

Encinitas Express Soccer Club  
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We are pleased to confirm all your team's arrangements for your tour to Europe. Please discuss and/or share the contents of this with all your participants. This is very important and all of your participants should understand its contents.

**Accommodation, meals and sport:**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – San Sebastian, Spain**

Teams: One 2006 Boys team – 11v11  
Your team will be entered in the class B19, boys born after January 1, 2004. However, the Donosti Cup did confirm that your team will be playing in the group vs. U16 teams only.

Sport program: Participation at the 2023 Donosti. For more information about the tournament: <https://www.donosticup.com/english.asp>

Accommodation: The hotel is located 1 mile from the bay and Beach of La Concha, and overlooks the Urumea River. The rooms come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and desks. The hotel has a restaurant, a bar, a business center, meeting rooms, and an event space. We have booked rooms for 1, 2, 3 and 4 people. Please notice that because of the limited availability of triple and quad rooms, some families with 3 or 4 people will get 2 double rooms (next to each other) instead of one triple/quad room. We will not charge these families extra.

Meals: Daily breakfast is included.  
First meal: Breakfast, July 3, 2023  
Last meal: Breakfast, July 10, 2023  
Breakfast will be served in the hotel.

WiFi costs: Free of charge

Accomm. Address: Silken Amara Plaza San Sebastián  
Pio XII.aren Plaza, 7, 20010  
Donostia, Gipuzkoa, Spain  
Tel: +34 943 46 46 00  
Website: [Silken Amara Plaza San Sebastián](#)

The above-mentioned accommodations may require a cash damage/security deposit in local currency (approx. \$ 100.00-\$400.00) from the group upon arrival and check in, so please be prepared for this. This deposit is refundable upon check out provided there is no damage to the accommodation/rooms.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested that our groups be served tap water on the table, however, in some countries this might not be offered. For breakfast tea and coffee is included and in most cases milk & juice.

### **Guide services:**

A representative (tournament guide) will be with your group throughout your stay. This person is the main contact between your group and Premier International Tours. If problems arise, please discuss these with tour manager first before you call our offices since they are on the ground and more able to resolve issues at the destinations. Your representative will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This representative is not a professional city tour guide(s), although he/she will have general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas. Please find below a job description of our representatives.

- Be with the group from arrival till the last evening. Join them during transfers to the accommodation, location where meals are served, fields, game events and excursions.
- Discuss the program in advance with club contact. Create a good relationship with the club contact and driver (if group has a private bus available).
- Translate where necessary.
- Make sure group behaves correctly; attend opening, finals, award ceremonies, and other organized activities.
- Mediate in case of damages or conflicts with/to accommodation, busses, etc. Make sure to make a report of this.
- Support the group in case of visit police station (theft) and/or hospital.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the guide upon arrival and discusses the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the guide the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the guide can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the guide at the end of the trip if the guide has done a good job. We highly recommend collecting approx. \$3.00-\$5.00 per person per day (local currency) for each guide for the trip.

### **Ground transportation:**

During your stay a private buss will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sight-seeing). You have a maximum of 800 kilometers available. The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day and can be on duty for 12 hours (so 3 hours wait/rest time during a day). Twice a week the driver may use the bus 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.

- Each day the bus driver must have an 11 hours rest period between his transportation duties.
- During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip. We recommend approx. \$2.00 - \$3.00 per person per day (local currency) for this, see below for when you have different bus drivers:

- If you only have the driver one day and no special services – tipping isn't necessary
- If you have a driver for 2 or more days – highly recommend tipping
- You can ask the tour manager to check with the driver on day one if they will be with you the whole trip and if not, they can confirm when the change will be made. Based on this you can tip accordingly.

**Air transportation/flights:**

We have booked the following flights for your group:

Los Angeles LAX 01Jul 05:10pm to Munich MUC 02Jul 01:25pm with flight LH #453

Munich MUC 02Jul 03:50pm to Bilbao BIO 02Jul 06:00pm with flight LH #1828

Bilboa BIO 10Jul 07:35am to Munich MUC 10Jul 09:45am with flight LH #1831

Munich MUC 10Jul 12:20pm to Los Angeles LAX 10Jul 03:20pm with flight LH #452

**Seat assignments:**

Around 90 days before departure we will send the team manager or coach a list to fill out with the official names (as per passport) for the airline. Passengers can add seat requests to this spreadsheet such as 'window seat' or 'aisle seat' or who wants to be seated together. These requests **cannot** be guaranteed. Lufthansa will assign seats at the time of ticketing. Passengers can access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airline's website (Lufthansa) to change their seating assignments.

**Check in:**

Passengers can check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure.

**Airline Tickets:**

Airline tickets will be forwarded to the group leader approx. 2-3 weeks prior to departure after the final names have been supplied to us by the group leader and we have received full payment from all travelers. When airline tickets are sent, we will also include instructions on how, when and where the group passengers can check in and how to make flight changes while traveling if necessary. Make sure to check in at the airport, allow for 3 hours prior to departure.

**Information for flights in case of flight changes or cancellations:**

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times, we must go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines with any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will result in missing a connection or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights.
- If any individuals want to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then individuals should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed on the weekends, so we have some limitations.

**Sightseeing activities/excursions:**

Included below are the excursion options we offer. We offer the service to pre-book 1 or more of these excursion options but not later than **90 days** prior to departure.

**Referees:**

For your games a referee(s) will be provided.



**People not booking arrangements through Premier International Tours:**

Please be aware that we cannot provide any transportation from or to the airport or for any pre-arranged group tour activities (sightseeing excursions, etc.) or any transportation arranged for the group for individuals which did not book the tour package with Premier International Tours. Because of liability/law issues with our suppliers (Bus Company, etc.) persons who booked their own flights and accommodation are not allowed to just join the group on bus transfers arranged for the group.

If you have anyone who wants to join the group later in the booking stage, please contact us no later **than 90 days before the departure** date and we will try to accommodate the requests.

**General Participation Conditions:**

We again strongly encourage your participants to review the General (Cancellation) Conditions and General Information document on your group website page to make sure all participants are aware of/understand these conditions to avoid any misunderstandings.

**Final payment:**

Please notice that delayed payments (within 6 weeks prior to departure) must be done by cashier's checks or credit cards. We will release the travel documents and travel information after receipt of full payment of ALL travelers.

**Group arrangements:**

This is a group tour arrangement. The participant prices are based on the number of people traveling. If this number goes up or down the participant prices will be adjusted as per your proposal.

**Documents you will receive from us:**

- Final itinerary: 1-3 weeks prior to departure.
- Airline tickets: 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Loek van Zijl  
President Premier International Tours

## Tournament Information

### DONOSTI CUP - SAN SEBASTIAN/SPAIN



In 2023, approximately 700 teams will participate. That makes this tournament one of the biggest tournaments in Southern Europe. The Donosti Cup tournament headquarters are located in and around the Estadio Anoeta, the stadium of Real Sociedad. Many of the games are played at the official training complex for Real Sociedad with 4 grass fields, a small stadium and 1 artificial grass field. San Sebastian is a beautiful city in the Northern part of Spain located at the Bay of Biscay.

#### Donosti Cup facts:

- 600+ international youth soccer teams
- Guaranteed minimum 4 matches per team
- The Opening Ceremony of the tournament takes place in Estadio Anoeta, the home stadium of La Liga team Real Sociedad.

#### Touristic information:

- San Sebastian: On the banks of the Bay of Biscay and surrounded by green mountains, San Sebastian is a delightful city that provides a feast for the senses. The best-known image of San Sebastián is its almost perfectly shell-shaped bay, widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in the world. The city is home to 180,000 people and is the cultural and tourist capital of the Basque Country. The city has beautiful constructions, such as the Grand Casino (present Town Hall), the Miramar Palace, summer residence of the Court, or the bridges over the Urumea River. The houses of the Old Quarter, full of bars and restaurants, date from previous times. In the Old Quarter, the local passion for gastronomy is palpable. From the miniature cuisine of the 'pintxos' to the restaurants of the creative cuisine masters, good eating is one of Donostia's commandments.
- Biarritz – France: Make a trip to this popular and lively beach resort town on the Atlantic coast in southwest France which is about a 45-minute drive from San Sebastian.

For more information about the tournament including age groups, rules and regulations and more touristic information please visit the tournament website:

<http://www.donosticup.com/en>

