

International Soccer Tour 2023 Itinerary

Guilford College

Spain-Madrid and Portugal-Lisbon

Travel dates:

March or August 2023

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Greensboro airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Lisbon airport. After arrival transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Day trip Lisbon – famous sights like Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, São Jorge Castle and Monument to the Discoveries. Evening game vs. a local club.
- Day 4 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.
- Day 5 Visit Lisbon and the Lisbon beaches. Afternoon Tour the stadiums of pro clubs Benfica and Sporting Lisbon. Evening game vs. a local club.
- Day 6 Transfer to Madrid.
- Day 7 Sightseeing Madrid; Puerta del Sol, the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace and the Bernabéu stadium, home of Real Madrid.
- Day 8 Experience two UNESCO World Heritage cities in one day on this tour to Toledo and Segovia. See Segovia’s narrow streets and preserved Roman aqueduct. Uncover ancient mysteries during a guided tour of the ancient fortress, the Alcázar. In Toledo—the city of three cultures—discover the architecture and history of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian societies who once lived here and take a guided tour of the Cathedral of Toledo (optional).
- Day 9 More sightseeing in Madrid. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 10 Transfer to Madrid 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.

Price per person*:

March departure:						
Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,399	\$3,178	\$3,030	\$2,924	\$2,844	\$2,773
August departure:						
Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,464	\$3,242	\$3,094	\$2,989	\$2,908	\$2,837

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2022. We will know more about fares for 2023 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights, 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.
- 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:

Lisbon: We will arrange 2 games per team.

Madrid: We will arrange 2 games 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) include TV, telephone, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.

Madrid: 3-star plus hotel accommodation on the outskirts of Madrid.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Madrid 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 \$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)

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 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 Madrid

Madrid is the capital city of Spain and the largest city in Spain. The city has a population of almost 3.2 million with a metropolitan area population of approximately 6.5 million. It is the third-largest city in the European Union, after London and Berlin, and its metropolitan area is the third-largest in the European Union after those of London and Paris.

BERNABEU FOOTBALL STADIUM: The Estadio Santiago Bernabéu is an all-seater football stadium in Madrid, Spain. It was inaugurated on 14 December 1947 and is owned by Real Madrid Club de Fútbol. It has a current capacity of 85454 spectators. El Bernabéu, renamed in honor of their former chairman Santiago Bernabéu Yeste, is one of the world's most famous and prestigious football venues. It has hosted the European Cup final on four occasions: in 1957, 1969, 1980, and the UEFA Champions League Final in 2010. The Bernabéu is both the second-largest stadium in Spain and the second-largest stadium home to a top-flight European club, behind only Camp Nou, home to rival Barcelona.

ROYAL PALACE: The Palacio Real de Madrid is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family at the city of Madrid, but is only used for state ceremonies. King Felipe VI and the Royal Family do not reside in the palace, choosing instead the more modest Palacio de la Zarzuela on the outskirts of Madrid. The palace is owned by the Spanish State and administered by the Patrimonio Nacional, a public agency of the Ministry of the Presidency. The palace is located on Calle de Bailén (Bailén Street), in the Western part of downtown Madrid, East of the Manzanares River. Several rooms in the palace are regularly open to the public except during state functions.

PRADO MUSEUM: The Museo del Prado is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Madrid. The 18th century structure designed by architect Juan de Villanueva houses one of the world's finest art collections. A 2007 expansion has made the famed museum easier to navigate. With more than 7,000 works of art representing culture and history from the 12th century to the early 19th century, however, it's impossible to see everything in a single visit. Visitors may wish to focus on the museum's collection of Spanish artists, including Goya, El Greco, da Ribera and Velázquez, which is inarguably the best collection of Spanish paintings in the world.

PLAZA DE LA VILLA: The Plaza de la Villa is a picturesque small square in the heart of Madrid, not far from the much larger Plaza Mayor. In contrary to the latter, the buildings at the Plaza de la Villa all have contrasting styles. The largest building at the square is the former Town Hall or Casa de la Villa (ayuntamiento). Construction started in 1644 by Juan Gómez de Mora, the architect of the Plaza Mayor.

LAS VANTAS: The Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas is a famous bullring in Madrid, Spain. Situated in the Guindalera quarter of the district of Salamanca, it was inaugurated on June 17, 1931. It has a seating capacity of 25,000 and is regarded as the home of bullfighting in Spain. This bullring was designed by the architect José Espeliú in the Neo-Mudéjar (Moorish) style with ceramic incrustations. The seats are situated in ten "tendidos". The price of the seats depends upon how close they are to the arena and whether they are in the sun or the shade (the latter being more expensive).

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 is 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.

International Soccer Tour 2022 Itinerary Guilford College Italy and Switzerland – Verona and Zurich

Travel dates:

March or August of 2023

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Greensboro airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Milan airport. Transfer to your accommodation in Verona.
- Day 3 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. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 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.
- Day 5 Sightseeing Verona or make a day trip to Lake Garda. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Zurich.
- Day 7 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.
- Day 8 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.
- Day 9 More sightseeing or final shopping in Zurich. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 10 Transfer to Zurich airport. Return flight.

Price per person*:

March departure:						
Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,434	\$3,241	\$3,107	\$3,012	\$2,942	\$2,878
August departure:						
Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,704	\$3,511	\$3,377	\$3,282	\$3,212	\$3,148

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- 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: 4-star (Italian classification) Hotel accommodation in Verona

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.

- 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.

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 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.

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