

## International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Men's Soccer Germany – Munich and Cologne

### Travel dates:

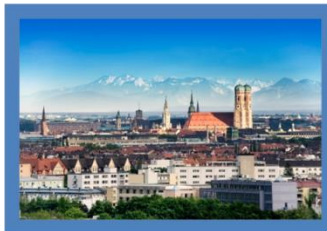
March 15-24, 2024

### Itinerary:

- March 15 Departure from Minneapolis-St. Paul airport (flights arranged separately).
- March 16 Arrival Munich airport and transfer to your accommodation in Munich.
- March 17 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.
- March 18 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.
- March 19 Excursion to Schloss (Castle) Nymphenburg. Evening game vs. a local team.



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Allianz Arena Home of Bayern Munich

- March 20 Transfer to your accommodation in Cologne, Germany.
- March 21 Day trip Cologne; Cologne Cathedral, the Old City and Mungerdorfer Stadium. Evening game vs. a local club.
- March 22 Morning optional training session with your own coaching staff. Rhein River Tour or Day trip to Düsseldorf.
- March 23 More sightseeing in Cologne, or day trip to Amsterdam for sightseeing – visit the Anne Frank House and explore the canals of Amsterdam.
- March 24 Transfer to airport for 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.



City of Cologne



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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	\$2,306	\$2,105	\$1,988	\$1,873	\$1,798	\$1,740

**Price inclusions:**

- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Prices subject to availability of accommodations at time of tour booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

**Sport program included:**

**Munich:** We will arrange 2 games per team.

**Cologne:** We will arrange 2 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Munich:** 4-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:** 4-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.
- 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:**

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.
- 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.