

## **Excel Soccer Academy Spain Tour Itinerary 5th to 13th March 2020**

### **General information:**

**Skeleton Itinerary:** This is a skeleton itinerary only. The definite day to day program will be discussed with you upon arrival. The organized playing times and dates of your games and/or clinics and receptions must be honored.

**Banks:** Please note that banks in Europe are usually closed at weekends. We strongly recommend that you do not utilize traveler checks but use any or all the following – ATM / Debit Card, Euro pre-paid cards, Credit Cards and take cash. Please take enough funds to cover the first few days, as precious time is wasted if most of your group needs to access cash on arrival.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Most countries now require travelers to have a passport that is valid more than 90 days after your trip return date. If your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

**Copies passports:** We also strongly recommend that your group's coach or team manager collects copies of all travelers' passports and, where applicable, paper airline tickets, prior to departure in case of theft or loss.

**Student ID:** If your group is a student group, please ensure all your party, where applicable, brings their Student ID as this will access many discounts on entry to various attractions.

**Entrances fees:** Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

**Soccer balls:** Soccer balls will be only provided for the games. Please bring your own soccer balls for training sessions and/or clinic sessions.

**Delay:** In case of delay caused by flight or transport issues, please advise our Representative as soon as possible if any amendments are required, so they can adjust your arrangements wherever feasible. The contact information /phone number of this representative is included in the following itinerary in this document.

**Availability of rooms:** Most flights from the US to Europe will arrive between 6.00 – 11.00 a.m. European times. However, please note that most hotel bedrooms will only become available between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m., so it will not generally be possible to check into your hotel room as soon as you arrive at your destination. Your local Representative will suggest a light excursion to occupy your group until your rooms are prepared.

**General Tour Information:** Please read the [General Tour/Travel Information](#) on our website and this Tour Itinerary prior to departure to clarify any points with us to avoid misunderstanding. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

**Security deposit:** Some accommodations may require a small security deposit to be paid on arrival. The security deposit is to be held only in the event of damage by your team to any of the accommodation's property. Upon check out, your deposit will be returned.

**Seat belts:** All passengers are advised that it is compulsory to wear seat belts on all bus transportation at all times when in Europe. Premier International Tours, its partners and suppliers will

not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to anyone ignoring this regulation.

**Ground transportation:** During your entire stay in Europe a private bus will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 700 kilometers available.

**Bus Company**

AutoCars Calella  
Carrer Garbí, 60 08397  
Pineda de Mar  
Tel: 902 424 666 / 93 766 43 59

**Restrictions bus transportation:** The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

1. The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day. Twice a week the driver may use the bus 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
2. Each day the bus driver must have an 11 hours rest period between his transportation duties.
3. During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

We kindly ask you to be aware of these rules. **Please notice that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.**

**Airline reservations:**

We have booked your group with Lufthansa German Airlines and United Airlines. Premier International Tours has partnered with Fly My Groups who made all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations prior to the tour please contact Premier International Tours. From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Fly My Group at (866) 551-9807. We request that only the group leader(s) will call them (Corbett Hess) and will use the group ID number #37850.

**Check-in and Seat assignments:**

Passengers can add seat requests to the name spreadsheet (not later than 90 days prior to departure) like window or aisle seat or who wants to seat together. These requests cannot be guaranteed. West Jet will assign seats at the time of ticketing. Passengers can access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airlines website (West Jet) to change their seating assignments. Passengers can check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure or at the airport. We strongly advise that all groups traveling to Europe arrive at the reservations desk for check-in three hours before departure.

**Information for flights in case of flight changes or cancellations:**

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times we have to go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines with any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause as misconnect or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights.
- If any individuals want to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then individuals should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed on the weekends so we have some limitations.

**Tour Manager:**

A tour manager will be with your group throughout your stay. Your tour manager will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This tour manager is not a professional city tour guide although he or she will have a general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas.

It is very important that the group leader sit down with the tour manager upon arrival and discuss the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the tour manager the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the tour manager can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the tour manager at the end of the trip if he or she has done a good job. We recommend collecting approx. \$10.00-\$20.00 per person (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

**Bus Driver:**

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip. We recommend approx. \$5.00-\$10.00 per person.

**Laundry:**

Please consult your tour manager about laundry services upon arrival. Hotels usually offer an outside company to provide their laundry services for them, but be aware that these services can often be quite expensive. There will likely be a self-service Laundromat near to your accommodation.

**Sightseeing activities/excursions:**

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 90 days before departure. Please also note that sightseeing entrance fees are not included unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

**Carry-on luggage:**

We recommend that you take medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a check suitcase.

**Water during your soccer activities:**

Please make sure all players bring their own water supply to games and clinics. Our tour manager will advise your group the best places where to buy this.

**Premier International Tours 24/7 emergency contact information:**

In case of emergencies (mainly when you are dealing with issues within the USA or matters you cannot resolve with our local – at your destination - staff) please contact us at (720) 607-0783.

**Land arrangements:**

Esselle Sports Management  
Jonathan Gains  
349 The Green, Eccleston  
Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 5PH, England.  
Tel. 00 44 (0) 1257 450 991 (office)  
Tel. 00 44 (0) 7771 895 921 (cellular)

**Game equipment note:**

Please make sure players bring soccer shoes for both natural and artificial grass.

## **March 6-13, 2020 Barcelona area/Spain**

### **Accommodation:**

Aqua Hotel Onabrava & Spa  
Carrer del Pla de la Torre, 6,  
08398 Santa Susanna  
Tel. +34 937 67 83 70  
Website: <https://www.aquahotel.com/en/hotels/onabrava-spa/>

**WIFI:** Free.

### **Meals:**

Daily breakfast and dinner is included.  
First meal: Evening dinner Friday March 6, 2020  
Last meal: Breakfast Friday March 13, 2020  
All meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included on the breakfast buffet.

**Premier International**      Clive Callahan  
**Tours Representative:**      Tel. 00 34 605 515 858

### **Thursday, March 5th, 2020**

12.50pm      Departure flight UA 2447 from Phoenix to Denver  
02.36pm      Arrival Denver Airport  
04.20pm      Departure flight LH 481 from Denver to Munich

### **Friday, March 6th, 2020**

10:05am      Arrival Munich Airport  
12:35pm      Departure flight LH 1812 from Munich to Barcelona  
02.40pm      Arrival at Barcelona Airport.  
After passing through customs at Barcelona Airport your group will be met by Clive Callahan (recognisable by an 'Excel Soccer Academy' sign). Clive will accompany you to your hotel and stay with you for the duration of your time in Spain.  
03.30pm      Sight Seeing in Barcelona – Sightseeing drive through Barcelona  
05.00pm      Transfer to your accommodation in Santa Susana.  
07.00pm      Evening dinner.

**Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 09.00am Visit to 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.
- 12.00pm Lunch at The Hotel
- 01.00pm Visit Ciutat Esportiva Dani Jarque – Training complex of RCD Espanyol to visit youth games. 1.30pm RCDE B v Gimnastic Manresa - Alevin Preferente, 3.00pm RCDE B v Martinenc - Infantil Preferente, 16.45pm RCDE A v Europa - Cadet Honor, 18.30pm RCDE B v Grama - Juvenile Nationale
- 05.00pm Evening dinner at Dani Jarque (not included)
- 06.30pm FC Barcelona v Real Sociedad

**Sunday, March 8th, 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 09.00am Sightseeing Bus tour of Barcelona – Drive past the two Gaudi buildings on the way to Joan Gamper
- 11.00am Visit Joan Gamper – Home of FC Barcelona's Youth Academy to watch Youth Games, 12.00pm FC Barcelona B v Llagostera, FC Barcelona B v Calafell - Infantil Preferente, FC Barcelona A v Damm Juvenile Honor TBC
- 2.00pm Departure to Barcelona for local sightseeing – we recommend a walk around the outside of Sagrada Familia and a visit to the Sant Pau, a disused Hospital turned into a UNESCO World Heritage, and now a museum and cultural centre.
- 07.00pm Evening dinner.

**Monday, March 9th, 2020**

- 09.00am Breakfast.
- 10.00am Free morning or visit Hostalrich on the way to Dani Jarque. Hostalrich is a village in the province of Girona, visit The Parish Church of Saint Maria and The Castle of Hostalrich
- 12.15pm Training session with RCD Espanyol Coaches Staff.
- 04.00pm Packed Lunch or Cold Dinner at the Hotel
- 07.00pm Game vs CF Montornes, Carrer del Gran Vial, 3, 08170 Montornes Del Valles, Barcelona

**Tuesday, March 10th, 2020**

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 10.00am Visit the city of Girona. Sightseeing possibilities include the St. Mary's Cathedral, built between the 11th and 17th centuries, Passeig de la Muralla, Monastery of Sant Pere de Galligants and Chapel of Sant Nicolau, the Arab Baths, Cases de l'Onya.
- 01.00pm Lunch at the Hotel
- 06.00pm Game vs CE Sabadell, Carrer Puig De La Creu, 15, 08208 Sabadell, Barcelona

**Wednesday, March 11th, 2020**

- 09.00am Breakfast.
- 9.45am Depart for JABAC
- 11.00am Training session with JABAC staff – Option to drop the parents off in Barcelona for sightseeing and shopping.
- 01.00pm More sightseeing in Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities.
- 03.30pm Late Lunch at Hotel.
- 08.15pm Game vs CF Mollet UE, Municipal Germans Gonzalvo, Avinguda Rivoli, 08100 Mollet del Valles

**Thursday March 12th, 2020**

09.00am Breakfast.  
12.15pm Training session with RCD Espanyol Coaches Staff  
00.00pm Camp Nou - The home stadium of FC Barcelona since its completion in 1957, and it is located in Carrer d'Arístides Maillol. With a seating capacity of 99,354, it is the largest stadium in Spain and Europe, and the third largest football stadium in the world  
07.00pm Evening dinner.

**Friday, March 13th, 2020**

06.00am Breakfast. – Collect Packed Breakfast from Reception.  
06.45am Depart for Barcelona airport.  
08.00am Arrive at Barcelona airport.  
09.55am Departure flight LH 1125 from Barcelona to Frankfurt.  
12:10pm Arrival Frankfurt Airport  
01:35pm Departure flight LH 402 from Frankfurt to Newark  
05:15pm Arrival Newark Airport  
07:15pm Departure flight UA 2483 from Newark to Phoenix  
09:50pm Arrival Phoenix Airport