

# INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOUR 2025 - ITINERARY

## UNIV. OF JAMESTOWN WOMEN'S SOCCER



## MILAN - VERONA

### ITALY



Dates, February 27 – March 7, 2025



Italy – Milan and Verona



## ACCOMMODATION FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4, 2025

**MERCURE MILANO AGRATE BRIANZA**  
**VIA CARDANO, 2**  
**20864 AGRATE BRIANZA MB, ITALY**  
**PHONE: +39 039 68371**

### **WI-FI COSTS:**

Free

### **MEALS:**

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.

First meal: Dinner February 28, 2025

Last meal: Breakfast March 4, 2025

Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups are served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included at the breakfast buffet.



## ACCOMMODATION MARCH 4-7, 2025

**Best Western Plus Hotel Expo**  
**Via Portogallo, 1/P**  
**37069 Villafranca di Verona VR, Italy**  
**Phone: +39 045 92020**

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Free

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Daily breakfast and dinner are included.

First meal: Dinner March 4, 2025

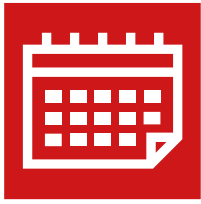
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**PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS REPRESENTATIVE:**  
**Paola Giancola - Tel. 0039 328 9056502**



# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025

- 11:35pm Departure flight United 3563 from Minneapolis to Newark.
- 03:25pm Arrival Newark.
- 05:40pm Departure flight United 019 from Newark to Milan.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025

- 07:30am Arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport.  
After passing through customs at Milan Airport your group will be met by Paola Giancola recognizable by a Univ. of Jamestown sign). Paola will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in Italy.
- 09:00am Transfer to Milan City Centre.
- 10:00am Sightseeing Milan. Duomo Milano, Cathedral and Museum, general admission tickets booked for 31 people.  
Group 1 Museum at 12pm and Cathedral at 12.30pm and Group 2 Cathedral at 12pm and Museum at 12.45pm
- 04:00pm Arrival at your accommodation – Mercure Milan Agrate Brianza Hotel.  
Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary and game & excursion program with Paola.
- 07:30pm Evening dinner.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025

- 09:00am Breakfast.
- 10:00am Day trip to Lake Como, including optional boat tour of Lake Como. See why this majestic area is the landing spot for the world's most rich and famous, and why this area has been featured in countless movies, TV shows, and throughout pop culture. Optional evening pasta making class – Nothing Pre Booked
- 07:30pm Evening dinner.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2025

- 08:00am Breakfast.
- 09:00am Morning sightseeing use Public Transport to go into Milan before transferring to your game in the afternoon
- 12:30pm Lunch at the Hotel at 12.30pm - Same Menu as chosen for original Evening Meal.
- 01:15pm Depart for Afternoon game vs. Pro Vercelli Women (1<sup>st</sup> Team) kick off at 4pm at Stadio Silvio Piola, Vercelli, Via Massava 5, 13100
- 06:30pm Depart Vercelli and head to San Siro for the AC Milan v Lazio game, kick off 8.45pm - Group booked own ticket

## MONDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2025

- 09:00am Breakfast.
- 09:00am Morning at leisure
- 11:30am Depart for a Day trip to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano is situated on the shores of Lake Lugano, surrounded by rolling hills and the majestic peaks of the Swiss Alps. Despite being in Switzerland, Lugano has a distinctly Mediterranean atmosphere due to it's Italian influence such as the the city's charming Old Town that is a combination of narrow cobblestoned streets, historic buildings, and lively piazzas. Or more sightseeing in Milan. Visit the Navigli and Darsena di Milano neighborhoods, and allow for beautiful sights, shopping and food.
- 01:00pm Packed lunch
- 05:30pm Depart for Evening game vs. FC Rhodense (U19) kick off at 8.15pm at Via Luigi Cadorna, 4, 20017

## TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2025

- 09:00am Breakfast.
- 10:00am Transfer to your accommodation in **Verona**. Best Western Plus Expo Verona Hotel
- 12:00pm Arrival at your accommodation. Please note that your rooms may not be available until 3pm
- 03:00pm Afternoon at Leisure
- 07:00pm Evening dinner.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2025

- 08:00am Breakfast.
- 10:00am Sightseeing in Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet. One of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the city is Juliet's house (Casa di Giulietta) on Via Capello; also, Juliet's tomb is at the Museum of Frescoes G B Cavalcaselle. Also see other sites such as Arena Di Verona, Piazza delle Erbe, Castelveccchio, and Basilica of San Zeno Maggiore.
- 02:00pm Lunch at the Hotel

05:00pm Depart for Evening game vs. Real Vincenza Women (1<sup>st</sup> Team) kick off at 7pm at ASD San Lazzaro Vincenza, Via Vincenzo Bellini 41, 36100 Vincenza

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2025**

08:00am Breakfast.

10:00am More sightseeing in Verona, or an optional day trip to Venice, the famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto bridge, as well as the San Marco church and its vibrant plaza.

08:00pm Evening dinner.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2025**

04:00am Breakfast – Box Breakfast

04:30am Transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport.

06:45am Arrival at Milan Airport.

09:45am Departure flight United 018 from Milan to Newark.

01:00pm Arrival Newark Airport.

08:25pm Departure flight United 3708 from Newark to Minneapolis.

10:42pm Arrival Minneapolis Airport.

# GENERAL INFORMATION:

## SKELETON ITINERARY:

This is a skeleton itinerary only. The definite day to day program will be discussed with you upon arrival. The organized playing times and dates of your games and/or clinics and receptions must be honored.

## BANKS:

Please note that banks in Europe are usually closed at weekends. We strongly recommend that you do not utilize traveler checks but use any or all of the following – ATM / Debit Card, Euro pre-paid cards, Credit Cards and take cash. Please take enough funds to cover the first few days, as precious time is wasted if most of your group needs to access cash on arrival.



## VERY IMPORTANT:

Most countries now require travelers to have a passport that is valid more than 90 days after your trip return date. If your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

## COPIES PASSPORTS:

We also strongly recommend that your group's coach or team manager collects copies of all travelers' passports and, where applicable, paper airline tickets, prior to departure in case of theft or loss.



## STUDENT ID:

If you are with a student group, please ensure all people in your party bring their Student ID as this will give access to many discounts on entry fees to various attractions.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

## SOCCER BALLS:

Soccer balls will only be provided for the games. Please bring your own soccer balls for training sessions and/or clinic sessions.



## CHECK YOUR TICKETS:

Please ensure that you cross-reference your airline tickets with your itinerary as departure times and flight numbers may have been amended since your itinerary was forwarded to you, and, if in doubt, check with your airline directly. Make sure the name on the ticket is exactly the same as on the passport.



## DELAY:

In case of delay caused by flight or transport issues, please advise our Representative as soon as possible if any amendments are required, so they can adjust your arrangements wherever feasible. The contact information /phone number of this representative is included in the itinerary in this document.

## AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS:

Most flights from the US to Europe will arrive between 6.00 – 11.00 a.m. European times. However, please note that most hotel bedrooms will only become available between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m., so it is not always possible to check into your hotel room as soon as you arrive at your destination. Your local Representative will suggest a light excursion to occupy your group until your rooms are prepared.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION AND TOUR PREPARATION:

Please review your [Team website](#) and our [Travel Guide](#) on our website. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

## SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Some accommodations may require a small security deposit to be paid on arrival. The security deposit is to be held only in the event of damage by your team to any of the accommodation's property. Upon check out, your deposit will be returned.



## SEAT BELTS:

All passengers, by law, must always wear seat belts on all bus transportation when in Europe. Premier International Tours, its partners and suppliers will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to anyone ignoring this regulation.



## GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

During your entire stay in Europe a private bus will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 700 kilometers available.

## BUS COMPANY

Casucci Bus +39 0575 048652



### RESTRICTIONS BUS TRANSPORTATION:

The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

- The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day. Twice a week the driver may use the bus for 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
- Each day the bus driver must have an 11-hour rest period between his transportation duties.
- During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

We kindly ask you to be aware of these rules. Please notice that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.



### AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

Premier International Tours has partnered with Fly My Group, who makes all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations **prior** to the tour please contact Premier International Tours. (303) 768-0891) From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Fly My group at (866) 551 9807. We request that only the group leader(s) call them (Nick Becker/Charlie Whalley) and use the group ID 54962.



### CHECK-IN AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:

Groups have blocked seats made at the time when the deposit was paid. Seat requests are accepted, but passengers cannot access their reservation online to make any changes to their seat assignments since it is a group booking. Many times, travelers are not able to check-in online for their flight, check-in will have to be done as a group at the airport upon arrival. We will e-mail you detailed information about check-in once tickets are issued.

### INFORMATION FOR FLIGHTS IN CASE OF FLIGHT CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS:

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times, we must go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines regarding any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause to miss the flight connection or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights.
- If any individual wants to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then that individual should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed at the weekends, so we have some limitations.



### TOUR MANAGER:

A tour manager will be with your group throughout your stay. Your tour manager will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. **This tour manager is not a professional city tour guide** although he or she will have a general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the tour manager upon arrival to discuss the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the tour manager the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the tour manager can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the tour manager at the end of the trip if he or she has done a good job. We recommend collecting approx. **€ 7.00 - € 10.00 per traveller per day** (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

**BUS DRIVER:**

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip.

We recommend approx. **\$10.00-\$15.00** per person.

**LAUNDRY:**

Please consult your tour manager about laundry services upon arrival. Hotels usually offer an outside company to provide their laundry services for them but be aware that these services can often be quite expensive. There will likely be a self-service Laundromat near your accommodation.

**SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS:**

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 90 days before departure. For groups participating in tournaments, sightseeing excursions and activities are included on the tournament information sheets, and we recommend you plan the sightseeing program once you know your tournament game schedule (tournament schedules usually known approx. 1-2 weeks out). Please also note that sightseeing entrance fees are **not included** unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

**CARRY-ON LUGGAGE:**

We recommend that you take medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a check suite-case.

**WATER AND MEDICAL KIT DURING YOUR SOCCER ACTIVITIES:**

Please make sure all players bring their own water supply to games and clinics. Our tour manager will advise your group on the best places to buy this. We recommend that your group always has a medical kit with them.

**PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS 24/7 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

In case of emergencies (mainly when you are dealing with issues within the USA or matters you cannot resolve with our local – at your destination - staff) please contact 303-522-5531.

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**GAME EQUIPMENT NOTE:**

Please make sure players bring soccer shoes for both grass and artificial grass.

