

Rasner Soccer Academy  
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We are pleased to confirm all your team's arrangements for your tour to Europe. Please discuss and/or share the contents of this with all your participants. This is very important, and all of your participants should understand its contents.

**Accommodation, meals, and sport:**

**July 11-14, 2024 – Stockholm, Sweden**

Teams: One 2011 (U13) boys' soccer team, one 2009 (U15) girls' soccer team.  
Sport program: We will arrange one soccer clinic with a Swedish FA or Swedish pro club coach as well as 1 friendly game.  
Accommodation: Located close to Solvalla Loppis, this three-star hotel provides a terrace, shopping on site and a lounge/bar. Free in-room WiFi is available to all guests. Rooms for 2-3 people. All rooms offer a private bathroom, TV, and free WiFi.  
Meals: Daily breakfast and dinner is included.  
First meal: Dinner – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
All meals will be served in the hotel.  
WiFi costs: Free of charge  
Accomm. address: Best Western Plus Grow Hotel  
Landsvägen 30  
171 54 Solna, Sweden  
Tel: +46 8 557 607 00  
Hotel website: [click here](#)

**July 14-21, 2024 – Gothia Cup, Gothenburg, Sweden**

Teams: One 2011 (U13) boys' soccer team, one 2009 (U15) girls' soccer team.  
Sport program: Participation in the Gothia Cup 2024 <https://gothiacup.se/en>  
Accomm. Players and coaches: School accommodation in Gothenburg. One classroom per team. The Gothia Cup will provide bedding for all participants.  
Meals: Daily breakfast is included for all guests. We included tournament meal cards as well for 18 meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the participants staying at schools.  
First meal: Dinner July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast July 21<sup>st</sup>. 2024  
Accomm. Address: We will inform your group late Spring 2024 about the school's name and address.  
Accommodation parents: A 5-minute walk from sports and events at the Scandinavium arena, this modern hotel is a short walk from Liseberg theme park and Liseberg Station. The rooms have free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, plus desks, safes, and tea and coffeemakers. Amenities include a lounge, a kids' playroom, and a casual

restaurant with a bar. There's also a gym, a sauna, and a hot tub. Rooms for 2-3 people. All rooms offer a private bathroom, TV, and free WiFi.

Meals: Daily breakfast is included.  
First meal: Breakfast July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Breakfast will be served at your hotel.  
Accomm. address: Scandic Rubinen  
Kungsporsavenyen 24  
400 14 Göteborg, Sweden  
Tel: +46 31 751 54 00  
Hotel website: [click here](#)

### **July 21-28, 2024 – Dana Cup, Hjørring, Denmark**

Teams: One 2011 (U13) boys' soccer team, one 2009 (U15) girls' soccer team.  
Sport program: Participation in the Dana Cup 2024 <https://www.danacup.dk/en/>  
Accommodation: This apartment complex is in Hirtshals, directly at the beach and 8 miles from Hjørring. All apartments have a living room, kitchen and one, two or three bedrooms. The complex offers a lounge, restaurant, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, table tennis, sauna, solarium, laundry room, free Wi-Fi, etc.  
Meals: Daily breakfast is included. Breakfast contents – cafeteria type - are the same as the school guests are getting.  
First meal: Breakfast July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
Last meal: Breakfast July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Breakfast will be served at your accommodation.  
Accomm. Address: Hotel Fyrklit  
Kystvejen 10  
9850 Hirtshals, Denmark  
Tel: +45 9894 2000  
Hotel website: [click here](#)

The above-mentioned accommodations may require a cash/credit card damage/security deposit in local currency (approx. \$ 100.00-\$400.00) from the group upon arrival and check in, so please be prepared for this. This deposit is refundable upon check out provided there is no damage to the accommodation/rooms.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested that our groups be served tap water on the table, however, in some countries this might not be offered. For breakfast tea and coffee is included and in most cases milk & juice.

### **Guide services:**

A representative (tour manager) will be with your group throughout your stay in **Stockholm**. This person is the main contact between your group and Premier International Tours. If problems arise, please discuss these with the tour manager first before you call our offices since they are on the ground and more able to resolve issues at the destinations. Your representative will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This representative is not a professional city tour guide(s), although he/she will have general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas. Please find below a job description of our representatives.

- Be with the group from arrival till the last evening. Join them during transfers to the accommodation, location where meals are served, fields, game events and excursions.

# PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS

- Discuss the program in advance with club contact. Create a good relationship with the club contact and driver (if the group has a private bus available).
- Translate where necessary.
- Make sure the group behaves correctly; attend opening, finals, award ceremonies, and other organized activities.
- Mediate in case of damage or conflicts with/to accommodation, buses, etc. Make sure to make a report on this.
- Support the group in case of visit police station (theft) and/or hospital.

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

Please note that it is customary to tip the guide at the end of the trip if the guide has done a good job. We highly recommend collecting approx. \$3.00-\$5.00 per person per day (local currency) for each guide for the trip.

During the **Dana Cup and Gothia Cup** tournament staff and Premier International Tours staff are available at your school and hotel and the tournament information centers to assist you and your group.

## **Ground transportation:**

During your stay in **Stockholm**, 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 300 kilometers available. The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day and can be on duty for 12 hours (so 3 hours wait/rest time during a day). Twice a week the driver may use the bus for 10 hours. This is mostly 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.

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. \$2.00 - \$3.00 per person per day (local currency) for this, see below for when you have different bus drivers:

- If you only have the driver one day and no special services – tipping isn't necessary.
- If you have a driver for 2 or more days – highly recommend tipping.
- You can ask the tour manager to check with the driver on day one if they will be with you the whole trip and if not, they can confirm when the change will be made. Based on this you can tip accordingly.

During the **Gothia Cup** the tournament has arranged special shuttle transportation. On free days during the tournament, we can arrange a private charter bus for excursions (for an additional charge).

During the **Dana Cup** the tournament organizer will offer harbor/airport transfers as well a tournament shuttle to be used throughout the week to travel between your accommodation and Hjørring.

# PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS

## Air transportation/flights:

We have booked the following flights for your group:

### Boys Team:

UA3443	10JUL	CVG-EWR	1149A 200P
UA068	10JUL	EWR-ARN	510P 720A+1
AC 829	28JUL	CPH-YYZ	1225P 235P
AC8707	28JUL	YYZ-CVG	640P 821P

### Girls Team:

UA 402	10JUL	CLT-EWR	1146A 149P
UA 068	10JUL	EWR-ARN	510P 720A+1
AC 829	28JUL	CPH-YYZ	1225P 235P
AC8749	28JUL	YYZ-CLT	625P 829P

**Individual deviations/flight changes and upgrades before departure:** If any individual traveler needs a deviation (earlier flight departure than the group or later flight return than the group) this needs to be requested as soon as possible. We can't accept any deviations after **April 11, 2024**. Every airline charges a standard deviation (change) fee of **\$150.00** per person plus a possible increase in fare on the requested deviation/changed flight. All deviation requests are subject to availability of flights. Please note that airlines allow only a maximum of 10-20% of the group to deviate (percentage depends on the specific airline) and the deviations must be done with the same airline as the group. Deviations can be made for either the return flight only or outbound flight only (depending on the specific airline) but not both. Only a select few airlines allow routing changes on deviations so routing changes are also subject to the conditions of the specific airline used for the group flights.

Because this is a group booking which has group conditions, individual requests to upgrade to business/first class may not be allowed by the airline and are subject to availability and pricing at the time of the request. We can request this on an individual basis.

## Seat assignments:

Around **March 12, 2024**, we will send the team manager or coach a list to check the official names (as per passport) for the airline. Passengers can add seat requests to this spreadsheet such as 'window seat' or 'aisle seat' or who wants to be seated together. These requests **cannot** be guaranteed. The airline will typically assign seats at the time of ticketing, but we will have additional information once the tickets are issued. Passengers may be able to access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airline's website ([United Airlines](#) and [Air Canada](#)) to change their seating assignments. Some airlines may only allow seat change requests at check in at the airport on the departure day – this will be advised when we send the e-tickets to the group leader.

## Check in:

Passengers may be able to check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure. In some cases, the airline may not allow online check-in and require the whole group to check in at the airport on departure day. This will be confirmed when we send e-tickets to the group leader.

## Airline Tickets:

Airline (e)tickets will be forwarded to the group leader approx. 2-3 weeks prior to departure and we have received full payment from all travelers. When airline tickets are sent, we will also include instructions on how, when and where the group passengers can check in and how to make flight changes while traveling if necessary. Make sure to check in at the airport, allowing 3 hours prior to departure.

**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.

- Cancellations or Delays: If your group encounters cancellations or delays, seek help from the gate agents or airline staff immediately! At this time, your tickets are now in airport control and the airline staff at the airport have full authority of the records to provide alternative flight options and accommodations and are responsible for assisting your group! Do not leave the airport until your group has been re-accommodated and all travelers are accounted for.
- Connections: If you have tight connections, concerns with making your connections, or missed a connection, seek help from a gate agent immediately. The airline staff will again have control of your tickets and are responsible for assisting you on your day of travel disruptions.
- If any individual wants to change flights on the day of departure (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then individuals 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.
- Missing Baggage: Travelers must file claims with the airline staff at the airport immediately and provide a personal cell phone number for the airline to reach them directly.

**Sightseeing activities/excursions:**

Included below are the excursion options we offer. We offer the service to pre-book 1 or more of these excursion options but not later than **March 12, 2024**.

**Day by Day Itinerary**

Putting together your day-by-day itinerary is a complicated process since there are various items/tour components to take into consideration which makes it a multi-step process.

1. We have created a provisional itinerary which will be similar to the itinerary included in the proposal you received from us before booking your tour. After that, we would like to know by **March 12, 2024**. We will not be able to book these excursions right away because we need to wait for the game schedule which will be available approx. two weeks before departure. So, they are subject to availability at that time.
2. Then we start working on your team's game schedule.  
It is common that we won't know your team's game schedule until approx. 1-3 weeks prior to your departure because:
  - a) Many international teams - local teams at your travel destinations - will only find out 3-4 weeks prior to your tour dates what kind of league games they need to play and when they are available to play against your team.
  - b) Many of the clubs in Europe use community/municipal courts and these cities won't release these courts until 2-3 weeks prior to the assigned games.
  - c) After your games are assigned, we need some additional days to plan the excursions you would like to have pre-booked.

This is all time consuming since it is a lot like a puzzle which will come together bit by bit/piece by piece. This the reason we are not able to send you the final itinerary as soon as you and your travelers would like. We strive to have a final itinerary available between 1-3 weeks prior to departure.

**Referees:**

For your games, a referee(s) will be provided.

**People not booking arrangements through Premier International Tours:**

Please be aware that we cannot provide any transportation from or to the airport or for any pre-arranged group tour activities (sightseeing excursions, etc.) or any transportation arranged for the group for individuals which did not book the tour package with Premier International Tours. Because of liability/legal issues with our suppliers (Bus Company, etc.) people who booked their own flights and accommodation are not allowed to just join the group on bus transfers arranged for the group.

If you have anyone who wants to join the group later in the booking stage, please contact us **no later than April 11, 2024**, and we will try to accommodate the requests.

**General Participation Conditions:**

We again strongly encourage your participants to review the General (Cancellation) Conditions and General Information document on your group website page to make sure all participants are aware of/understand these conditions to avoid any misunderstandings.

**Final payment:**

Please note that delayed payments (within 6 weeks prior to departure) must be made by cashier's checks or credit cards. We will release the travel documents and travel information after receipt of full payment of **ALL** travelers.

**Group arrangements:**

This is a group tour arrangement. The participant prices are based on the number of people traveling. If this number goes up or down the participant prices will be adjusted as per your proposal.

**Documents you will receive from us:**

- Final itinerary: 1-3 weeks prior to departure.
- Airline tickets: 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Loek van Zijl  
President Premier International Tours

## **SIGHTSEEING IN STOCKHOLM AND SURROUNDINGS 2024**

### 1) **HISTORIC OLD TOWN**

Free Entry

Dating from the 1200s and crammed with must-see sights, attractions, cafés, authentic restaurants, and boutique shops, the area of Gamla Stan (Old Town) is a living, breathing museum. It's often a first stop for tourists in Stockholm and is among the most popular places to visit in Sweden.

### 2) **ARCHIPELAGO CRUISE**

This is the perfect boat tour when you want to experience the best of Stockholm archipelago in a short period of time. The Stockholm Archipelago is the largest archipelago in Sweden, and the second largest in the Baltic Sea.

Adults (16 and older) - \$40.00

6-15 years - \$20.00

Under 5 years - \$0.00

### 3) **ROYAL PALACE**

A visit here could be a day out in itself. Located by the water's edge on the periphery of Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Royal Palace (Sveriges Kungahus) is the official residence of the King of Sweden.

A rich taste of the once-mighty Swedish Empire, this palace is one of the largest in Europe boasting more than 600 rooms and several museums. Dating from the 18th century and built in Baroque style, the palace houses many gems. You won't want to miss the daily changing of the guard. Known as the Royal Guards Ceremony, it starts at 12:15pm each day (1:15pm on Sundays) and takes place in the palace's outer courtyard.

Adults - \$19.00

Students - \$17.00

Children (7-17 years) - \$10.00

6 years and under - \$0.00

### 4) **VASA MUSEUM**

The incredible Vasa battleship, the main attraction at Stockholm's brilliant Vasa Museum (Vasamuseet), was intended to be the pride of the Swedish Imperial fleet. Yet, in a forerunner of the Titanic disaster centuries later, this majestic 64-gun vessel sank on its maiden voyage in 1628.

An amazing salvage operation took place in 1961, and now you can marvel at this glorious time capsule, 95 percent of which is entirely original. The three masts on the roof of the museum are not just a tourist draw; they were reconstructed to the exact height and specifications of the original masts.

This is the most visited museum in Sweden, and rightfully so. More than one million people a year come here to enjoy the different exhibitions and watch the movie on the ship's history. A variety of other historic vessels are also located on-site, including an icebreaker, a lightship, and a torpedo boat.

May-September: Adults - \$21.00 Children 18 and under - \$0.00

October-April: Adults - \$19.00 Children 18 and under - \$0.00

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

## Tournament Information

### GOTHIA CUP - GOTHENBURG/SWEDEN

Since its beginning in 1975, the Gothia Cup has grown to over 1,500 teams representing more than 60-70 countries. The opening ceremony at Ullevi Stadium attracts 50,000 spectators and participants, while 1,500 volunteers guarantee that this will remain the tournament of all tournaments! First-class competition on first-class fields is only part of this great festive week. Located on Sweden's beautiful west coast, Gothenburg offers all the excitement of a major seaport city, as well as fine beaches, water sports, boat trips, shopping, and dining. The 2024 Gothia Cup will again be the world's largest and most prestigious soccer party for both players and fans.



#### Gothia Cup facts:

- 1,600+ international youth soccer teams
- 40,000 participants from 80 different countries
- One of the highlights of the tournament is the Olympic style opening ceremony which takes place in Ullevi Stadium, home stadium of Swedish pro club IFK Göteborg, with 50,000+ spectators.
- Games will take place on natural grass and turf fields at approx. 30 soccer complexes.
- Heden is the heart of Gothia Cup. Here you will find the Central Information building, the tournament's headquarters, during the week.

#### Touristic information:

- Tradgaardsforening: the city park created in 1842 along the ancient city walls. A special place with beautiful gardens, sculptures, live music, and cafes.
- Liseberg: Scandinavia's largest amusement park right in the city centre; free entry for Gothia Cup participants.
- Gothenburg is surrounded by an archive of Islands. Make a trip along the coast to enjoy the view and spend a couple of hours on the beach.
- For more information about things to do and see in Gothenburg check: <https://www.goteborg.com/en/sights/>.



Dallas Texans Soccer Club



City of Gothenburg



Norco Soccer Club



Gothia Cup Opening Ceremony

For

more information about the tournament including age groups, rules and regulations and touristic/sightseeing information please visit the tournament website: [www.gothiacup.se](http://www.gothiacup.se).



## Tournament Information

### DANA CUP - HJORRING/DENMARK

Come and meet the rest of the world at the Dana Cup 2024, the World's most international youth soccer tournament with 90% foreign teams. More than 1,000 teams from 45 nations each summer. They come to play international soccer, but also because of the fantastic international atmosphere. The Dana Cup is a sporting challenge mixed with a cultural experience where young soccer players regardless of borders, skin color, politics and religion can meet in a safe environment. Each year the tournament is proud to welcome the rest of the soccer world to Hjørring.



#### Dana Cup facts:

- 1,000+ international youth soccer teams.
- Over 45 different countries represented.
- Tournament co-organized by Fortuna Hjørring, one of the top professional clubs in Denmark.

#### Touristic information:

- Beaches: many miles of excellent sandy beaches on the North Sea coast near Hirtshals, approx. 15 kms from Hjørring.
- North Sea Oceanarium: situated in Hirtshals. This centre also has Europe's largest sea-aquarium. Furthermore, there is a sea-lion basin and a Maritime-, a fishing- and a sea-biological museum.
- Frederikshavn: (36,000 inhabitants). One of Denmark's most important ferry-ports and marine base. There are various museums and from here Gothenburg/Sweden can be reached for a day-trip using one of the most modern ferry-vessels in the world. Cruising at approx. 70 kms per hours the journey can be covered in about 2 hrs.
- Visit the amusement park Fårup Sommerland:  
<http://www.faarupsommerland.dk/en/home/>



Dallas Texans Boys



Prize Ceremony



Opening Ceremony



Dana Cup

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