

# **Barcelona FC Columbus**

Regina Smith

October 2, 2019

Dear Regina,

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

- A minimum of one free trip. For every 19 paying travelers you will receive one free trip (free trips do not include supplements for double or single rooms in hotels if applicable).
- A free trip for your coach, or a representative from your group, to
  Barcelona, Spain on January 30<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2020 if you book
  your 2020 team tour by November 1, 2019. This trip will include a visit
  to an FC Barcelona game, a visit to FC Barcelona's training facilities to
  watch youth teams train and play, a tour of the Nou Camp, a session
  with youth coaches from Espanyol and sightseeing in Barcelona! Please
  click here for our 2019 Barcelona coaches tour report and pictures.
- 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 Barcelona FC Columbus Spain – Mediterranean International Cup (MIC)

# **Travel dates:**

April 6-13, 2020

#### **Itinerary:**

April 6 Departure from Detroit airport. April 7 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to you accomodation. Optional sight-seeing in Barcelona, Transfer to Palamos. **April 8** Start of the Mediterranean International Cup (MIC). April 9 Tournament group games. April 10 Tournament group games. April 11 Tournament Quarter finals and semi-finals. Tournament Finals followed by prize ceremony. April 12 Transfer to Barcelona airport. Return flight. April 13









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#### Price per person:

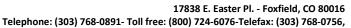
\$2,467.00

#### Included:

- 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 offer.
- Ground transportation see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant see below.
- One free package per 19 paying travelers.

#### Sport program:

**Palamos:** Participation in the MIC international tournament. The MIC features high level and well known international soccer clubs like FC Barcelona, Real Madrid, RCD Espanyol (Spain), Liverpool FC, Manchester United (England), Inter Milan (Italy) Brazilian National Team, etc.



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#### Accommodation and meals:

Palamos or direct area: 3-star Hotel accommodation in the seaside holiday region of the Costa Brava.

- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner first meal is dinner on April 7 and last meal is lunch April 12
- The accommodation is located near the town center and/or beach in seaside holiday towns like
   Tossa de Mar, Palamos and Sant Antoni de Calonge.
- Distance to Barcelona is approx. 50-70 miles. All rooms (2-3 people per room) have a shower and toilet as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and sometimes an outdoor swimming pool.

# **Transportation:**

Airport transfers and tournament shuttle transportation is included (transfers to and from games). On request, a private bus can be arranged for excursions during the tournament (for an additional charge).

# Local guide services:

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

#### **Sport program options:**

A visit to a pro soccer game – ticket costs TBD depending on game(s) – approx. \$50-\$100+ per ticket.

# **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:

- 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 US\$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.



# International Soccer Tour 2020 Itinerary Barcelona FC Columbus Spain – Barcelona

#### **Travel dates:**

April 2021 - Exact dates TBD.

<b>Itinerary</b>	:
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Day 2 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation.

Day 3 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.

Day 4 Visit Barcelona by bus, covering the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa Battlló and the

Pedrera, Plaza Francesc Masia, the Nou Camp - home of FC Barcelona, followed by

Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral and lastly Parque Guell.

Day 5 Visit 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. Evening

game vs. a local team.

Day 6 Visit the sacred mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its breathtaking views.

Day 7 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.

Day 8 More sightseeing in Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with

amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities.

Day 9 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return 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.







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# Price per person:

45-49 people traveling - \$2,544.00 40-44 people traveling - \$2,584.00 35-39 people traveling - \$2,634.00 30-34 people traveling - \$2,701.00 25-29 people traveling - \$2,794.00 20-24 people traveling - \$2,918.00

#### **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:**

We will arrange three friendly games per team.

#### Accommodation and meals included:

3-star Hotel accommodation in the Costa Brava region in a seaside town like Santa Susanna.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and/or beach.
- Distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles. All rooms (3 bedded rooms) have a shower and toilet as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and sometimes an outdoor swimming pool.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 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.

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# Options available (not included in prices)

#### **Sport program options:**

- We can arrange tickets to pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually ticket costs range from approx. \$75-\$150 per person depending on the game.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff costs \$ 260.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from a pro club such as RCD Espanyol costs approx. \$825 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium \$ 30.00 per person for Camp Nou Stadium Tour.

#### **Accommodation option Barcelona:**

On request, we can accommodate the group in a 3/4-star hotel in Barcelona, close to the city center while in Spain instead. Hotel is within walking distance of a train station and not far from the Sagrada Familia. All rooms have private facilities/bathroom, satellite TV, phone and climate control. Hotel has a bar, lounge, workout room and small outdoor pool. Supplemental cost for this hotel option is approx. \$40.00 - \$60.00 per person per night (to be confirmed – depends on time of the year).

#### **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.
- Admission fees to attractions.
- 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.



# Tournament Information MEDITERRANEAN INTERNATIONAL CUP (MIC) – PALAMOS/SPAIN

The Mediterranean International Cup will take place for the 20th time in 2020. Heart of the MIC tournament is the stadium of Palamós. Palamós is located at the northern end of a large bay, which is popular for swimming, sailing and windsurfing. Distance to Barcelona is 70 miles. This tournament counts as one of the most competitive Spring tournaments in Europe.



#### MIC Facts:

Since the beginning, the MIC tournament has been supported by famous soccer people like Pep Guardiola, Luis Felipe Scolari, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho. Some past participants of the MIC have already made their debut with first division clubs like Leo Messi, (FC Barcelona), Cesc Fàbregas (Arsenal FC), Anderson (Manchester United), Lucas (Liverpool FC), and Marcelo (Real Madrid CF). All the finals of the MIC will be broadcasted by different National TV Channels.

Famous international soccer clubs like Benfica (Portugal), Porto (Portugal), Sporting (Portugal), Sevilla (Spain), Valencia (Spain), Ferencearos (Hungary), Liverpool (England), Paris St. Germain (France) and Vasco de Gama (Brazil) Zenit (Russia) will participate.

#### **Touristic information:**

- Close to Barcelona see La Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas, Parque Güel, the Olympic facilities and Montjuic.
- Visit the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat
- Enjoy the beaches of the Costa Brava region of Spain
- Tour the Nou Camp, home stadium of FC Barcelona







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Lloret de Mar Beach

Musea Nacional

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For more information about the tournament including age groups, rules and regulations and touristic/sightseeing information please visit the tournament website: http://www.micfootball.com/en/tournament/mic18.html





#### **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.



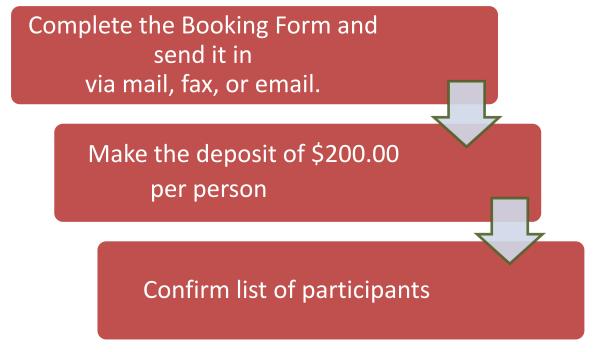
# How to book and payment conditions:

- 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.





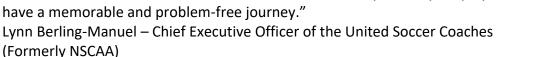
**Testimonials** 

"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."

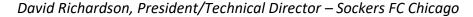




"I have been working with Premier International Tours since the mid 90's. Together we have organized tournaments, camps as well as international soccer travel for our teams and coaches to countries such as Spain, Italy, Sweden, Aruba, the Netherlands and Denmark. When I think about Premier International 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 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