

## International Soccer Tour 2023 Itinerary University of North Carolina Men's Soccer Spain – Barcelona

### Travel dates:

May 22-30, 2023.

### Itinerary:

- May 22 Departure from Raleigh-Durham airport.
- May 23 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation with optional bus tour of Barcelona en-route to accommodation.
- May 24 Afternoon training session with your own coaching staff at the facilities of a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol or Girona FC.  
After, tour the Camp Nou stadium and museum.  
Evening attend La Liga pro game RCD Espanyol vs. Atletico Madrid.
- May 25 Optional morning training session with your own coaching staff at a local field. Afternoon at leisure. Suggestion: bus or boat tour of Tossa de Mar, 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 Barcelona area team.
- May 26 Morning training session with your own coaching staff at the facilities of a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol or Girona FC.  
After do some guided sightseeing in Barcelona - see the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa Batlló and the Pedrera, Plaza Francesc Masia, followed by Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral and Parque Guell, Or, optional visit the city of Girona with sightseeing of the city including 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.
- May 27 Optional morning training session with your own coaching staff at a local field. Visit the training facilities of FC Barcelona or RCD Espanyol and watch youth or reserve teams play and/or train and get an inside look at the facilities. Time permitting, more sightseeing in Barcelona.
- May 28 Morning training session with your own coaching staff at the facilities of a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol or Girona FC.  
Visit the training facilities of FC Barcelona or RCD Espanyol and watch youth or reserve teams play and/or train and get an inside look at the club. Evening attend La Liga pro game FC Barcelona vs. Mallorca.  
Time permitting, sightseeing in Barcelona before the pro game.
- May 29 Morning optional training session with your own coaching staff at a local field. More sightseeing in Barcelona – see the Plaza Catalunya, the Ramblas with its human statues and street artists, Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico with its maze of narrow streets, Plaza Real, Cathedral, Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities. Evening game vs. a Barcelona area team.
- May 30 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight.

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



Wartburg College



Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

**Price per person:**

|                            |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of people traveling | 20-24   | 25-29   | 30-34   | 35-39   | 40-44   | 45-49   |
| Participant prices         | \$3,167 | \$2,997 | \$2,884 | \$2,805 | \$2,740 | \$2,695 |

**Extra costs:**

- Sightseeing entrance fees – approx. \$85 extra per person for required entry fees to recommended sights in itinerary (these are optional for the group) – Boat Tour Tossa de Mar, Sagrada Familia (to go inside and guided tour), Park Guell entry and Montjuic Castle entry.
- Tickets to pro games RCD Espanyol vs. Atletico Madrid and/or FC Barcelona vs. Mallorca – approx. \$75-\$150+ per person per ticket.
- Travel Insurance policy – between \$81 - \$141 per person depending on coverage – see below.

**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.

**Soccer program included:**

- We will arrange two friendly games per team. We will approach and games will be arranged against teams from top Barcelona area clubs like FC Barcelona, RCD Espanyol, Girona FC, etc.
- We will arrange three training sessions with your own coaching staff at the facilities of a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol or Girona FC.
- We will have a field available at good facilities (FC Cornellà, Rozas FC, for example) for two other optional training sessions with your own coaching staff.
- We will include a visit(s) to the training facilities of FC Barcelona and/or RCD Espanyol to check out the facilities and watch youth, U19 or reserve teams from these clubs play and/or train.

- We include a stadium and museum tour of the Camp Nou, home of FC Barcelona.

**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 (2 people per room) have a private bathroom as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge and an outdoor swimming pool.

**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, specifically the pro matches on May 24 RCD Espanyol vs. Atletico Madrid and/or on May 28 FC Barcelona vs. Mallorca. Ticket costs TBD, but usually ticket costs range from approx. \$75-\$150 per person/ticket.

**Accommodation option Barcelona:**

We can accommodate the group in a 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. \$350.00 per person (to be confirmed).

**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.