

International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary Sporting Arkansas Soccer Club France and Netherlands –Paris and Amsterdam

Travel Dates:

Early-to-mid July of 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from Dallas-Ft. Worth airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Paris airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
- Day 3 Morning training session with a coach from a Paris area pro club or a coach from the French Football Federation. Sightseeing Paris. Options include the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, and The Quartier Latin (Latin Quarter).
- Day 4 Morning training session with a coach from a Paris area pro club or a coach from the French Football Federation.
Afternoon: sightseeing, suggestion: visit to Paris Montmartre/Place du Tertre. Situated in the very heart of Montmartre, one of the most famous squares of all of Paris is that of Place du Tertre, which is world-famous for its painters, cafés, and ambiance. Only a few streets away from Montmartre's Basilica of the Sacré Coeur and the Lapin Agile, it is near the summit of the city's elevated Montmartre quarter. At an altitude of 130 meters, the Place du Tertre is the highest square in Paris. All over the square, various artists set up their easels in the afternoon, tempting the visitors with their works of art: personalized charcoal portraits, water paintings, drawings, sculptures, etc.
- Day 5 Visit Versailles, France's most magnificent chateau, 13 miles (20 km) southwest of Paris. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to Amsterdam.
- Day 7 Amsterdam sightseeing – take a canal cruise the best way to see the city of Amsterdam, followed by a visit to The ArenA, the home stadium of AFC Ajax. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 Morning or afternoon training session with a coach from an Amsterdam area pro club or a coach from the Dutch Soccer Federation (KNVB). Sightseeing Volendam and Marken – typical Dutch fishermen villages.
- Day 9 Visit the Zaanse Schans – famous because of its windmills. More sightseeing in Amsterdam. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 10 Transfer to Amsterdam 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.



Price estimate per person*:

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| Number of people traveling | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |
| Participant prices | \$4,555 | \$4,259 | \$4,060 | \$3,916 | \$3,814 | \$3,725 |

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2022. We will know more about fares for 2023 approx. 11 months prior to the 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 the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodation 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 include 3 friendly games total per team and we will include 3 training sessions total with coaches from a Paris area and Amsterdam area pro club, or a coach from the French Football Federation (FFF) in France or a Dutch Soccer Federation (KNVB) coach in the Netherlands.

Accommodation and meals included:

Paris: 4-star hotel accommodation in the Paris area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
- Hotel located in the Paris area approx. 16 miles from the city center.
- All triple rooms (3 people per room with 3 beds) with private bathroom, satellite TV, phone, and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, lounge/bar, reception area and Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$65.00 per person per night.

Netherlands: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Amsterdam area.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in the Amsterdam area or a town just outside Amsterdam approx. 12-15 miles from Amsterdam.
- The hotel has a restaurant and bar/lounge with TV.
- Includes accommodation triple rooms (3 people per room with 3 beds) with private bathroom, satellite TV, phone, and air-conditioning.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$60.00 per person per night.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay, a private bus will be available exclusively for your group each day – 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 at 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 – between \$ 25.00 and \$ 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.



SIGHTSEEING IN PARIS AND SURROUNDINGS

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- EIFFEL TOWER, LE LOUVRE, CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES

1) **LE LOUVRE MUSEUM**

Price: \$33.00 all expos, PLUS \$103.00 group fee

The Louvre or Louvre Museum is one of the world's largest museums and a historic monument. Nearly 35,000 objects from prehistory to the 21st century are exhibited over an area of 60,600 square meters (652,300 square feet). With more than 8 million visitors each year, the Louvre is the world's most visited museum

2) **EIFFEL TOWER**

Prices: \$28.00 2nd Floor and \$44.00 top of tower

The Eiffel Tower is an iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars in Paris. It was named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower. Erected in 1889 as the entrance arch to the 1889 World's Fair, it has become both a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The tower is the tallest structure in Paris. Note: The Eiffel Tower Tour sells out fast. We encourage you to ask us to pre-book this as soon as you can. Please notice that we cannot pre-book this excursion because of security issues.

3) **CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES (closed on Monday)**

Price: Adults \$31.00 and under 18s free (ID required).

The Palace of Versailles is a royal château in Versailles in the Île-de-France region of France. Court of Versailles was the center of political power in France from 1682, when Louis XIV moved from Paris, until the royal family was forced to return to the capital in October 1789 after the beginning of the French Revolution. Versailles is therefore famous not only as a building, but as a symbol of the system of absolute monarchy of the Ancien Régime. We advise you to arrive when the Estate opens. Your visit must be made on the date indicated on the ticket.

4) **CHAMPS ELYSEES AND ARC DE TRIOMPHE**

Price: Free

Possibly the most famous road in the world, the Champs-Élysées is a picturesque tree lined avenue that runs from the Arc de Triomphe towards the Louvre. It is an incredibly romantic place and a real symbol of Paris and France. The Arc de Triomphe is a stunning war monument that was commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 to honor his great victories.

5) **CATACOMBS OF PARIS**

Prices: **Booking mandatory 8 weeks in advance.** Groups (minimum 10 people, maximum 20 people, booking is required) \$44.00 per person, U18'S \$19.00.

Through an in-depth path, the visitors discover the area thoroughly, like Décure's sculptures, the quarries footbath, the Sacellum Crypt, the spuchral lamp and Gilbert's tomb. The Catacombs of Paris are underground ossuaries in Paris, France which hold the remains of over six million people in a small part of the ancient Mines of Paris tunnel network. Located south of the former city gate "Barrière d'Enfer" (Gate of Hell) beneath Rue de la Tombe-Issoire, the ossuary was founded when city officials were faced with two simultaneous problems: a series of cave-ins starting in 1774 and overflowing cemeteries, particularly Saint Innocents.

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



SIGHTSEEING IN AMSTERDAM AND SURROUNDINGS

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- ANNE FRANK MUSEUM,
- AJAX FC STADIUM TOUR

1) **ANNE FRANK MUSEUM**

Prices: Adults US\$ 24.00 and Under 17 US\$ 12.00

Can only book online two months in advance. Buy up to 14 tickets per viewing.

The Anne Frank House located on the Prinsengracht canal in Amsterdam, is a museum dedicated to Jewish wartime diarist Anne Frank, who hid from Nazi persecution with her family and four other people in hidden rooms at the rear of the building. As well as the preservation of the hiding place — known in Dutch as the Achterhuis — and an exhibition on the life and times of Anne Frank, the museum acts as an exhibition space to highlight all forms of persecution and discrimination.

2) **AJAX FC STADIUM TOUR**

Price: Adult US\$38.00, Under 12s US\$28.00

During a 1-hour guided tour, our enthusiastic guide will tell you all the ins & outs about the stadium and football legend Ajax. The tour kicks off with an ArenA introduction film. From there, you step into the stadium's players' tunnel which leads you to the team's dugout where you can even touch the grass of this hallowed ground. If you're lucky and the players aren't training that day you'll also be led into the locker room area. Your next stop will be at the so-called Mixed Zone or Press Room, where managers and players conduct their post-match interviews. 75-minute tour.

3) **AMSTERDAM CANAL TRIP (Blue Boat Company)**

Prices: Adults US\$29.00 per person, U12's US\$18.00 per person

Blue Boat Company sails 365 days a year, whether rain or shine. In winter, we close the roof and turn on the central heating, and in summer we open the roofs to let the sun & a fresh breeze in, so it is always comfortable on board. We are also the only canal cruise company with wheelchair-accessible boats! With our Personal Audio System, you can listen to the audio story in your language! And because you only hear your own language, we can tell you more! 75-minute tour. For regular cruises (daytime cruises) it is only necessary to make a reservation if your party is larger than 20 persons or if you need wheelchair access.

Group cruises must be booked in advance.

4) **RIJKSMUSEUM**

Prices: US\$36.00 and Under 18's are free of charge

The Rijksmuseum is a Netherlands national museum dedicated to arts and history in Amsterdam. The museum is located at the Museum Square in the borough of Amsterdam South, close to the Van Gogh Museum, the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, and the Concertgebouw.

5) **KALVERSTRAAT**

Prices: Free

The Kalverstraat is a busy shopping street in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands. It is named after the Kalvermarkt ("calves' market") that was held here until the 17th century.

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