

## International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary

### Lake City High School

### Spain – Barcelona

#### Travel dates:

June of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

#### Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Charleston airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Bus or boat tour 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. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Visit Barcelona by bus, covering 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.
- Day 5 Visit the city of Girona. Sightseeing possibilities include St. Mary's Cathedral, built between the 11th and 17th centuries, Passeig de la Muralla, Monastery of Saint Pere de Galligants and Chapel of Sant Nicolau, the Arab Baths, Cases de l'Onyar, etc. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Visit the sacred mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its breathtaking views.
- Day 7 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.
- Day 8 More sightseeing in Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities.
- Day 9 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight.

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Wartburg College



Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Familia

**Price per person\*:**

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|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of people traveling | 20-24   | 25-29   | 30-34   | 35-39   | 40-44   | 45-49   |
| Participant prices         | \$3,297 | \$3,142 | \$3,034 | \$2,954 | \$2,854 | \$2,821 |

\* Prices are based on contracted airline group fares for 2023. We can confirm 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.
- 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 three friendly games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

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.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people (3 beds or a double bed and twin bed typically) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, Wi-Fi access and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and an outdoor swimming pool.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) 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.

**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)

### Sport program options:

- We can arrange tickets to pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually ticket costs range from approx. \$75-\$150 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 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.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$ 35.00 per person for Camp Nou Stadium Tour.

### Accommodation option Barcelona:

On request, we can accommodate the group in a 3/4-star hotel in Barcelona, close to the city center while in Spain instead. Hotel is within walking distance of a train station and not far from the Sagrada Familia. All rooms have private facilities/bathroom, satellite TV, phone and climate control. Hotel has a bar, lounge, workout room and small outdoor pool. Supplemental cost for this hotel option is approx. \$40.00 - \$60.00 per person per night (to be confirmed – depends on time of the year).

### 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.
- 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 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.

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### Argentina – Buenos Aires

#### Travel dates:

June of 2024. Exact dates TBD.

#### Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Charleson airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Buenos Aires Airport. Transfer to your accommodation. After check-in we'll offer the group a walking tour to explore the area around your hotel as well as a light training session.
- Day 3 Guided bus tour of Buenos Aires. Located in a relatively compact area near the old colonial heart of the city, the Plaza de Mayo that was established in 1580, the main sites include the Pink, Colon Theater, Government Palace and the world's widest avenue – la 9 de Julio – with its Obelisco monument. Late afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Day trip to La Boca. The city's historical Little Italy where El Caminito, a historical pedestrian zone is located. Afternoon visit the Boca Juniors Football Stadium as well as the museum, popularly known as La Bombonera (the Chocolate Box). From outside, the stadium seems to be part of the scale model exhibited in the museum depicting this famous neighborhood. Everything is intertwined and indivisible: not only is La Bombonera a part of a neighborhood which witnessed its creation but it also defines its identity. It was on this port suburb that football and Argentina were born. For the evening we recommend attending a Tango Show (extra cost for this Tango show is approx. \$100.00 per person and it includes dinner, wine, tango class and the show); the dance originated in lower-class districts of Buenos Aires and the music was derived from the fusion of various forms of music from Europe. The first association of Tango with the music and dance is recorded circa 1890's.
- Day 5 Morning walking tour to Calle Florida and La Galleria Pacafico: shopping at Calle Florida with live performing artists in the streets, later time for shopping at Galerias Pacifico artistic Mall. Shopping areas in Buenos Aires are the best places for people watching and traditional crafts and food. Afternoon community service project. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Boca Juniors or River Plate Day. Start in the morning by watching a training session of the first team (if available) with a possible introduction from a player from the first team. After this, tour the stadium, the club museum and locker room followed by lunch at the Academy complex and then a training session with a club coach.
- Day 7 Walking tour to the beautiful Recoleta Neighborhood, known for its squares, parks, cafés and galleries. You may also visit the astonishing Recoleta cemetery where the famous Eva Duarte de Peron, most known as "Evita" is buried. Eva was deemed "Spiritual Leader of the Nation" and was a major contributor to women's and low-income rights in Argentina. She was a former actress and married Juan Peron who became president, which is where much of her influence began.

Another option for this day is to spend a day in Buenos Aires to explore the city, do your shopping, etc. This option is included in the tour costs. A very nice option is a walking tour to the San Telmo Neighborhood. This is a cool, colonial district with a beautiful antique fair market. You may see performing street artist dancing tango, music bands, etc. During weekend is very lively and pretty crowded. There are some footages on the video from this neighborhood.

Evening game vs. a local team.

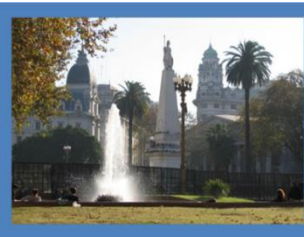
Day 8 Morning available to do your final shopping. Afternoon transfer to Buenos Aires Airport and return flight.

Day 9 Return back home.

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Plaza de Mayo



Ithaca College



Buenos Aires Bridge

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| Participant prices         | \$2,853 | \$2,826 | \$2,758 | \$2,717 | \$2,676 | \$2,648 |

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**Price inclusions:**

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- 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. After the games meals/snacks with opposition will be provided. We will also include a Club Day with either Boca Juniors, River Plate, San Lorenzo, Racing or Independiente which includes a training session with a club coach and a tour of their stadium.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

Four-star hotel accommodation - daily breakfast and dinner is included. The hotel is centrally located in Buenos Aires, an 8-minute walk from the grand Teatro Colón. Includes accommodation in rooms for 2-3 people per room with private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, cable TV and minibar. The hotel offers its own restaurant as well as business center and gym.

**Ground transportation included:**

We have included all mentioned transportation as well as airport transfers. Many of the tours we offer are walking tours.

**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)**

**Sport program and excursion options:**

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Admission fee not included. Please calculate between US\$65.00 and US\$110.00 per person depending on the game. Some so called premium games might be more expensive.
- Training session with own coaches - US\$45.00 per person including transportation to and from the fields.
- Community service projects - A soccer clinic with underprivileged children and/or work at a soup kitchen.
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- Tango Show - US\$120.00 per person including dinner, wine, tango class and the show.
- Gauchos Tour - US\$70.00 per person including food and transportation.

**Travel insurance option:**

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## Touristic information Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital and most populous city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Río de la Plata, on the South American continent's southeastern coast. Buenos Aires is a top tourist destination, and is known for its preserved Spanish/European-style architecture and rich cultural life – it is known as the “Paris of South America”. Buenos Aires held the 1st Pan American Games in 1951 as well as hosting two venues in the 1978 FIFA World Cup. Buenos Aires will host the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics and the 2018 G20 summit. The tango is the national dance of Argentina which originated in the 1880s along the River Plate, the natural border between Argentina and Uruguay, and soon spread to the rest of the world.

**Puerto Madero:** When visitors want to take an evening stroll, many head to Puerto Madero, where dazzling city lights illuminate the port that once served as a major destination for European trade. During the day, this area rests as a quiet business hub, but by night, this little neighborhood bursts with energy. Trendy porteños flock to the neighborhood steak and seafood restaurants and tango at festive dance clubs. Standout spots include Rojo Tango and Asia de Cuba, which are both for their sultry dancing and festive décor.

**La Boca:** This fashionable neighborhood located in southern Buenos Aires brims with trendy boutiques and art galleries. Once a gritty shipyard bustling with European immigrants, this now vibrant port houses local artists, soccer fans, and middle-class workers alike. Its name—which translates to “The Mouth”—is derived from its distinct location near the Río de la Plata (the estuary formed by the meeting of the Uruguay and Paraná rivers). Make your way to Vuelta de Rocha's triangular plaza and you'll come upon the start of colorful Caminito, a popular pedestrian sidewalk flanked by bright murals and shimmering metal houses. Here, you'll also find the taxicab-yellow stadium of Argentina's most popular soccer team, Boca Juniors, along with lively cafés, bars, and casual tango institutions.

**Recoleta Cemetery:** This beloved cemetery—located in the ritzy Recoleta neighborhood—is the resting place of many notable political figures and elites in Argentine history. You'll probably recall Madonna belting out Tim Rice's lyrics “Don't Cry for me Argentina” in her rendition as Eva “Evita” Perón in the 1978 musical, *Evita*. But what you may not remember is Eva Perón's role as the outspoken and influential first Lady of Argentina in 1946, nor her untimely death at age 33 from cancer. As you stroll through the cemetery, you'll not only catch a glimpse of Ms. Perón's ornate resting place, but also discover a wide array of art nouveau, art deco, and modernist mausoleums. Another highlight is the towering Círculo Militar, a black structure imported from Paris that features stunning white marble angels. One TripAdvisor user comments, “It is a necropolis full of architectural art. A visit to the city wouldn't be complete without this.”