

## **International Soccer Tour 2021 Itinerary**

### **Nazareth College**

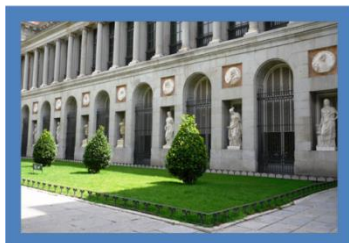
### **Spain and Portugal – Madrid and the Algarve**

#### **Travel dates:**

March of 2021. We do realize that you will most likely be planning a tour March of 2022.

#### **Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from Toronto airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Madrid. Transfer to your hotel, check in and rest of the day at leisure.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Madrid; Puerta del Sol, the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace and the Bernabéu stadium, home of Real Madrid. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 More sightseeing in Madrid or visit Toledo, Spain's medieval capital
- Day 5 Transfer to the Algarve – Albufeira.



Museo del Prado



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Madrid Royal Palace



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- Day 6 Sight-seeing Algarve - Experience the spectacular coastal beauty that defines the southernmost end of Portugal during a day trip to the Algarve. Learn about this region's Moorish and Roman heritage and explore towns like Faro, Ria Formosa, and Santa Lúzia, all offering sights you won't forget. Visit the Castle of Silves, which is considered one of the country's the best-preserved of the Moorish fortifications. Ascend the Monchique Mountains and take in magnificent views of both city and sea from Foia. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 7 The most south-westerly town in the Algarve is more than just a surfers' paradise although there are several beaches in and around town if you can't bear to be away from the sand for a whole day. Stroll around Baleeira fishing harbour and you'll see brightly painted boats and fishermen at work, fixing their nets or piling up their lobster pots. If you get there early enough on a weekday morning, you might even catch the fish auction in action. Alternatively, take a walk along the cliff tops for some great views. For a dose of history, the Fortaleza (Fortress) de Sagres contains a restored 16th century chapel, a blowhole and a giant stone compass behind its bulwarked fortifications. It's not far from the fort to "the end of the world", a.k.a. Cabo de São Vicente. There's not much to see here except the lighthouse and a few souvenir and snack stands but it's worth braving the stiff winds for the views, especially at sunset.

- Day 8            Take a relaxing cruise along Portugal's shoreline and enjoy views of white sandy beaches and small fishing villages along the coast. See the intriguing caves and rock formations at Ponta da Piedade and get the chance to explore the historic sights and beach areas of Lagos. Depart Lagos port and set sail along the western coast of Portugal. Sit back, relax, and soak up the rays, as your crew take care of the sailing. Cruise by Ponta de Piedade, home to a scenic landscape of rock formations, intriguing caves, and sea arches that have formed over thousands of years. Take a refreshing dip in the clear blue waters of the Atlantic before eating lunch on the boat. Enjoy servings of grilled chicken, fresh salad and bread with a glass of wine or water as you head back to Lagos. Admission fees are not included. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 9            Transfer to Lisbon airport and return flight.

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

#### **Price per person**

45-49 people traveling - \$2,230.00  
40-44 people traveling - \$2,277.00  
35-39 people traveling - \$2,338.00  
30-34 people traveling - \$2,427.00  
25-29 people traveling - \$2,535.00  
20-24 people traveling - \$2,641.00

\* Prices are based on contracted airline fares and hotel rates for 2021. We will know more about fares and rates for 2022 approx. 11 months prior to departure date and can confirm the 2022 pricing then.

#### **Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.
- 1 free trip for every 19 paying participants.

#### **Sport program included:**

**Madrid:** We will arrange 1 game per team.

**Algarve:** We will arrange 2 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Madrid:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Madrid.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Madrid 4.5 miles from the city center.
- The hotel has a casual bar and café.
- Rooms for 3 people include TV, telephone, minibar, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms (2 people) available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.

**Algarve-Albufeira:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Albufeira

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located in Albufeira kusy half a mile from the beach.
- The hotel has a playground, a splash pool and a kids' club. Other amenities include a gym, tennis courts and a pool with a bar, plus a beauty salon and a restaurant.
- Rooms for 3 people (triple rooms) include TV, telephone, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$10.00 per person per night.

**Ground transportation included:**

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

**Local guide services included:**

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

**Options available (not included in prices)**

**Sport program options:**

- Training sessions with coaches from a Spanish or Portuguese pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$ 260.00 per 2 hours.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.

**Travel insurance option:**

Accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance – more information will be sent to you after booking. Approx. costs for trip insurance is \$67.00 - \$195.00+ depending on the age of the participant and the trip price.

**Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.

## **Touristic information Madrid**

Madrid is the capital city of Spain and the largest city in Spain. The city has a population of almost 3.2 million with a metropolitan area population of approximately 6.5 million. It is the third-largest city in the European Union, after London and Berlin, and its metropolitan area is the third-largest in the European Union after those of London and Paris.

**BERNABEU FOOTBALL STADIUM:** The Estadio Santiago Bernabéu is an all-seater football stadium in Madrid, Spain. It was inaugurated on 14 December 1947 and is owned by Real Madrid Club de Fútbol. It has a current capacity of 85454 spectators. El Bernabéu, renamed in honor of their former chairman Santiago Bernabéu Yeste, is one of the world's most famous and prestigious football venues. It has hosted the European Cup final on four occasions: in 1957, 1969, 1980, and the UEFA Champions League Final in 2010. The Bernabéu is both the second-largest stadium in Spain and the second-largest stadium home to a top-flight European club, behind only Camp Nou, home to rival Barcelona.

**ROYAL PALACE:** The Palacio Real de Madrid is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family at the city of Madrid, but is only used for state ceremonies. King Felipe VI and the Royal Family do not reside in the palace, choosing instead the more modest Palacio de la Zarzuela on the outskirts of Madrid. The palace is owned by the Spanish State and administered by the Patrimonio Nacional, a public agency of the Ministry of the Presidency. The palace is located on Calle de Bailén (Bailén Street), in the Western part of downtown Madrid, East of the Manzanares River. Several rooms in the palace are regularly open to the public except during state functions.

**PRADO MUSEUM:** The Museo del Prado is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Madrid. The 18th century structure designed by architect Juan de Villanueva houses one of the world's finest art collections. A 2007 expansion has made the famed museum easier to navigate. With more than 7,000 works of art representing culture and history from the 12th century to the early 19th century, however, it's impossible to see everything in a single visit. Visitors may wish to focus on the museum's collection of Spanish artists, including Goya, El Greco, da Ribera and Velázquez, which is inarguably the best collection of Spanish paintings in the world.

**PLAZA DE LA VILLA:** The Plaza de la Villa is a picturesque small square in the heart of Madrid, not far from the much larger Plaza Mayor. In contrary to the latter, the buildings at the Plaza de la Villa all have contrasting styles. The largest building at the square is the former Town Hall or Casa de la Villa (ayuntamiento). Construction started in 1644 by Juan Gómez de Mora, the architect of the Plaza Mayor.

**LAS VANTAS:** The Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas is a famous bullring in Madrid, Spain. Situated in the Guindalera quarter of the district of Salamanca, it was inaugurated on June 17, 1931. It has a seating capacity of 25,000 and is regarded as the home of bullfighting in Spain. This bullring was designed by the architect José Espeliú in the Neo-Mudéjar (Moorish) style with ceramic incrustations. The seats are situated in ten "tendidos". The price of the seats depends upon how close they are to the arena and whether they are in the sun or the shade (the latter being more expensive).

## **Touristic information Albufeira – Algarve**

Albufeira is a coastal city in the southern Algarve region of Portugal. It's a former fishing village that has become a major holiday destination, with sandy beaches and a busy nightlife strip. Local fishermen now use the modern marina, also a base for diving, dolphin-watching and boat trips. It's surrounded by candy-colored apartments, with a waterfront promenade.

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Conquer the Moorish Castle in Silves. The highlight of a day trip to Silves is definitely its red sandstone castle, which dates back to the 8th century. You can walk along its walls and admire the views or cool off in the ancient underground water cistern. The restaurant just outside the castle has live music and a very jolly holiday atmosphere. There are plenty of other outdoor cafés where you can while away the time and people watch if that sounds too noisy for you. Before you leave Silves, make a point of stopping by the Praça de Mouhatamid Ibn Abbad where you'll find several marble statues in a pool.