

International Soccer Tour 2023 Itinerary

Saint John's University

Argentina – Buenos Aires

Travel dates:

January 1-10, 2023

Itinerary:

- January 1 Departure from Minneapolis.
- January 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.
- January 3 After check in we will provide a 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.
- January 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.
- January 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.



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Plaza de Mayo



Ithaca College



Buenos Aires Bridge

- January 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.

- January 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. Evening game vs. local team.
- January 8 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. Another option is visiting the Palermo Neighborhood. This is a really cool trendy bohemian district similar to SoHo in New York. There are many coffee shops, restaurants, bars, designers and brand names clothing stores. During weekends is very lively and there are bands playing music in the squares such as “Plaza Palermo Viejo” or “Plazita Serrano”.
- January 9 Morning available to do your final shopping. Afternoon transfer to Buenos Aires Airport and return flight.
- January 10 Return 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.

Price per person*:

Number of people	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$2,796	\$2,704	\$2,650	\$2,614	\$2,608	\$2,595

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2022. We will know more about fares for 2023 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights, and can confirm 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.
- Community service projects - A soccer clinic with underprivileged children and/or work at a soup kitchen.
- Visit Mass Hillsong Church.
- 1 free trip for every 19 paying participants.

Sport program included:

We will arrange 3 games. After the games meals/snacks with opposition will be provided. We will also include a Club Day with either Boca Juniors, River Plate, San Lorenzo, Racing or Independiente which includes a training session with a club coach and a tour of their stadium.

Accommodation and meals included:

Three-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. The hotel offers rooms for 3 people with private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, cable TV and minibar. The hotel offers its own restaurant as well as business center and gym. Rooms for 2 people are available as well at a supplement of \$ 5.00 per person per night.

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.
- Tango Show - US\$100.00 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.”

International Soccer Tour 2020 Itinerary Saint John's University Germany – Munich and Cologne

Travel dates:

January 1-9, 2023

Itinerary:

- January 1 Departure from Minneapolis airport.
- January 2 Arrival Munich airport and transfer to your accommodation in Munich.
- January 3 Make a bus tour past all of Munich's famous sights such as: the Peterskirche; the Marienplatz, with the Old and New Town Hall; the Residenz, the Royal Palace; the Deutsches Museum; the Munich Municipal Museum; the Frauenkirche and the St. Michaelskirche. A trip to the Olympic village, built for the 1972 Olympic Games, will be included as well. Evening game vs. a local team.
- January 4 Morning optional training session with your own coaching staff. Day excursion to Dachau. The name has been a symbol of horror and despair since the first Nazi concentration camp was built here in 1933. There is now a museum that houses an exhibition to document this grim piece of history.
- January 5 Excursion to Schloss (Castle) Nymphenburg. Evening game vs. a local team.



Rye Revolution



Munich Skyline



Putnam City North High School



Allianz Arena Home of Bayern Munich

- January 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Cologne, Germany.
- January 7 Day trip Cologne; Cologne Cathedral, the Old City and Mungerdorfer Stadium. Evening game vs. a local club.
- January 8 Morning optional training session with your own coaching staff. Rhein River Tour or Day trip to Düsseldorf.
- January 9 Transfer to Cologne or Amsterdam airport and return flight.



City of Cologne



Rye Revolution



City Skyline



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Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,152	\$2,976	\$2,852	\$2,764	\$2,683	\$2,642

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Price inclusions:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges.
- 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:

Munich: We will arrange 2 games per team.

Cologne: We will arrange 1 game per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Munich: 3-star Hotel accommodation on the outskirts of Munich.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Munich just outside the city center.
- The hotel has a restaurant and bar/lounge.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people). All rooms have TV, telephone, private bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms (2 people) available at a supplement of \$10.00 per person per night.

Cologne: 3-star Hotel accommodation in Cologne.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located in Cologne less than 10 minutes from the city center by train or bus.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge with TV, spa and sauna as well as an indoor pool.
- Rooms for 3 people (triple rooms) include TV, telephone, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$10.00 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 bi-lingual 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:

- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- Visit to a pro game. Ticket prices are between \$60.00-\$120.00 or more 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 academy coaches from a German pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

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.
- 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 Munich

Munich is the capital and largest city of the German state of Bavaria, on the banks of River Isar north of the Bavarian Alps. Munich is the third largest city in Germany, after Berlin and Hamburg, and the 12th biggest city of the European Union, with a population of above 1.5 million. The city is a major center of art, advanced technologies, finance, publishing, culture, innovation, education, business, and tourism in Germany and Europe and enjoys a very high standard and quality of living, reaching #1 in Germany and #4 worldwide.

Nymphenburg Palace: The Nymphenburg Palace or, "Castle of the Nymph(s)", is a Baroque palace in Munich, Bavaria, southern Germany. The palace was the main summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria of the House of Wittelsbach.

Dachau Concentration Camp: Dachau concentration camp was the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany, intended to hold political prisoners. It is located on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory near the medieval town of Dachau, about 16 km (9.9 mi) northwest of Munich in the state of Bavaria, in southern Germany. Opened in 1933 by Heinrich Himmler, its purpose was enlarged to include forced labor, and eventually, the imprisonment of Jews, ordinary German and Austrian criminals, and eventually foreign nationals from countries that Germany occupied or invaded. It was finally liberated in 1945.

Olympic Park of Munich: The Olympiapark in Munich, Germany, is an Olympic Park which was constructed for the 1972 Summer Olympics. The Park continues to serve as a venue for cultural, social, and religious events such as events of worship.

Neuschwanstein Castle

Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life – now vast numbers of people came to view his private refuge. Today Neuschwanstein is one of the most popular of all the palaces and castles in Europe. Every year 1.4 million people visit "the castle of the fairy-tale king". In the summer around 6,000 visitors a day stream through rooms that were intended for a single inhabitant. The setting of Neuschwanstein could not be more idyllic. However, movement in the foundation area has to be continuously monitored, and the sheer rock walls must be repeatedly secured.

Marienplatz: Marienplatz is a central square in the city centre of Munich, Germany. It has been the city's main square since 1158. In the Middle Ages markets and tournaments were held in this city square. Marienplatz was named after the Mariensäule, a Marian column erected in its centre in 1638 to celebrate the end of Swedish occupation. Today the Marienplatz is dominated by the New City Hall (Neues Rathaus) on the north side. The Glockenspiel in the tower of the new city hall was inspired by these tournaments, and draws millions of tourists a year. At the east side Munich's Old City Hall (Altes Rathaus) is located. It's a gothic council hall and ballroom and tower, which have been reconstructed. The pedestrian zone between Karlsplatz and Marienplatz is a crowded area with numerous shops and restaurants.

Touristic information Cologne

Cologne is the fourth-largest city in Germany (after Berlin, Hamburg, and Munich). It is located within the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan region, one of the major European metropolitan regions and the largest in Germany with more than ten million inhabitants. Cologne is located on both sides of the Rhine River, less than eighty kilometers from Belgium.

Cologne Cathedral (free of charge): Near the left bank of the Rhine, Cologne's towering landmark, the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Mary, is a masterpiece of High Gothic architecture. One of the largest cathedrals in Europe, it was started in 1248 and is considered the most ambitious building project of the Middle Ages. As impressive as its 157-meter tall twin towers is the cathedral's incredible interior. Covering an area of 6,166 square meters and boasting 56 pillars, highlights include the 12th-century Reliquary of the Three Kings created by local goldsmiths; the famous relief of the Adoration of the Kings from 1440; the Treasure Chamber with its many precious objects, including ancient reliquaries and manuscripts; and the panoramic views from the south tower, reached by more than 500 steps that pass the cathedral's famous bells (ear protection is provided on Sundays). A variety of excellent guided tours are available (at a fee of approx. \$10.00 per person), as well as events, including concerts and services (be sure to check for closures prior to arrival).

Cologne's Old Town (free of charge): As you explore Cologne's numerous historic churches and museums, you'll crisscross the city's lovely Old Town quarters with its many unique charms. In addition to old churches such as Great St. Martin, you'll find yourself traversing countless quaint alleys lined with traditional old houses, many now home to boutique shops, galleries, cafés, and restaurants. And with its many pleasant paths along the Rhine, you'll find ample opportunity to enjoy great views as you plan your route through this ancient city. You'll also find yourself in awe of the countless monuments and fountains that adorn the area, along with its Archeological Zone with its many ancient ruins and artifacts.

The Roman-Germanic Museum (approx. \$10.00 per person): Just a few minutes' walk from Cologne Cathedral, the Roman-Germanic Museum offers a fascinating insight into the city's rich archaeological heritage from the Paleolithic period to the early Middle Ages. Exhibits of interest are the Dionysus Mosaic dating from the 2nd century and the 15-meter-high funerary monument of Poblicius from the 1st century, both discovered during excavations in the city. The museum also displays other mosaics, Roman glass, domestic pottery and sculpture, and Roman and Germanic jewelry. Also of interest is Kolumba, the art museum of the Archdiocese of Cologne, notable for its art and antiquities.

Cologne cable car (approx. \$8.00 per person): Since its establishment in 1957 as the first European cable car to cross a river - in this case, the Rhine - the Cologne cable car has carried a whopping 15 million passengers. The views are, of course, the big draw, particularly those of the Old Town and Cologne Cathedral. Easily accessible by public transport, one of the best ways to tackle this fun attraction is to consider it a one-way trip, walking back to your starting point on the east or west bank of the Rhine. For more great views, a visit to Cologne Telecommunications Tower is worthwhile. Located northwest of Cologne's Old Town, Colonius, as it's known locally, is 243 meters high with a superb viewing platform and a revolving restaurant.