

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for FC USA International



Copenhagen & The Gothia Cup July 10 - July 21, 2019

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK
- DAY 2 ARRIVE COPENHAGEN AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 TRAINING SESSION & COPENHAGEN
- DAY 4 COPENHAGEN & FRIENDLY MATCH
- DAY 5 COPENHAGEN - GOTHENBURG AREA (6 NIGHTS)
- DAY 6 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND GAMES & OPENING CEREMONIES)
- DAY 7 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND MATCHES)
- DAY 8 GOTHIA CUP (FIRST ROUND MATCHES CONTINUE & PLAYOFFS BEGIN)
- DAY 9 GOTHIA CUP (PLAYOFFS)
- DAY 10 GOTHIA CUP (CUP FINALS)
- DAY 11 GOTHIA CUP (CUP FINALS) - COPENHAGEN AREA (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 12 DEPARTURE FROM COPENHAGEN

ITINERARY

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



DAY 1 Wednesday, 10 July 2019

- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from New York.

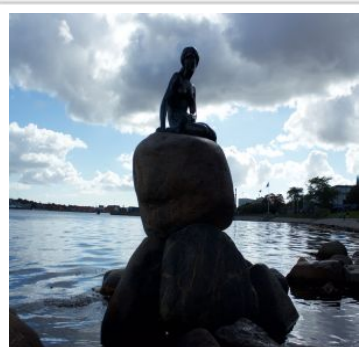
DAY 2 Thursday, 11 July 2019

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

- Our private coach and driver will transfer us to our Copenhagen area hotel. We will have use of our coach for all transfers, touring and soccer content as required throughout.
- 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 for the next three nights will be in the Copenhagen area, where breakfast will be provided at the hotel.
- We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, our afternoon concludes as we take in Nyhavn.
- 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.)
- Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.

DAY 3 Friday, 12 July 2019

- This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
- COPENHAGEN WALKING TOUR**
Take a walking tour around the Slotsholmen area of Copenhagen with your Tour Director. Home to Christiansborg Palace, the Danish Parliament, the island of Slotsholmen is surrounded by a moat-like canal and features many impressive buildings and museums. The area to the North around the University is known as the Latin Quarter, and is full of narrow streets and historic half-timbered houses.
- COPENHAGEN HARBOR 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 3 Friday, 12 July 2019



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 a welcome dinner BBQ. Meet new friends and enjoy the company of your teammates as we get excited for the Gothia Cup.

DAY 4 Saturday, 13 July 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



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.)



Today you will have free time for shopping and exploration in the Copenhagen area.



Dinner will be by the group's own arrangement and cost.

DAY 5 Sunday, 14 July 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from the Copenhagen area to Gothenburg for the Gothia Cup.



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. Today, Gothenburg is an attractive interface between high-tech savvy and old-world charm. It's not surprising that locals refer to it as "the biggest small town in Sweden." Gothenburg is the birthplace of football in Sweden as the first football match in Sweden was played there in 1892. The city's three major football clubs, IFK Göteborg, Örgryte IS, and GAIS share a total of 34 Swedish championships between them. The annual Gothia Cup, is the world's largest football tournament with regards to the number of participants.



Our base for the next six nights will be in the Gothenburg area where breakfast will be provided at the hotel daily. Lunch and dinner will be on group's own arrangement and costs.



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.



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!



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 6 Monday, 15 July 2019



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.



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 7 Tuesday, 16 July 2019



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. Optional activities for you to consider would be: exploring the Fortress Elsborg, taking a Canal Tour or enjoy Liseberg Amusement Park.



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. Evenings are the ideal time to meet fellow soccer lovers from around the globe and maybe make a global friend for life! The Gothia Coaches party will be held this evening.

DAY 8 Wednesday, 17 July 2019



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.



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.



This evening will be free to enjoy social activities around the hotel area.

DAY 9 Thursday, 18 July 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



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.









This evening we will have time to experience the Heden Center or take part in any social activities that may be organized by the Gothia Cup.





DAY 10 Friday, 19 July 2019

-  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.
-  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.
-  This evening will be free to enjoy social activities around the hotel area.

DAY 11 Saturday, 20 July 2019

-  For the next few evenings we will be based in a hotel with daily breakfast.
-  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.
-  After finals, we will transfer to Copenhagen.
-  Tonight we will stay in our Copenhagen area hotel, where breakfast will be included.
-  You will have some free time to explore the area and do some last minute shopping.

DAY 12 Sunday, 21 July 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.



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)
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Uniforms are not included
- 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)

