

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Group














Soccer in Munich & Prague

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE MUNICH AREA (4 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 MUNICH & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 4 TRAINING SESSION & EXCURSION TO NEUSCHWANSTEIN
- DAY 5 MUNICH & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 6 MUNICH AREA - KARLOVY VARY - PRAGUE AREA (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 PRAGUE & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 8 PRAGUE & FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM PRAGUE

ITINERARY

As current title holders of World Cup Champions, Germany boasts some of the top club sides in the world. Home to European giants Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund and Werder Bremen, Germany is rich with soccer culture and passionate support. The German League, Bundesliga, is considered among the best in the world. The national team, popularly referred to as "Die Mannschaft," is renowned for its efficiency and tactical ability.

 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.
Munich is the capital city of Bavaria. It was founded in the 12th century, and named for a settlement of Benedictine monks. Munich is now a cosmopolitan city that is at the forefront of the financial and publishing industries, and notable for its role in the development of music and the arts.
-  Our accommodation for the first four nights will be in the Munich area. While here breakfast and dinner (or lunch based on the final schedule) will be included at the hotel each day.
-  We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to unpack and 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 are 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).
-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.
-  This evening will be free to enjoy social activities around the hotel area.

DAY 3

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel into central Munich.
-  We will take a City Tour of Munich by bus and on foot. We will view the BMW Museum, the Olympic Park, the Deutsches Museum, many spectacular Baroque churches, stately boulevards, and explore the Altstadt (Old Quarter) and Marienplatz, the heart of Munich.
-  After our tour, we will visit the Residenz, home of the Wittelsbach dynasty up until 1918. See the magnificent State Rooms, the Grotto Courtyard, Court Chapel and the spectacular Antiquarium, the largest Renaissance ceremonial hall north of the Alps. The visit to the Residenz complex also includes the Cuvilliés Theater, one of the finest Rococo theaters in the world, and the Treasury, which houses the crown and orb of the Bavarian kings.
-  We will have some free time for shopping and exploration.



DAY 3



FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or school 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).



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.



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

DAY 4



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



TRAINING SESSION

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We will take an excursion to Neuschwanstein Castle.



Visit Neuschwanstein Castle, situated on an outcrop of rock towering over a gorge in the River Pöllat. King Ludwig II himself only lived here for 172 days, but the highlight of the castle tour is the Throne Room, designed in Byzantine style, with gilded mural paintings, mosaics, and a huge chandelier.



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.



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



DAY 5



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



We will travel to Allianz Arena today.



BAYERN MUNICH STADIUM TOUR

Tour the Allianz Arena, starting with a film on the story of the Arena. Experience seating in the stadium, view the press club, and pretend to be a player as we walk through the dressing rooms and down the player's tunnel. (Subject to match schedule.)



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DAY 6



This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will travel from the Munich area to the Prague area. En route, we will stop in Karlovy Vary.










Karlovy Vary was discovered by Charles IV in the 14th century while on a hunting expedition and one of his dogs fell into a hot spring. Knowing a good thing when he saw it, Charles immediately set to work building a small castle in the area, naming the town that evolved around it Karlovy Vary (Charles' Boiling Place). The first spa buildings were built in 1522, the same year that a medical description of the hot springs was published. By the end of the 16th century, over 200 spa buildings had been built.










DAY 6

-  Karlavov Vary will be a good place to get lunch (on our own) and to explore or shop at our leisure.
-  Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, built on seven hills astride the Vltava River. The beauty of Prague is legendary; Goethe described the city as "the most precious stone in the crown of this world."
-  Our accommodation will be in the Prague area for the final three evenings. While here, breakfast and dinner (or lunch based on the final schedule) will be included each day.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
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-  This evening will be free to enjoy social activities around the hotel area.

DAY 7

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel into central Prague.
-  We will enjoy a City Tour of Prague by bus and on foot. Highlights will include: St. Nicholas Church, Charles Bridge, the Old Town Square, Tyn Church, Municipal House, and the Royal Route up to Prague Castle.
-  We will visit and explore Prague Castle, the most popular sight visited in Prague. It is the largest ancient castle in the world. Constructed in the 9th century by Prince Borivoj, the castle transformed itself from a wooden fortress surrounded by earthen bulwarks to the imposing form it has today. Rulers made their own additions so there is a mixture of styles. The castle has three courtyards and it has always been the seat of Czech rulers as well as the official residence. During our visit we will explore St. Vitus Cathedral, the Golden Lane, and many of the other churches and palaces enclosed.
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DAY 8

-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will return to central Prague.
-  We will take a guided Walking Tour of Prague's New Town to see the art nouveau architecture and learn about the Velvet Revolution. Highlights will include Wenceslas Square, the Hotel Europa, the State Opera, the National Museum, Charles Square, and the impressive National Theater.
-  The remainder of the day is free to explore Prague at our leisure.
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DAY 9



This morning we 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 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
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- All sporting arrangements, including matches, training sessions or clinics (as per itinerary)
- 3 free college credits for high school students (post trip course work is required)
- 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
- 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
- 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

2017 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final 2017 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 2017 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 March 1, 2017 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)

