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# **Cleveland Force Soccer Club** Shaw Abrams

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Dear Shaw,

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you and your group!

Our goal is to provide your group with a premier soccer travel experience that exceeds your expectations and creates memories for your participants that will last a lifetime!

Please find enclosed your International Tour proposal.

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Should you have questions regarding any part of the enclosed information, call Mike Stebbins or myself at (800) 724-6076. We can arrange a group conference or Skype call with your group to discuss the tour and this proposal.

Yours in Soccer,

Loek van Zijl

**President Premier International Tours** 





#### **About Premier International Tours**

- A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau (BBB).
- BBB Torch Award recipient. The Torch Award is the most prestigious award the BBB can present to a business. Being a recipient indicates that the business not only believes in the high standards promoted by the BBB, but also consistently acts on them and continuously integrates them into daily practices.
- Preferred International Travel Partner of US Youth Soccer.
- International Tour Partner of US Club Soccer and organizer of the US Club Soccer id2 National Selection international tours.
- Official Partner of United Soccer Coaches.
- NIKE partner since 1994.
- Our staff has 60+ years of experience in organizing international tours for groups.

# Benefits your group will receive traveling with Premier International Tours

- Free NIKE Soccer T-Shirts for every person who travels with your group.
- We will assist in managing all payments. We accept credit card payments as well as checks. Before your group books, we will discuss a payment schedule with you.
- A (bi) monthly payment plan can be arranged so people can spread out the payments.
- We have a special <u>tour preparation</u> and <u>fundraising guide</u> available on our website.
- We have a tour operator liability insurance coverage which also protects your participants and their payments.
- Supplemental travel and trip cancellation insurance offered for all travelers.
- We offer help rescheduling flights for people who might want to extend their stay.

















# International Soccer Tour 2020 Itinerary Cleveland Force Soccer Club Spain – Barcelona

# **Travel dates:**

July 18-26, 2020.

# **Itinerary:**

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July 18	Departure from Toronto airport on a direct flight to Barcelona.
July 19	Arrival Barcelona airport and transfer to your accommodation in the Costa Brava region.
July 20	Nike FC Barcelona day. Start off with a training session with a youth coach from FC
	Barcelona, then tour the official training center of FC Barcelona Youth (subject to
	availability if they open up the training center) followed by a tour the Camp Nou stadium
	and FC Barcelona Museum. At the end of the FC Barcelona experience visit the special
	NIKE FC Barcelona team store. After this, more sightseeing in Barcelona, time permitting.
	Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities.
July 21	Bus or boat tour Tossa de Mar: visit the beautiful old fishing town made famous in the
	1950's by Ava Gardner and James Mason in the film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman.
	Evening game vs. a local team.
July 22	Morning training session with a coach from Spanish pro club RCD Espanyol. Rest of day at
	leisure to spend time at the beaches of the Costa Brava, or, optional visit the sacred
	mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its breathtaking views.
July 23	Visit Barcelona by bus, covering the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa Battlló and the
	Pedrera, Plaza Francesc Masia, followed by Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral
	and lastly Parque Guell. Evening game vs. a local team.
July 24	Free day in Barcelona visiting the places the bus cannot reach. Drop off and pick up point
	in the central Plaza Catalunya. Recommended are the: Ramblas with its human statues
	and street artists, Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico with its maze of narrow streets, Plaza
	Real, Cathedral. Evening game vs. a local team.
July 25	More sightseeing in Barcelona, or, optional visit to the city of Girona. Sightseeing
	possibilities include St. Mary's Cathedral, built between the 11th and 17th centuries,
	Passeig de la Muralla, Monastery of Saint Pere de Galligants and Chapel of Sant Nicolau,
	the Arab Baths, Cases de l'Onyar, etc.
July 26	Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight to Toronto on a direct flight.

<sup>\*</sup>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.













Wartburg College

Camp Nou

University of Mary

La Sagrada Familia

### Price per person:

Players: \$3,500.00 Families/supporters: \$3,400.00

#### **Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Tour prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of tour 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.

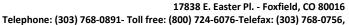
# Sport program included:

- We will arrange 3 friendly games per team.
- We will arrange 1 training session with a coach from Spanish pro club RCD Espanyol at RCD
  Espanyol's training grounds provided they are available during your travel dates (to be
  confirmed).
- We will also include a Nike FC Barcelona day which includes a training session with an FC Barcelona coach, a tour of FC Barcelona's training grounds (subject to availability) and the Camp Nou stadium and museum.

#### Accommodation and meals included:

**Barcelona:** 4-star hotel accommodation in the Cosa Brava region in a seaside town like Calella, Santa Susanna or Lloret de Mar.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and walking distance to the beach. Distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles.
- Includes accommodation in rooms with 2-3 people per room and all rooms have a private bathroom, satellite TV, phone, safe, Wi-Fi access and air-conditioning. The rooms for 3 people have one double-sized bed and a sleeper-sofa. Rooms for 4 people subject to availability based on number of these room types needed.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception, gym and an outdoor swimming pool.



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# **Ground Transportation Included:**

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

### Local guide services:

A local bi-lingual 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)

# **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 \$60.00 - \$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.
- Admission fees to attractions.
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$60.00 per person per night.





#### **Touristic information Barcelona**

Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain, as well as the country's second most populous municipality, with a population of 1.6 million within city limits. It is the largest metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea. Barcelona has a rich cultural heritage and is today an important cultural center and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Barcelona is also home to two top pro clubs in Spain, FC Barcelona and RCD Espanyol.

CAMP NOU: Visit the Home of Barcelona FC, the away team changing room and the players' tunnel, the dugouts, the press room, commentators box and of course the Museum. The Museum is the most modern football museum thanks to its interactive wall spaces, large scale audiovisual displays and an extensive display of objects to explain the history of FC Barcelona and understand the values that make Barça "més que un club" -- "more than a club".

SAGRADA FAMILIA: The unfinished Cathedral by Gaudi, The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is a work on a grand scale which was begun on 19 March 1882 from a project by the diocesan architect, Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the works, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea.

MONTSERRAT: Montserrat is a multi-peaked mountain located near the city of Barcelona. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which hosts the Virgin of Montserrat sanctuary and which is identified by some with the location of the Holy Grail in Arthurian myth. The mountain is composed of strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock. Montserrat is Spain's first National Park.

CASTELL DE MONTJUIC: Barcelona's Montjuïc is a broad shallow hill to the southwest of the city center. The eastern side of the hill is almost a sheer cliff, giving it a commanding view over the city's harbor immediately below. The top of the hill (a height of 184,8 m) was the site of several fortifications, the latest of which the Castle of Montjuïc remains today. The fortress largely dates from the 17th century, with 18th-century additions. It served as a prison, often holding political prisoners, until the time of General Franco. The castle was also the site of numerous executions. On different occasions during the Spanish Civil War, both Nationalists and Republicans were executed there, each at the time when the site was held by their opponents. The Catalan nationalist leader Lluís Companys i Jover was also executed there in 1940, having been extradited to the Franco government by the Nazis.

LA RAMBLA & BOQUERIA MARKET: This busy street is just for pedestrians and is lined with outdoor markets, shops, restaurants and cafes. La Boqueria is a large public market in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona, and one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks, with an entrance from La Rambla, not far from the Liceu, Barcelona's opera house. The market has a very diverse selection of goods.



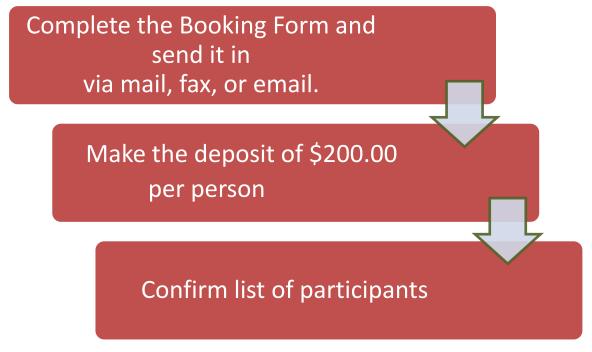
How to book and payment conditions:

- 1. Contact us with any questions, concerns, or changes to the itinerary/tour proposal.
- 2. Share and discuss the tour proposal with your group and set a date to get commitments for the tour.
- 3. Set a date to collect deposits to commit to the tour. We require a non-refundable US\$ 200.00 deposit per person to book the tour see below for more information about payments.
- 4. Once you have deposits and are ready to book the tour, fill out the Booking Form (document sent in the same e-mail as this proposal) and send it back to us along with the group's deposit (see below for more information about payments and this information is also included on your group's website page).
- 5. We will have a page on our website specifically for your group with your group's tour information, our General Conditions, payment information, fundraising, deadlines, a tour preparation guide and more. This website link has been e-mailed to your coach/team manager to share with the group.

# Additional information about payments:

Your group can make (bi) monthly payment installments to pay for the tour. The payment installments will be discussed between Premier International Tours and the group leader to ensure that the installments will work for all participants and overseas partners involved in the tour.

The deposit and installments can be made by credit card or by check. We will make a customized credit card authorization form for your group (will be sent to the coach/team manager) which would then need to be filled out by your group participants and sent back to us. We will keep this form on file for each installment. If participants decide that they will make payments by check, the checks will need to be sent in the mail a week before the installment is due to ensure that the payment is made on time. Include participant name(s) and group name on check. More information about payments can be found on your group's tour website page on our website.



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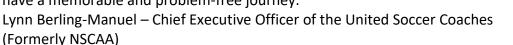
### **Testimonials**

"Our recent European trips with Premier International Tours were first class from start to finish. The quality of opponents, accommodations and overall organization was professional and handled with great care. The staff completely understood the level of play and the scheduling required to meet the demands of the competition."



Gerry McKeown - Director and Coach - US Club Soccer National id2 program

"International competition is one of the great soccer experiences for any team. Using the services of Premier International Tours ensures both you and your players will have a memorable and problem-free journey."

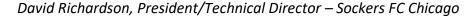




"I have been working with Premier International Tours since the mid 90's. Together we have organized tournaments, camps as well as international soccer travel for our teams and coaches to countries such as Spain, Italy, Sweden, Aruba, the Netherlands and Denmark. When I think about Premier International Tours the following words come to my mind: very organized, reliable and trustworthy." *Hassan Nazari, President – Dallas Texans* 



"In 1984 our Club took the first team on an international tour. Ever since 1984 we have been taking teams abroad. All these tours were organized by Loek van Zijl/Premier International Tours. I don't think there will be many partnerships in Sport that last more than 30+ years. Every year our tour is organized in a professional way and all our travelers always come back with Soccer and Cultural memories that last a lifetime. We can sincerely recommend Premier International Tours."





Check our <u>"Testimonials" page</u> on our website for testimonials and references from other groups that have traveled, and check our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>website news section</u> to see reports of many of the groups that have traveled with us.



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**Loek van Zijl** - President/Founder Loek@premierinternationaltours.com



Loek is the CEO and President of Premier International Tours USA and works in the main office in Colorado. In his 35+ years with Premier International Tours, formerly known as Euro-Sporting, Loek has provided invaluable help to countless American clubs and teams as they travelled overseas. Loek is also a former soccer player, with 20 years' experience as a goalkeeper, and an ardent fan of the European game as well as American Football. In his time off he loves hiking, fishing and is a huge Denver Broncos fan.

Mike Stebbins - Sales and Marketing Mike@premierinternationaltours.com



Mike has been with Premier International Tours for over the last 20 years and his experience has given him deep insight into the needs and goals of teams planning to travel overseas. When not playing sports, watching sports or traveling for sports, Mike enjoys working out, trying different world delicacies and spending time with friends and family. Mike's favorite international destinations he's visited include Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, Venice, Lisbon and Prague.

**Eric Voelz** – Sales and Tour Administration <u>Eric@premierinternationaltours.com</u>



Eric joined Premier International Tours after previous stops at UCLA, Arizona State, and Eastern Michigan where he had the opportunity to work with prominent names in NCAA Basketball and Soccer. Before he started working in the field of Athletics, he excelled at both Basketball and Soccer at Riverview High School where he was named All-Area and All- State (respectively). From there, he went on to play Basketball at Adrian College.

### Other team members:

- Geoffrey Media Relations and Web Design
- Joanne Finance Office
- Meghan Finance Office