

International Soccer Tour 2023 Itinerary St. Croix Soccer Club Spain – Barcelona and the Donosti Cup

Travel dates:

June 30-July 10, 2023

Itinerary:

- June 30 Departure from Minneapolis/St. Paul airport.
 July 1 Arrival Barcelona airport. Sightseeing Barcelona and then check in to your accommodation in Barcelona.
 July 2 Optional training session with your own coaches or a coach from pro club Espanyol. Sightseeing Barcelona: visit the Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas Montjuic and the Nou Camp, home stadium of FC Barcelona. Evening game vs. a local team.



Wartburg College



Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

- July 3 Transfer to San Sebastian for the Donosti Cup. Accreditations, age control, official team picture and check in.
 July 4 Start of the tournament. Evening opening ceremony at Anoeta Stadium, home of Spanish pro club Real Sociedad.
 July 5 Continuation tournament. Evening live music at the fan zone.
 Leisure time option: Walk around Parte Vieja, also known as the Old Town, in the center of San Sebastian.
 July 6 Continuation tournament. Live music at the Fan Zone. Coaches' match.
 Leisure time option: Head to the top of Monte Igueldo and enjoy the spectacular views of La Concha Bay and then head to La Concha beach after.
 July 7 Play-off's, and Live music at the Fan Zone.
 Leisure time option: Enjoy free time exploring the city of San Sebastian more.
 July 8 Donosti Cup Final round matches and finals, Donosti Cup party for all participants and Closing gala for coaches and managers. Leisure time option: Spend free time at the beach and an optional surfing lesson.
 July 9 Tournament Finals and farewell.
 Leisure time option: Visit Biarritz, France, an elegant seaside town on southwestern France's Basque coast, which has been a popular resort since European royalty began visiting in the 1800s.
 July 10 Transfer to Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona or Barcelona airport. 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.



Donosti Cup



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Donosti Cup Opening Ceremony

Price per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,517	\$3,344	\$3,228	\$3,144	\$3,084	\$3,030

* Prices are based on contracted group airline fares for 2022. We will know more about group fares for 2023 around 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights and fares, and can confirm pricing then.

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. If some families or individuals have miles and want to book their own flights, we can arrange a land only package for these people. Reduction to prices above for a land only package will be approx. \$1,250.00 per person – exact amount will be advised after flights are confirmed.
- 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:

Barcelona: We will arrange 1 friendly game per team.

San Sebastian: Participation in the Donosti Cup.

Accommodation and meals included:

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

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Includes accommodation in triple rooms for 3 people (3 bedded rooms) and all rooms have a shower and toilet as well as air-conditioning. The hotel has a very limited number of rooms/suites to accommodate 4 people and is subject to availability and pricing on booking.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and/or beach. Distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and sometimes an outdoor swimming pool.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.

Donosti Cup/San Sebastian: Schools/Full board - daily breakfast, lunch and dinner is included. First meal is dinner July 3 and last meal is breakfast July 10. Lunch and dinner July 9 are not included. Accommodation in schools in San Sebastian.

- Each team will receive one classroom for its own use. The Donosti Cup will arrange bedding for all participants.
- Lunches and dinners will be served at the Donosti Cup tournament center.

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 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)

Accommodation options Donosti Cup:

If you decide to accommodate your team in schools, we can offer, as an option, hotel accommodation in a 4-star hotel in San Sebastian for parents and chaperones (subject to availability at time of tour booking). The hotel is usually within walking distance from the schools. All rooms have private bathroom, Wi-Fi, TV, mini bar and telephone and hotel has lounge/bar, restaurant and sometimes and outdoor swimming pool. Supplement per person for a 7-night stay is \$637.00 sharing a room for 3 people, \$743.00 sharing a room for 2 people and \$1,435.00 for a single room. Breakfast will be served at the hotel, lunches and dinners with your team at the tournament cafeteria. First meal is dinner July 3 and last meal is breakfast July 10. Lunch and dinner July 9 are not included.

Instead of schools we can also offer accommodation in a three or four-star hotel:

- Three-star hotel/Full board - daily breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hotel accommodation located in or maximum 10 miles from, the city center of San Sebastian. Rooms for 1-4 people all with private bathroom. The hotel has a reception area, lobby and breakfast room. Lunches and dinners will be served at the Donosti Cup tournament center. First meal is dinner July 3 and last meal is breakfast July 10. Lunch and dinner July 9 are not included. Supplement per person for a 7-night stay is \$285.00 sharing a room for 3-4 people, \$463.00 sharing a room for 2 people and \$676.00 for a single room.
- Four-star hotel/Full board - daily breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hotel accommodation located in or maximum 10-15 miles from, the city center of San Sebastian. Rooms for 1-3 people all with private bathroom. The hotel has a reception area, lobby, restaurant and bar and sometimes and outdoor swimming pool. Lunches and dinners will be served at the Donosti Cup tournament center. First meal is dinner July 3 and last meal is breakfast July 10. Lunch and dinner July 9 are not included. Supplement per person for a 7-night stay is \$480.00 sharing a room for 3 people, \$587.00 sharing a room for 2 people and \$853.00 for a single room.

Please notice all hotel accommodation options are subject to availability upon tour booking.

Sport program options:

- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$35.00 per person for Camp Nou Stadium Tour.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from a Barcelona area pro club like RCD Espanyol – costs approx. \$1,050.00 total per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

Travel insurance option:

Accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance – more information will be sent to you after booking. Approx. costs for trip insurance is \$67.00 - \$195.00+ depending on the age of the participant and the trip price.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.
- 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 Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain, as well as 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 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.



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.

Tournament Information

DONOSTI CUP - SAN SEBASTIAN/SPAIN



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TOURNAMENT

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>

