

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary

Ohio Wesleyan Women's Soccer

Spain – Barcelona

Travel dates:

Late July of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Columbus 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 Batlló 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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Wartburg College



Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,425	\$3,271	\$3,163	\$3,082	\$2,982	\$2,949

* Prices are based on contracted airline group fares for 2023. We can confirm pricing approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group flights and fares for 2024.

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.

Sport program included:

We will arrange three friendly games per team.

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.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people (3 beds or a double bed and twin bed typically) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, Wi-Fi access and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and an outdoor swimming pool.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) 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.

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 approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol – costs approx. \$1,050.00 total per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$ 35.00 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:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

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.

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 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.

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Ohio Wesleyan Women's Soccer

England – London and Chester/Manchester

Travel dates:

Late July of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Columbus airport.
- Day 2 Arrival London airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Sightseeing London. Options include The Tower of London, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and The London Eye, with its spectacular views over London. Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Visit Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle. For almost 200 years, Hampton Court Palace was at the center of court life, politics and national history. Windsor Castle is an official residence of The Queen and the largest occupied castle in the world.
- Day 5 Enjoy the day sightseeing in London. Visit to the Chelsea Village MegaShop and Stamford Bridge Stadium, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden shopping precinct, Emirates and/or Wembley Stadium. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Manchester. En-route optional stop at St. George's Park (English FA national soccer center) or in Chester. Chester is a magical city over 2000 years old; it is the most complete walled city in Britain. Walk the walls – 2 miles of entirely walk able walls, studded with historic towers and a bird's eye view of the city center. Look over the other side of the wall for a view of the Welsh mountains in the distance. Afterwards you can head for the Roman Amphitheater and The Chester Cathedral (14th century church).
- Day 7 Sightseeing Manchester. One of the most popular sights is the Old Trafford stadium, home of Manchester United and the English National Football (Soccer) Museum. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 More sightseeing Manchester, or sightseeing in Liverpool. See popular sights like Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool Cathedral and/or do an optional stadium and museum tour of Anfield, home of Liverpool FC.
- Day 9 Transfer to London or Manchester airport. Return flight.

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Norco



Tower of London



Wisconsin Lutheran College



Thames River

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,525	\$3,336	\$3,268	\$3,097	\$3,027	\$2,976

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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.

Sport program included:

London: we will arrange 2 friendly games per team.

Manchester: we will arrange 1 friendly game per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

London: 4-star Hotel accommodation in London.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel on the outskirts of London about 15 miles from the city center.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.
- The hotel has a restaurant, lounge, outdoor patio, fitness center and free Wi-Fi.

Manchester area: 3-or-4-star Hotel accommodation in the Liverpool/Manchester area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Northwest England located between Manchester and Liverpool.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 3 twin beds). Rooms all have private bathroom, phone, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.
- The hotel has a restaurant/lounge, indoor heated pool, sauna/solarium and fitness center.

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:

- We can arrange training sessions with youth academy coaches from English pro clubs like Manchester City, Everton FC, Tottenham Hotspurs or Fulham FC. Supplement for a 2-hour session, including field hire, is approx. \$650 total.
- Subject to availability we might be able to arrange training sessions with English FA coaches at St. George's Park, headquarters of the English FA, along with a tour of the facilities. Approx. supplement for a 2-hour session will be around \$800 total.
- 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.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – between \$25.00 and \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$260.00 per 2 hours.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

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.

Touristic information London

LONDON STADIUM TOURS: Tour one of the famous pro team stadiums in London like Wembley, Emirates (Arsenal FC) or Stamford Bridge (Chelsea)

THE LONDON EYE: The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London, England. The entire structure is 135 meters (443 ft.) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 meters (394 ft.). It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe. Includes 30-minute rotation, Samsung interactive capsule guides, entry to 4D cinema experience.

TOWER OF LONDON: The massive White Tower is a typical example of Norman military architecture, whose influence was felt throughout the kingdom. It was built on the Thames by William the Conqueror to protect London and assert his power. The Tower of London – an imposing fortress with many layers of history, which has become one of the symbols of royalty – was built around the White Tower.

WINDSOR CASTLE: A visit to the Castle includes the State Apartments, St George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House. Windsor Castle is a royal residence at Windsor in the English county of Berkshire. The castle is notable for its long association with the British royal family and for its architecture.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE: Hampton Court Palace is a royal palace in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Greater London, in the historic county of Middlesex; it has not been inhabited by the British Royal Family since the 18th century.

LONDON DUNGEONS: The London Dungeon is a London tourist attraction which recreates various gory and macabre historical events in a gallows humor style aimed at younger audiences. It uses a mixture of live actors, special effects and rides.

HARRY POTTER TOUR: People the world-over have been enchanted by the Harry Potter films for over a decade. The wonderful special effects and amazing creatures have made this iconic series beloved to both young and old – and now, for the first time, the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began. You'll have the chance to go behind-the-scenes and see many things the camera never showed. From breathtakingly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props and animatronics, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time.

Touristic information Chester/Manchester and Northwest England

Chester and Manchester both are located in the Northwest part of England. Chester lies right on the border between Wales and England. Chester is one of the best preserved walled cities in Britain. It has a number of medieval buildings, but some of the black-and-white buildings within the city center are Victorian restorations. Manchester lies within the United Kingdom's second-most populous urban area, with a population of 2.55 million. Manchester is notable for its architecture, culture, musical exports, media links, scientific and engineering output, social impact, sports clubs and transport connections. Manchester is home to two top EPL clubs, Manchester United and Manchester City FC.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM: The National Football Museum is a museum at the Urbis building in Manchester city center founded to preserve, conserve and interpret several important collections of association football memorabilia. The museum was originally situated in Deepdale, Preston, Lancashire, but moved to Manchester in 2012.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM: Visit the award-winning IWM North to discover powerful stories that reveal how war shapes lives, from a soldier's last letter home to the twisted steel of New York City's World Trade Center. Housed in Daniel Libeskind's iconic building representing a globe torn apart by conflict, IWM North offers a free day out like no other.

TRAFFORD CENTER: The Trafford Center is a largest indoor shopping center in Western Europe and leisure complex in Greater Manchester, England. Situated in the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford, the Centre is situated close to the Trafford Park industrial estate and lies approximately five miles west of Manchester city center.

THE BEATLES MUSEUM: The Beatles Story is a visitor attraction dedicated to the 1960s pop group The Beatles in Liverpool, England.

BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH: Blackpool Pleasure Beach is an amusement park and resort situated along the Fylde coast in Blackpool, Lancashire, England. It is one of the top twenty most-visited amusement parks in the world.

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary Ohio Wesleyan Women's Soccer Trinidad and Tobago – Port of Spain

Travel dates:

Late July of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Columbus 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 Optional 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.



Maracas Beach



Arkport Angels



Fort George



Regis University

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Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
Participant prices	\$2,816	\$2,718	\$2,843	\$2,770	\$2,714

* Prices are based on contracted group airline fares for 2023. We will know more about group fares for 2024 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group flights and fares, and can confirm pricing then.

Note: The participant prices for 30+ people are higher because 2 small busses are needed 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.

Sport program:

We will arrange 3 games per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

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 3 or 4 people per room. 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.
- Double/twin rooms (2 double/full size beds for 2 people or 1 King size bed for 2 people) are available as well at a supplement of \$10.00 per person per night. Single rooms (with 1 King bed for 1 person) are available at a supplement of \$50.00 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.
- 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.
- Swamp tour - \$10.00 per person. Experience the natural beauty and wildlife of Trinidad this excursion. Head to the country's largest mangrove, Caroni Swamp, and navigate its maze-like waterways in a traditional local boat. Watch for birds, mammals, and reptiles, and search among the wetlands for Caroni's national bird, the Scarlet ibis.
- The Paramin Experience: We offer tours of Paramin which allow locals and foreign nationals to experience the adventurous nature and thrills of the hills in Paramin. Tours include a 4x4 experience in Paramin traditional off-road Toyota Land Cruisers. On these tours, we visit various places such as The Mya Spring and waterfall, The Paramin Caves, Paragrant bay and waterfall, agricultural farms, nature trails and landmarks such as La Vigie Paramin Lookout. We also provide quality agricultural produce and green seasoning from the hills of Paramin. Cost for this excursion is \$ 60.00 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.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included:

- 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.

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary

Ohio Wesleyan Women's Soccer

Argentina – Buenos Aires

Travel dates:

Late July of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Columbus.
- Day 2 Arrival Buenos Aires Airport. Transfer to your accommodations. After check-in we'll offer the group a walking tour to explore the area around your hotel as well as a light training session.
- Day 3 Guided bus tour of Buenos Aires. Located in a relatively compact area near the old colonial heart of the city, the Plaza de Mayo that was established in 1580, the main sites include the Pink, Colon Theater, Government Palace and the world's widest avenue – la 9 de Julio – with its Obelisco monument. Late afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Day trip to La Boca. The city's historical Little Italy where El Caminito, a historical pedestrian zone is located. Afternoon visit the Boca Juniors Football Stadium as well as the museum, popularly known as La Bombonera (the Chocolate Box). From outside, the stadium seems to be part of the scale model exhibited in the museum depicting this famous neighborhood. Everything is intertwined and indivisible: not only is La Bombonera a part of a neighborhood which witnessed its creation but it also defines its identity. It was on this port suburb that football and Argentina were born. For the evening we recommend attending a Tango Show (extra cost for this Tango show is approx. \$100.00 per person and it includes dinner, wine, tango class and the show); the dance originated in lower-class districts of Buenos Aires and the music was derived from the fusion of various forms of music from Europe. The first association of Tango with the music and dance is recorded circa 1890's.
- Day 5 Morning walking tour to Calle Florida and La Galleria Pacafico: shopping at Calle Florida with live performing artists in the streets, later time for shopping at Galerias Pacifico artistic Mall. Shopping areas in Buenos Aires are the best places for people watching and traditional crafts and food. Afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Boca Juniors or River Plate Day. Start in the morning by watching a training session of the first team (if available) with a possible introduction from a player from the first team. After this, tour the stadium, the club museum and locker room followed by lunch at the Academy complex and then a training session with a club coach.
- Day 7 Walking tour to the beautiful Recoleta Neighborhood, known for its squares, parks, cafés and galleries. You may also visit the astonishing Recoleta cemetery where the famous Eva Duarte de Peron, most known as "Evita" is buried. Eva was deemed "Spiritual Leader of the Nation" and was a major contributor to women's and low-income rights in Argentina. She was a former actress and married Juan Peron who became president, which is where much of her influence began.

Another option for this day is to spend a day in Buenos Aires to explore the city, do your shopping, etc. This option is included in the tour costs. A very nice option is a walking tour to the San Telmo Neighborhood. This is a cool, colonial district with a beautiful antique fair market. You may see performing street artist dancing tango, music bands, etc. During weekend is very lively and pretty crowded. There are some footages on the video from this neighborhood.

Evening game vs. a local team.

Day 8 Morning available to do your final shopping. Afternoon transfer to Buenos Aires Airport and return flight.

Day 9 Return back home.

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Mid Mo



Plaza de Mayo



Ithaca College



Buenos Aires Bridge

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$2,777	\$2,749	\$2,681	\$2,640	\$2,599	\$2,572

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2023. We will know more about group fares for 2024 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group flights and fares, and can confirm 2024 tour pricing then.

Price inclusions:

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

Sport program included:

We will arrange 4 games. After the games meals/snacks with opposition will be provided. We will also include a Pro Club Day with either Boca Juniors, River Plate, San Lorenzo, Racing Club or Independiente which includes a training session with a club coach and a tour of their stadium.

Accommodation and meals included:

Four-star hotel accommodation - daily breakfast and dinner is included. The hotel is centrally located in Buenos Aires, an 8-minute walk from the grand Teatro Colón. Includes accommodation in rooms for 2-3 people per room with private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, cable TV and minibar. The hotel offers its own restaurant as well as business center and gym.

Ground transportation included:

We have included all mentioned transportation as well as airport transfers. Many of the tours we offer are walking tours.

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 and excursion options:

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Admission fee not included. Please calculate between US\$65.00 and US\$110.00 per person depending on the game. Some so called premium games might be more expensive.
- Training session with own coaches - US\$45.00 per person including transportation to and from the fields.
- Community service projects - A soccer clinic with underprivileged children and/or work at a soup kitchen.
- Tango Show - US\$120.00 per person including dinner, wine, tango class and the show.
- Gauchos Tour - US\$70.00 per person including food and transportation.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

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.

Touristic information Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital and most populous city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, on the South American continent's southeastern coast. Buenos Aires is a top tourist destination, and is known for its preserved Spanish/European-style architecture and rich cultural life – it is known as the “Paris of South America”. Buenos Aires held the 1st Pan American Games in 1951 as well as hosting two venues in the 1978 FIFA World Cup. Buenos Aires will host the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics and the 2018 G20 summit. The tango is the national dance of Argentina which originated in the 1880s along the River Plate, the natural border between Argentina and Uruguay, and soon spread to the rest of the world.

Puerto Madero: When visitors want to take an evening stroll, many head to Puerto Madero, where dazzling city lights illuminate the port that once served as a major destination for European trade. During the day, this area rests as a quiet business hub, but by night, this little neighborhood bursts with energy. Trendy porteños flock to the neighborhood steak and seafood restaurants and tango at festive dance clubs. Standout spots include Rojo Tango and Asia de Cuba, which are both for their sultry dancing and festive décor.

La Boca: This fashionable neighborhood located in southern Buenos Aires brims with trendy boutiques and art galleries. Once a gritty shipyard bustling with European immigrants, this now vibrant port houses local artists, soccer fans, and middle-class workers alike. Its name—which translates to “The Mouth”—is derived from its distinct location near the Río de la Plata (the estuary formed by the meeting of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers). Make your way to Vuelta de Rocha's triangular plaza and you'll come upon the start of colorful Caminito, a popular pedestrian sidewalk flanked by bright murals and shimmering metal houses. Here, you'll also find the taxicab-yellow stadium of Argentina's most popular soccer team, Boca Juniors, along with lively cafés, bars, and casual tango institutions.

Recoleta Cemetery: This beloved cemetery—located in the ritzy Recoleta neighborhood—is the resting place of many notable political figures and elites in Argentine history. You'll probably recall Madonna belting out Tim Rice's lyrics “Don't Cry for me Argentina” in her rendition as Eva “Evita” Perón in the 1978 musical, *Evita*. But what you may not remember is Eva Perón's role as the outspoken and influential first Lady of Argentina in 1946, nor her untimely death at age 33 from cancer. As you stroll through the cemetery, you'll not only catch a glimpse of Ms. Perón's ornate resting place, but also discover a wide array of art nouveau, art deco, and modernist mausoleums. Another highlight is the towering Círculo Militar, a black structure imported from Paris that features stunning white marble angels. One TripAdvisor user comments, “It is a necropolis full of architectural art. A visit to the city wouldn't be complete without this.”