

**Anderson University Women's Soccer**  
Sarah Jacobs

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Dear Sarah,

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).
- 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 [tour preparation](#) and [fundraising guide](#) 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 Anderson University Women's Soccer Trinidad and Tobago – Port of Spain**

### **Travel dates:**

Early August 2020 - Exact Dates TBD.

### **Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from Atlanta airport. Arrival Port-of-Spain airport and transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 2 Optional morning training session with your own coaching staff and after that visit Queen's Park Savannah, the largest traffic roundabout in the world, and the historical Magnificent Seven. Evening pan yard visit with lesson - how to play a steel pan.
- Day 3 Visit Maracas Beach, a beautiful beach located on the north side of the island.
- Day 4 Morning training and after that picturesque hike to Maracas Waterfalls, the highest waterfalls in Trinidad. Evening game vs. local team.
- Day 5 Optional day trip by flight to Tobago. Another option for today can be to either visit the Pitch Lake or go down the Islands with a chartered boat and visit the Gasparee Caves which includes swimming in a real bat cave. Evening game vs. local team.
- Day 6 Zip-lining excursion in Chaguaramas and afternoon community service project; soccer clinic and education for underprivileged school children in Trinidad.
- Day 7 Take a swamp tour through the lagoons and rivers to see all the wildlife in Trinidad. Evening game vs. local team.
- Day 8 Transfer to Port-of-Spain Airport for return flight back home.

\*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.



Maracas Beach



Arkport Angels



Fort George



Regis University

### **Price per person:**

- 40-44 people traveling - \$1,694.00
- 35-39 people traveling - \$1,739.00
- 30-34 people traveling - \$1,798.00
- 25-29 people traveling - \$1,561.00
- 20-24 people traveling - \$1,638.00

Note: The participant prices for 30+ people are higher because we need to book 2 small busses for the group with this number due to the busses in Trinidad being smaller.

**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 travelers.

**Sport program:**

We will arrange 3 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

Trinidad: Hotel accommodation in a 3 Star family run hotel located only 15 minutes from the Capital City, 10 minutes from The St. Andrews Golf Course and just 20 minutes from Maracas Beach.

- Half board – daily breakfast and dinner is included.
- All rooms offer Wi-Fi, refrigerator, iron and ironing board, telephone, air conditioning, cable television and safe. Most rooms have either 2 double (queen beds) or one king beds. The double rooms can get a third bed.
- Hotel has a nice outdoor terrace with small (Jacuzzi size) pool, a restaurant with bar as well as front desk and small lounge.
- The reasonable quality of the hotel and personal touch of the staff make this a good place to stay.
- Prices are calculated based on sharing rooms for 3 and 4 people. Supplement for sharing a double room is \$15.00 per person per night.

**Ground transportation included:**

All mentioned ground transportation. Sometimes our organizers will use 1-2 smaller busses because not all mountain roads are accessible for bigger busses.

**Local guide services included:**

A local assistant will be assigned to be with your group each day to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

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

**Excursion options:**

All excursions as described in the above-mentioned itinerary are optional and are not included in the costs. We can pre-book these excursions for you. Costs are as follows:

- Visit Maracas Beach with local Bake 'n Shark – additional costs approx. \$ 5.00 per person.
- Hike to Maracas Waterfalls - additional costs will be approx. \$ 10.00 per person to have your own private guide available for this hike.
- Optional day trip by flight to Tobago. Tobago is the smaller of the two main islands that make up the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago. It's located in the southern Caribbean, northeast of the island of Trinidad and southeast of Grenada. Additional cost for this day trip is \$135.00 per person.
- Visit the Pitch Lake or go down the Islands with a chartered boat - approx. \$ 20.00 per person.
- Zip Lining in Chaguaramas; the zip lines are the best way to get a bird's eye view of the breathtaking beauty at Macqueripe Bay, Chaguaramas. Zip line tour approx. \$15.00 per person.
- The Pitch Lake, nature's own wonder, is located on Trinidad's south-western coast. We invite you to soak in natural Sulphur pools, enjoy the bountiful bird life, or just stand inspired by one of nature's true wonders. The Pitch Lake holds approximately 10 million tons of asphalt. It is the world's largest commercial deposit of natural asphalt, which is mined and exported for use in manufacturing and road paving. You could well imagine the Pitch Lake is alive. It burps. It hisses. Cost for this excursion is \$ 15.00 per person.
- Day Trip to Down D' Islands – visit the Gasparee Caves and Swimming in a real bat cave. Travel by boat on the waters off the North-Western Peninsula of Trinidad to one of the more popular islands off the main land, Gaspar Grande, a natural limestone labyrinth filled with stalactites and stalagmites ready for you to explore. The Gasparee Caves are approximately 90ft deep and what makes this cave so unique and appealing is its pool. Sea-water comes from an underground source to create a translucent blue pond with a depth of 10-20 feet. After 45 minutes - 1 hour swimming in this majestic pond, you'll be taken to one of the other islands to enjoy the rest of the day on the beach of one of the nearby islands. The cost of this tour is \$60.00 per person.
- Swamp tour - \$10.00 per person.

**Community service option:**

We can have your team perform a community service project with a soccer clinic and education day for underprivileged school children in Trinidad.

**Accommodation options:**

Accommodation in the 4-star plus Hilton Hotel in Port of Spain right across the street from the Queen's Park Savannah and within minutes of downtown Port of Spain by bus/car.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Accommodation in rooms with 2 double/full size beds for 2 or 3 people per room (some rooms with 1 King size bed for 2 people available as well). Rooms have private bathroom and shower and rooms are equipped with A/C, cable TV, phone, WI-FI internet access, a safe, ironing board and hairdryer.
- Facilities of the hotel include a restaurant, a bar/lounge area with a large outdoor terrace with views of downtown Port of Spain and the Queen's Park Savannah, a gift and snack shop, a large swimming pool with a bar area and cabanas, a fitness room with sauna/spa and a tennis court.
- Supplemental cost for this option with 2 or 3 people to a room is \$ 45.00 per person per night.
- Single rooms available as well (room with 1 King bed for 1 person) at a supplement of \$90.00 per person, per night.

**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.



## **International Soccer Tour 2020 Itinerary Anderson University Women's Soccer Italy – Rome and Florence**

### **Travel dates:**

Early August 2020 - Exact Dates TBD.

### **Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from Atlanta airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Rome airport. Transfer to your accommodation in Rome.
- Day 3 Sightseeing Rome. Visit the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the seven hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Additional sightseeing Rome – visit the Vatican and museum and tour Stadio Olimpico, home of pro team's Roma and Lazio. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc.), or day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa.
- Day 5 Free day in Rome to see sights you haven't had time to see yet or for final shopping, or make a day trip to the town of Tivoli (or another town like Capri, Assisi or Calcata). Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Montecatini, near Florence. On way make a stop in Siena for sightseeing.
- Day 7 Sightseeing tour in Florence. You will visit major sights such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Oltrarno, the Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and of course Piazza Michelangelo. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 Day trip to Pisa, known for its Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower) and Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean. Optional evening cooking class.
- Day 9 Transfer to Florence, Pisa, Bologna or Milan airport. Return flight.



Venice



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Leaning Tower of Pisa



Lake Hill Storm SC

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**Price per person:**

45-49 people traveling - \$2,980.00  
40-44 people traveling - \$3,030.00  
35-39 people traveling - \$3,097.00  
30-34 people traveling - \$3,187.00  
25-29 people traveling - \$3,304.00  
20-24 people traveling - \$3,488.00

**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 a total of 3 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

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

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Not far from the center of Rome.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet and TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant and bar.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.
- Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$50.00 per person per night.

**Florence:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Montecatini near Florence.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Montecatini is a tourist resort 30 miles from Florence.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar and lounge with TV.
- Rooms for 3 people (triple rooms) include TV, telephone, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.
- Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$30.00 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.

If interested, we can remove bus hire for certain days in Rome at a reduction of \$750 per day. The hotel accommodation is located near public transportation that you can use for travel for these days.



**Local guide services included:**

A local bi-lingual tour manager 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:**

- Additional 2-hour training sessions with your own coaching staff – costs \$ 440.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club such as AS Roma, etc. – costs approx. \$900 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium - \$ 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.
- Admission fees to attractions unless specified above. This applies to per person admissions for sights and attractions as well as city admission fees (called ZTL fees) for the touring bus in Italy. These ZTL fees are approx. \$100.00 - \$250.00 when you enter a city ZTL zone. There are options to avoid these fees – consult us for more information on this.

## **International Soccer Tour 2020 Itinerary Anderson University Women's Soccer Spain – Barcelona**

### **Travel dates:**

Early August 2020 - Exact dates TBD.

### **Itinerary:**

- Day 1 Departure from Atlanta airport.
- 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.

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Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

**Price per person:**

45-49 people traveling - \$2,889.00  
40-44 people traveling - \$2,931.00  
35-39 people traveling - \$2,984.00  
30-34 people traveling - \$3,054.00  
25-29 people traveling - \$3,151.00  
20-24 people traveling - \$3,282.00

**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 a total of 3 games per team and field hire for 1 training session with your own coaching staff.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

4-star Hotel accommodation in the Costa Brava region in a seaside town like Santa Susanna, Calella, etc.

- 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.
- Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 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:**

- Additional 2-hour training sessions 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. \$850 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.

## **Touristic Information Trinidad and Tobago**

Trinidad and Tobago consists of two Caribbean islands just off the northeastern coast of Venezuela. The islands are renowned for their great beaches, vibrant culture and natural wonders. The most famous soccer player from Trinidad and Tobago is Dwight Yorke who played for Manchester United from 1998-2002.

Maracas Beach with local Bake 'n Shark: Is located on the north side of the island and unlike many of the northern beaches of Trinidad, Maracas Beach is protected by a deep bay. This beach is considered by some to be the most beautiful beach of its size located relatively close to the capital city. Located off the beach is Bake and Shark, a native dish that consists of deep-fried shark.

Hike to Maracas Waterfalls: Maracas Waterfall has an altitude of 91.5 meters and is Trinidad's highest waterfall. This waterfall is located in the Maracas St. Joseph Valley and the water comes from the southern foothills of Mt. El Tucuche. Its close proximity to Port-of-Spain makes the waterfall a favorite tourist destination.

Tobago: This island is smaller than Trinidad and is known for its sandy beaches tropical rainforest. Tobago is surrounded by mountains, Scarborough (the capital of Tobago) and has an amazing food market. Overlooking the city are 18th-century ruins of Fort King George.

Pitch Lake: Nature's own wonder is located on Trinidad's south-western coast. We invite you to soak in natural Sulphur pools, enjoy the bountiful bird life, or just stand inspired by one of nature's true wonders. The Pitch Lake holds approximately 10 million tons of asphalt. It is the world's largest commercial deposit of natural asphalt, which is mined and exported for use in manufacturing and road paving. You could well imagine the Pitch Lake is alive. It burps. It hisses

Zip Lining in Chaguaramas: This is the best way to get a bird's eye view of Macqueripe Bay, Chaguaramas. This is an exhilarating and exciting way to see Trinidad.

Down D' Islands: Visit the Gasparee Caves and swimming in a real bat cave. Travel by boat on the waters off the North-Western Peninsula of Trinidad to one of the more popular islands off the main land, Gaspar Grande, a natural limestone labyrinth filled with stalactites and stalagmites ready for you to explore. The Gasparee Caves are approximately 90ft deep and what makes this cave so unique and appealing is its pool. Sea-water comes from an underground source to create a translucent blue pond with a depth of 10-20 feet. After a 45 minute-1-hour swimming in this majestic pond, you'll be taken to one of the other islands to enjoy the rest of the day on the beach of one of the nearby islands.

Swamp Tour: This is a memorable exploration by kayak, or dingy, or on foot in dry season, of the famous Nariva Swamp. Nariva is 6,254 hectares of wetlands, marshes and swamp forests teeming with more than 200 species of birds -- Snowy Egrets, The Black-crested Antshrike, Silvered Antbird, Green-throated Mango, Flycatchers Kingfishers, Savannah Hawks and Azure Gannilule.

## Touristic information Rome

Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, has St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which house masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.

**Coliseum:** The Coliseum in Rome is a grand structure which was built over 2,000 years ago as an amphitheater to host legendary gladiator contests and other public spectacles. The Coliseum has been partly destroyed and damaged through the years, however, impressive ruins have been preserved and are open to visitors. This grand historic arena was originally built to hold over 50,000 and many of the original outer walls and facade still stand tall today.

**The Pantheon:** Dedicated to the worship of every god, the Pantheon was built by the Emperor Hadrian between 118 and 125 A.D. over the ruins of another temple dating back to 27 A.D. Statesman and General Marcus Agrippa were responsible for the construction of the original church, to which a dedicatory inscription is clearly visible over today's magnificent portico.



Vatican City



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Milan



SCIAC All Stars

**The Roman Forum:** The Roman Forum is a rectangular forum (plaza) surrounded by the ruins of several important ancient government buildings at the center of the city of Rome. Citizens of the ancient city referred to this space, originally a marketplace, as the Forum Magnum, or simply the Forum. Located in the small valley between the Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Forum today is a sprawling ruin of architectural fragments and intermittent archaeological excavations attracting 4.5 million sightseers each year.

**St. Peters and Vatican City:** St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City is an iconic and popular landmark of Rome. Regarded as one of the holiest sites in the Christian world, many make a pilgrimage to the cathedral every year to celebrate Mass with the Pope. Building work for this grand structure originally began in 1506 and is the burial site of its namesake Saint Peter, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. One of the key architects of the Basilica was Michelangelo and some of his original drawings for a section of the Dome were found as recently as 2007.



## Touristic information Florence

Florence is the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany and of the Metropolitan City of Florence. It is the most populous city in Tuscany, with 383,083 inhabitants, expanding to over 1,520,000 in the metropolitan area.

**Leaning Tower of Pisa:** The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or freestanding bell tower, of the cathedral of the Italian city of Pisa, known worldwide for its unintended tilt to one side. It is situated behind the Cathedral and is the third oldest structure in Pisa's Cathedral Square after the Cathedral and the Baptistry. The tower's tilt began during construction, caused by an inadequate foundation on ground too soft on one side to properly support the structure's weight. The tilt increased in the decades before the structure was completed, and gradually increased until the structure was stabilized (and the tilt partially corrected) by efforts in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

**The Ponte Vecchio:** The Ponte Vecchio ("Old Bridge") is a Medieval stone closed-spandrel segmental arch bridge over the Arno River, in Florence, Italy, noted for still having shops built along it, as was once common. Butchers initially occupied the shops; the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers. The Ponte Vecchio's two neighboring bridges are the Ponte Santa Trinita and the Ponte alle Grazie.

**Palazzo Vecchio:** The Palazzo Vecchio ("Old Palace") is the town hall of Florence. This massive, Romanesque, crenellated fortress-palace is among the most impressive town halls of Tuscany.

**Viareggio:** Viareggio is a city and commune in northern Tuscany, Italy, on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea. It is known as a seaside resort as well as being the home of the famous carnival of Viareggio (dating back to 1873), and its papier-mâché floats, which (since 1925), parade along the promenade known as "Passeggiata a mare", in the weeks preceding Easter.

**Piazza del Campo in Siena:** Piazza del Campo in Siena is considered one of the most beautiful places of the world. It has a characteristic shell-shape divided in 9 slices, you can admire this particular form from the top of the Torre del Mangia.



Florence



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Leaning Tower of Pisa



Lake Hill Storm SC



## **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.

Complete the Booking Form and  
send it in  
via mail, fax, or email.

Make the deposit of \$200.00  
per person

Confirm list of participants

## 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."

Lynn Berling-Manuel – Chief Executive Officer of the United Soccer Coaches (Formerly NSCAA)



"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."

*David Richardson, President/Technical Director – Sockers FC Chicago*



Check our **"Testimonials" page** on our website for testimonials and references from other groups that have traveled, and check our **Facebook page** and **website news section** 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

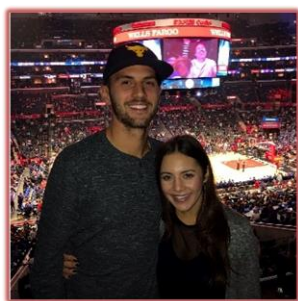
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Mike has been with Premier International Tours for over the last 20 years and his experience has given him deep insight into the needs and goals of teams planning to travel overseas. When not playing sports, watching sports or traveling for sports, 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.

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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
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