MONTPELLIER & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 8 MONTPELLIER AREA - NICE AREA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 9 NICE & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM NICE



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 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 Monday, 17 June 2019

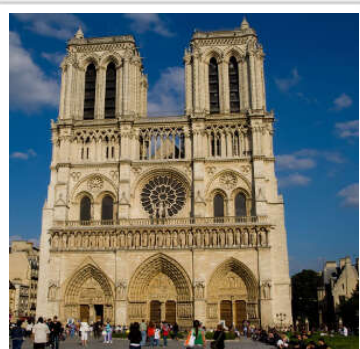
-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from New York to Paris.
-  * Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the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

DAY 2 Tuesday, 18 June 2019

- 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.
-  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 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 dinner will be on your own arrangements.

DAY 3 Wednesday, 19 June 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel into central Paris.
-  **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.



DAY 3 **Wednesday, 19 June 2019**



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.



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 dinner will be on your own arrangements.

DAY 4 **Thursday, 20 June 2019**



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to nearby Versailles.



THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

Experience Versailles, a palace commissioned by Louis XIV around Louis XIII's hunting lodge. In addition to viewing the spectacular Gardens, our visit includes the ornate State Apartments, highlighted by the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Versailles set the standard for royal opulence in the 17th century; this over indulgence set the stage for outrage and the ensuing French Revolution 100 years later.



You will have some free time to explore and enjoy the area.



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DAY 5 **Friday, 21 June 2019**



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



We will check out of our hotel and transfer to the train station.



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



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

Montpellier is a bustling, beautiful, and vibrant city, often called the "Oxford of France" because of its large academic community. Montpellier is filled with architecture and rich in history. Its streets are lined with boutiques and sidewalk cafés, and are dotted with magnificent squares.



Our base for the next three nights will be Montpellier area, where breakfast will be provided at 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.)



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DAY 6 Saturday, 22 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to our morning friendly, take a city tour and enjoy beach time.



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.)



MONTPELLIER WALKING TOUR

Take a Walking Tour, beginning in La Place de la Comédie, featuring the 18th century Fountain of the Three Graces. This is the living room of Montpellier and an ideal place to people watch. We will continue with a stroll along the 17th century Promenade du Peyrou, a terraced park at the highest point in Montpellier. From here, we can enjoy the wonderful views of the Cévennes and the Mediterranean.



This afternoon, relax and enjoy the sun with beach free time.



Tonight dinner will be on your own arrangements.

DAY 7 Sunday, 23 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel to St Guilhem le Desert and to our Friendly Match.



ST GUILHEM LE DESERT

Designated the most beautiful villages in France and named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this tiny but exquisite village is well worth a trip while you are visiting the Montpellier area. Fewer than 300 people live in the medieval houses that tumble down cobble-stoned lanes encircled by a wooded ravine within the dramatic Gorges de l'Hérault. The central square, place de la Liberté, has one of the largest and widest plane trees in France, which shelter several cafe tables. The main attraction, in addition to the general beauty of the village, is the 11th-century abbey that sits on the site of the 9th-century monastery founded by Guilhem, Charlemagne's counselor.



You will have some free time to shop and explore the area.



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 dinner will be on your own arrangements.

DAY 8 Monday, 24 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from Montpellier to Nice.

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 two nights. While here, we will enjoy breakfast at 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.)



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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.

DAY 9 Tuesday, 25 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel into 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.



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 dinner will be on your own arrangements.

DAY 10 Wednesday, 26 June 2019



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.

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\$3,995 Per Participant

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee - Once you have enrolled to join the group, the price of the program will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs). Additionally, in the event that we are unable to form a full team in your age and gender group, a full refund will be given.

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 at the hotel daily
- 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 will provide full documentation of the sanctioned games)
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- Two Women's World Cup soccer match tickets (subject to travel dates and 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
- One way train ticket from Paris to Montpellier
- 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

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
- Lunch and dinner daily 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, or any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- 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)

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)

