

International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary Guilford College Portugal and Spain – Lisbon and Barcelona

Travel dates:

February 29-March 10, 2024.

Itinerary:

- Feb. 29 Departure from Charlotte airport.
- March 1 Arrival Lisbon airport and transfer to your accommodation.
- March 2 Day trip Lisbon – visit famous sights like Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, São Jorge Castle and Monument to the Discoveries. Evening game vs. a local club.
- March 3 Optional morning training session with your own coaching staff. Day trip to Sintra, a picturesque Portuguese town that is set amidst the pine covered hills of the Serra de Sintra famous for the medieval Sintra National Palace and several 19th century estates.
- March 4 Visit Lisbon and the Lisbon beaches. Afternoon optional tour of the stadium(s) of pro clubs Benfica and Sporting Lisbon. Evening game vs. a local club.
- March 5 Day at leisure for more sightseeing in Lisbon – visit Old Town Lisbon – or for more relaxation at the beach.
- March 6 Transfer to Lisbon airport. Flight to Barcelona, arrival Barcelona airport and transfer to your accommodation in the Barcelona area.
- March 7 Visit Barcelona by bus and see sights like the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa Batlló and the Pedrera, Plaza Francesc Masia, the Nou Camp - home of FC Barcelona, followed by Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral and lastly Parque Guell. Evening game vs. a local team.
- March 8 Morning optional training session. Visit the sacred mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its breathtaking views. Or, do a bus or boat tour of Tossa de Mar: visit the beautiful old fishing town made famous in the 1950's by Ava Gardner and James Mason in the film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman.
- March 9 Free day in Barcelona visiting the places the bus cannot reach. Drop off and pick up point in the central Plaza Catalunya. Recommended are the: Ramblas with its human statues and street artists, Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico with its maze of narrow streets, Plaza Real, Cathedral. Evening game vs. a local team.
- March 10 Transfer to Barcelona airport and 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.



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Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

Price per person:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,595	\$3,370	\$3,230	\$3,143	\$3,068	\$3,019

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. Prices subject to availability of accommodations 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 3 games total per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Lisbon: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Lisbon area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located in one of the local beach resorts approx. 15 miles from Lisbon
- Ten-minute walk to the beaches.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge with TV and an outdoor pool.
- Rooms for 3 people (triple rooms with 3 single beds) include TV, telephone, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$23.00 per person per night.

Barcelona: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Costa Brava region in a seaside town like Santa Susanna, Calella, etc.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and/or beach.
- Distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles. All rooms (3 bedded rooms) have a private bathroom as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and an outdoor pool.
- Double rooms (2 people) available at a supplement of \$12.00 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)

Soccer 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 Spanish or Portuguese 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 Lisbon

Lisbon is the stunning capital city of Portugal, and is one of the most charismatic and vibrant cities of Western Europe. It is a city that effortlessly blends traditional heritage, with striking modernism and progressive thinking. As a holiday destination, Lisbon offers a rich and varied history, lively nightlife and blessed with a glorious year-round climate.

Sintra:

Sintra is a resort town in the foothills of Portugal's Sintra Mountains, near Lisbon. A longtime royal sanctuary, its forested terrain is studded with pastel-colored villas and palaces. The Moorish and Manueline-style, Sintra National Palace, is distinguished by dramatic twin chimneys and elaborate tilework. The hilltop 19th-century Pena National Palace is known for a whimsical design and amazing views. Sintra and its surrounding mountains (Serra de Sintra) are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Jeronimo Monastery:

A former monastery of the Order of Saint Jerome near the Tagus river in the parish of Belém, in the Lisbon Municipality, Portugal. The monastery is one of the most prominent examples of the Portuguese Late Gothic Manueline style of architecture in Lisbon. It was classified a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the nearby Tower of Belém, in 1983.

Belem Tower:

The tower was commissioned by King John II to be part of a defense system, and is a prominent example of the Portuguese Manueline style, but it also incorporates hints of other architectural styles. The structure was built from lioz limestone and is composed of a bastion and a four-story tower. It has incorrectly been stated that the tower was built in the middle of the Tagus and now sits near the shore because the river was redirected after the 1755 Lisbon earthquake. In fact, the tower was built on a small island in the Tagus River near the Lisbon shore.

Sao Jorge Castle:

Saint George Castle is a Moorish castle occupying a commanding hilltop overlooking the historic center of the Portuguese city of Lisbon and Tagus River. The strongly fortified citadel dates from medieval period of Portuguese history, and is one of the main tourist sites of Lisbon.

Cascais and Alfama:

Cascais is a cosmopolitan suburb of the Portuguese capital and one of the richest municipalities in Portugal. The village gained fame as a resort for Portugal's royal family in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Now it is a popular vacation spot for both Portuguese and foreign tourists. The Alfama is the oldest district of Lisbon, spreading on the slope between the São Jorge Castle and the Tejo river. Among the churches of the Alfama are Lisbon Cathedral, the oldest of the city, the Convent of the Grac, near the Castle, the mannerist Monastery of São Vicente de Fora where the Kings of the House of Braganza are buried, and the baroque Church of Santa Engrácia, now converted into a National Pantheon for important Portuguese personalities.

Touristic information Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain, and the country's second most populous municipality, with a population of 1.6 million within city limits. It is the largest metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea. Barcelona has a rich cultural heritage and is today an important cultural center and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Barcelona is also home to two top pro clubs in Spain, FC Barcelona and RCD Espanyol.

CAMP NOU: Visit the Home of Barcelona FC, the away team changing room and the players' tunnel, the dugouts, the press room, commentators box and of course the Museum. The Museum is the most modern football museum thanks to its interactive wall spaces, large scale audiovisual displays and an extensive display of objects to explain the history of FC Barcelona and understand the values that make Barça "més que un club" -- "more than a club".

SAGRADA FAMILIA: The unfinished Cathedral by Gaudi, The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is a work on a grand scale which was begun on 19 March 1882 from a project by the diocesan architect, Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the works, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea.

MONTSERRAT: Montserrat is a multi-peaked mountain located near the city of Barcelona. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which hosts the Virgin of Montserrat sanctuary and which is identified by some with the location of the Holy Grail in Arthurian myth. The mountain is composed of strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock. Montserrat is Spain's first National Park.

CASTELL DE MONTJUIC: Barcelona's Montjuïc is a broad shallow hill to the southwest of the city center. The eastern side of the hill is almost a sheer cliff, giving it a commanding view over the city's harbor immediately below. The top of the hill (a height of 184,8 m) was the site of several fortifications, the latest of which the Castle of Montjuïc remains today. The fortress largely dates from the 17th century, with 18th-century additions. It served as a prison, often holding political prisoners, until the time of General Franco. The castle was also the site of numerous executions. On different occasions during the Spanish Civil War, both Nationalists and Republicans were executed there, each at the time when the site was held by their opponents. The Catalan nationalist leader Lluís Companys i Jover was also executed there in 1940, having been extradited to the Franco government by the Nazis.

LA RAMBLA & BOQUERIA MARKET: This busy street is just for pedestrians and is lined with outdoor markets, shops, restaurants and cafes. La Boqueria is a large public market in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona, and one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks, with an entrance from La Rambla, not far from the Liceu, Barcelona's opera house. The market has a very diverse selection of goods.