

International Soccer Tour 2022 Itinerary
IUPUI Women's Soccer
Italy and Switzerland – Verona and Zurich

Travel dates:

May 16-25, 2022

Itinerary:

May 16 Departure from Chicago-O'Hare airport.
LH 431 Departing Chicago May 16 04:00 PM and arriving Frankfurt May 17 07:20 AM
LH 324 Departing Frankfurt May 17 08:35 AM and arriving Venice, May 17 09:55 AM

May 17 Arrival Venice airport. Transfer to your accommodation in Verona.

May 18 Sightseeing Verona. Go to Piazza delle Erbe in the center of town, see the Lamberti Tower, the arch Arco della Costa and Piazza dei Signori, the heart of political toil and strife for centuries.

May 19 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.

May 20 Sightseeing Verona or make a day trip to Lake Garda. Evening game vs. a local team.

May 21 Transfer to your accommodation in Zurich.

May 22 Sightseeing in Zurich. First head to Old Town - the western half of Zürich's old town is where the Romans built their fortified settlement. Then head to Bahnhofstrasse, the main street in Zurich which is one of the most attractive shopping streets in Europe, enlivened by fountains, public art, trees, and distinguished buildings. Evening game vs. a local team.

May 23 Sightsee around Lake Zurich. Popular places to visit around Lake Zurich include the numerous swimming areas, the Alpamare in Pfäffikon – the largest covered water park in Europe – the sunny islands of Ufenau and Lützelau near Rapperswil, the wooden footbridge across the lake between Rapperswil and Hurden, the Baroque church in Lachen, the famous Lindt & Sprüngli chocolate factory in Kilchberg.

May 24 More sightseeing or final shopping in Zurich. Evening game vs. a local team.

May 25 Transfer to Zurich airport. Return flight.
Swiss 008 Departing Zurich May 25 12:55 PM arriving Chicago May 25 03:30 PM.

Price per person

45-60 people traveling - \$3,134.00

40-44 people traveling - \$3,186.00

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.

Sport program included:

We will arrange a total of 4 games per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Verona: 4star (Italian classification) Hotel accommodation in Verona (Hotel Best Western Plus Expo or similar).

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Two miles from the center of Verona.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet Wi-Fi, minibar and TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, fitness center, business center and bar.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.

Zurich: 4-star (Swiss classification) Hotel accommodation in Zurich (Novotel Hotel or similar)

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- In Zurich about 5 miles outside the city center and within walking distance of a tram line with direct connection to the center of Zurich.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet and flat-screens, tea and coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. . The hotel has a restaurant, bar, fitness center and sauna.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$20.00 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 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 – ticket costs TBD depending on what game(s) is available.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$ 260.00 per 2 hours.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$ 30.00 per person.

Options available (not included in prices)

Travel insurance option for people who booked the 2020 original tour:

We can offer your group participants comprehensive travel insurance which includes accident, illness and trip cancellation coverage – more information will be sent to you after booking. Approx. cost for this travel insurance is \$67.00 - \$195.00+ depending on the age of the participant and the tour price. More information, see your team website.

Travel insurance option for new travelers:

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. Please check your team website page for detailed information and conditions.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions unless specified above. This applies to per person admissions for sights and attractions as well as city admission fees (called ZTL fees) for the touring bus in Italy. These ZTL fees are approx. \$100.00 - \$250.00 when you enter a city ZTL zone. There are options to avoid these fees – consult us for more information on this.
- 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.

SIGHTSEEING IN VERONA

1) CASTELVECCHIO & MUSEUM

Price: Adult \$8.00, Child (8-14) \$2.00

On the banks of the Adige, Castelvecchio was built by the Scaligeri in 1354-55, an impressive defensive fortress certain to remind any rivals of the power of the della Scala family. Crossing the river is the beautiful castellated Ponte Scaligero, a 14th-century bridge that's traffic free and a favourite stroll for local families. The castle's main tower and ramparts afford views of the bridge, the city, and surrounding hills. The castle interior has been brilliantly restored and transformed into bright exhibit space by architect Carlo Scarpa, without sacrificing the integrity or history of the castle.

2) ARENA DI VERONA

Price: Arena Entrance Only - Adults \$12.00, U14 \$2.00;

Opera Prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$185.00

One of the largest of its kind and among the best preserved Roman amphitheatres, Verona's arena was built in the reign of Diocletian, about AD 290. Only four arches of the outer wall on the north side have survived, but the vaulting seating is intact and in regular use. Its 44 rows of seating can accommodate 22,000 spectators, and in July and August, it is the home of the Verona Opera Festival, one of Europe's major summer music events ranked with the Bayreuth and Salzburg festivals.

3) CASA DI GIULIETTA

Price: \$8.00 – Expect large crowds

Shakespeare's famous play "Romeo and Juliet" maybe a work of fiction, but that hasn't stopped hundreds of thousands of romantics from making pilgrimage to Verona to see the balcony where Juliet supposedly stood while Romeo declared his love.

This so called Casa di Giulietta, or Juliet's House, actually belonged to the dell Capello family. The house dates from the 13th century and the family coat of arms can still be seen on the wall. The house was in a state of abandon and was overgrown with creepers when the city bought it in the early 1900s, and decided to turn it into Juliet's House taking advantage of the similarity between the names of the house's true owner —Capello— and the Capulets in Shakespeare's play.

4) BASILICA OF SAN ZENO MAGGIORE

Prices: \$4.00

The large 11-12th century Basilica of San Zeno Maggiore is considered the finest Romanesque building in northern Italy. The beautiful main front of alternating strata of brick and white tufa is flanked by a slender Romanesque campanile (1045-1178) and the 14th-century battlemented defensive tower of a former Benedictine abbey. Although you enter through the elegant Romanesque cloister via a gate at the side, be sure to see the bronze doors on the front portal, with outstanding Romanesque reliefs of Biblical and secular scenes.

You can visit all four of Verona's churches (Basilica of San Zeno, The Cathedral Complex, Basilica of Saint Anastasia & Church of Saint Fermo) for \$8.00 per person.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change a little by the time of booking

SIGHTSEEING IN ZURICH

1) ALPHAMERE WATERPARK

Price: 4 hr ticket Adult (16+): \$41.00, Child \$33.00 – All Day Ticket Adult (16+): \$50.00, Child \$40.00

We promise you one thing already now: When we go downhill, there is no stopping! Because our water slides in the indoor pool are an incomparable experience for adults, children, professionals and beginners, which you will also enjoy. But not only speed fans get their money's worth on our slides, but also children and everyone who wants to slide, but not quite so fast. Whether with a lot of power or something more leisurely: Slide as often as you like it – we are looking forward to you, your friends and family... and to your happy faces!

2) WOODEN BRIDGE FROM RAPPERSWIL TO HURDEN

Price: Free

Lake Zurich is situated on the route taken by the Jacob pilgrims who also visited Rapperswil on their way to Santiago de Compostela. A somewhat unsafe, tortuous wooden footbridge with loosely laid planks helped them make their way across the lake.

A passable dam, in existence since the 19th century, enables people to cross over at the lake's narrowest point between Rapperswil and Hurden. The footbridge also still exists and was only replaced by a modern half-mile-long and 8.2-foot-wide wooden bridge in April 2001.

3) BAHNOFSTRASSE

Price: Free

Bahnhofstrasse is Zürich's main downtown street and one of the world's most expensive and exclusive shopping avenues. In 2011, a study named the Bahnhofstrasse the most expensive street for retail property in Europe, and the third most expensive worldwide. In 2016 ranked ninth.

4) LINDT CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Prices: TBA

The scent of chocolate hangs in the air. However, this is not a sales trick to lure people into the shop, but is due to the fact that this is where Lindt & Sprüngli's production plant is based. The delectable, beautifully packed items in the shop were actually produced just a few hundred meters away – and that is why the surrounding area smells so wonderful.

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