

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary Misericordia University Women's Soccer Trinidad and Tobago – Port of Spain

Travel dates:

May 15-22, 2024. Feel free to adjust the dates by a few days.

Itinerary:

- May 15 Departure from NYC/Newark airport. Arrival Port-of-Spain airport and transfer to your accommodation.
- May 16 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.
- May 17 Visit Maracas Beach, a beautiful beach located on the north side of the island.
- May 18 Morning training and after that picturesque hike to Maracas Waterfalls, the highest waterfalls in Trinidad. Evening game vs. local team.
- May 19 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.
- May 20 Optional zip-lining excursion in Chaguaramas and afternoon community service project; soccer clinic and education for underprivileged school children in Trinidad.
- May 21 Take a swamp tour through the lagoons and rivers to see all the wildlife in Trinidad. Evening game vs. local team.
- May 22 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	\$2,446	\$2,349	\$2,474	\$2,400	\$2,345

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2023. We will know more about fares for 2024 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights, 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 Misericordia University Women's Soccer Italy – Florence area and Venice

Travel dates:

May of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from NYC/Newark airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Florence, Bologna or Pisa airport. Transfer to your accommodation in the Florence area.
- Day 3 Sightseeing 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 club.
- Day 4 Day trip to Pisa, known for its Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower) and Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean. Evening game vs. a local club.
- Day 5 Day trip to Sienna - distinguished by its medieval brick buildings. The fan-shaped central square, Piazza del Campo, is the site of the Palazzo Pubblico, the Gothic town hall, and Torre del Mangia, a slender 14th-century tower with sweeping views from its distinctive white crown. The city's 17 historic "contrade" (districts) extend outward from the piazza. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Venice.
- Day 7 Day trip Venice. The famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto bridge and the San Marco church and its vibrant plaza. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 Sightseeing in Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet. One of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the city is Juliet's house (Casa di Giulietta) on Via Capello; also, Juliet's tomb at the Museum of Frescoes G B Cavalcaselle.
- Day 9 More sightseeing in Venice, or visit Sottomarina. Sottomarina is a larger seaside resort on the southern lagoon of Venice. The town looks like a city of its own, but it is actually a part of the nearby town of Chioggia. The beautiful beach of Sottomarina is more than 5 km long. Evening game vs. a local club.
- Day 10 Transfer to Venice, Milan or Bologna airport and return flight.

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Florence



Wartburg College Men's Soccer



Leaning Tower of Pisa



Lake Hill Storm SC

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,491	\$3,308	\$3,187	\$3,100	\$3,032	\$2,980

* Prices are based on contracted airline group fares for 2023. We can confirm tour 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. Hotel options and room types are always subject to availability at time of booking.
- 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 total per team (two in each destination).

Accommodation and meals included:

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.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room – 3 separate beds) with private bathroom, TV, telephone and air-conditioning..
- Double rooms (2 people per room – two twin beds or one double bed) are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.

Venice: 3-star Hotel accommodation in Venice.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Approx. 5-10 kilometers from the center of Venice.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room – 3 separate beds) with private bathroom, TV, telephone and air-conditioning. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant and bar.
- Double rooms (2 people per room – two twin beds or one double bed) 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. City entrance fees for the bus (ZTLs) are included.

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:

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Please calculate between US\$50.00 and US\$110.00 per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$ 300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club – costs approx. \$650 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- A training session with an Italian FA Coach at Coverciano, the Italian FA Headquarter, in the Florence area. Approx. \$1,700.00 total for a 2-hour session.

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.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions. This applies to per person admissions for sights and attractions as well as a Venice per person city entrance fee (approx. \$11.00 per person per day you go into Venice).
- 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 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.

SIENA - 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 tower del Mangia.



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Touristic information Venice

Venice is the capital of the Veneto region in Italy. It is situated across a group of 117 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by bridges. These are located in the shallow Venetian Lagoon, an enclosed bay that lies between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. Parts of Venice are renowned for the beauty of their settings, their architecture, and artwork. The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a World Heritage Site.

Basilica di San Marco (Saint Mark's Church): This elaborate church sits on the popular piazza by the same name. The church was built in honor of Saint Mark the evangelist, whose remains were stolen from their home in Alexandria, Egypt, and hidden in barrels of pork by a couple crafty Venetians, intent on bringing him to rest in Venice.

Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square): St. Mark's Square, or Piazza San Marco, is considered by many to be the heart of Venice. As the largest square in Venice, St. Mark's Square is the only "piazza" in the city. All other squares are campis or campielli. Lining the square are multiple historical sites including St. Mark's Basilica, St. Mark's Campanile and Doge's Palace, as well as a number of restaurants, making it the perfect spot for leisurely people-watching and wine sipping. Along with intricate architecture and hearty plates of spaghetti carbonara, visitors will also be met with throngs of tourists, pigeons and vendors selling souvenirs. If you hoped to pick up a gondola hat or a carnival mask during your trip, this is the place you will find them.

Rialto Bridge (Ponte di Rialto): Several centuries ago, if you wanted to cross the Grand Canal, the Rialto Bridge was the only way. Now there are other options, including the Accademia Bridge. The bridge's current incarnation is the handiwork of Antonio da Ponte, whose name translates to "Anthony of the Bridge," is built entirely of marble after collapsing multiple times from previous wooden designs. Predicted to fail by critics, the bridge still stands and is considered an engineering marvel.

Grand Canal: Considered to be the main street of Venice, the 2-mile-long Grand Canal is one of the city's most popular and highly photographed attractions. Recent travelers recommend hiring a gondolier for a romantic (but expensive) row along the canal.

Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale): Views from the Venetian Lagoon give the Doge's Palace an ethereal look — almost like it's floating on top of water. But it's fitting, as the Doge's Palace (or Palazzo Ducale) has witnessed an intriguing history in its role as the residence of the doge (leader), the seat of government and the palace of justice. Everything from execution orders to the affairs of Venetian leaders was carried out here; and a web of secret passageways and hidden doors reveals a decidedly mysterious past.