INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOUR 2025 - ITINERARY

VERMONT SPORTING GROUP





BARCELONA AREA SPAIN



June 22 - June 30, 2025



Spain – Barcelona area

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL H-TOP CALELLA PALACE CARRER DE MARIA CARDONA, 9 08370 CALELLA, BARCELONA, SPAIN

Phone: +34 937 67 1915 Website: Click here

WI-FI COSTS:

Free

MEALS:

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.

First meal: Dinner June 23, 2025 Last meal: Breakfast June 30, 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 be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included at the breakfast buffet.

PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS REPRESENTATIVE:

Tom Smith - Tel. 00 34 634 46 12 16





PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2025

11:45pm Departure flight Air Transat 260 from Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport to Barcelona.

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2025

01:00pm Arrival Barcelona Airport.

After passing through customs at Barcelona Airport your group will be met by Tom Smith (recognizable by a Vermont Sporting Group sign). Tom will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the

duration of your time in Spain.

02:30pm Transfer to your accommodation.

04:00pm Arrival at your accommodation, followed by check-in.

Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary and game & excursion program with Tom. You have the

rest of the afternoon/evening at leisure to use the Hotel's facilities and/or explore the local surroundings.

07:30pm Evening dinner.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2025

07:45am Breakfast.

08:30am Depart on the bus and enjoy a morning out to the City of Girona. Should you wish to see the sporting side of the city we would recommend visiting the Estadi Montilivi, home football stadium of FC Girona along with it's club

shop. Please note should you wish to do a tour of the Stadium and the facilities this would need to be booked and paid for. Alternatively, if you would like to see the cultural side of the city it is known for its medieval architecture, walled Old Quarter (Barri Vell) and the Roman remains of the Força Vella fortress, It has landscaped gardens lining the Passeig Arqueològic, a walkway following the Old Quarter's medieval walls, which include watchtowers with sweeping views, the city also hosts filming locations for scenes from Game of Thrones.

01.30pm Departure back to the Hotel.

02:30pm Lunch in lieu of dinner at the Hotel.

03:30pm Take the bus and get dropped off at the Estacion de Francia or the Plaza del Carbon in Central Barcelona for

sightseeing on foot where the bus can't reach (The best location will be determined by the Bus Driver and Tour Manager on the day). Recommended are the: Ramblas with its human statues and street artists, Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico (Gothic Quarter) with its maze of narrow streets, the Plaza Real and the Cathedral. You may also wish to visit the Maercat de La Boqueria, located next to Las Ramblas; it is a large indoor market full of

Spanish and Catalan delicacies and food.

Arrival at the Park Guell for your pre-booked visit.

07:30pm Start of your visit of the Park Guell, a complex of Parks and Gardens with architectural designs by Antoni Gaudi. In

1984 it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site and hosts thousands of visitors every year.

09:00pm Return to the Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

07:15pm

09:00am Transfer on the bus into Barcelona and visit the Sagrada Familia at leisure, with the tickets bought at your own

convenience. Designed by the world famous architect Antoni Gaudi, the Sagrada Familia remains the largest unfinished Catholic Church in the World with work commencing on the building in March 1882. 14 years ago in

November 2010 the Sagrada Familia was consecrated by the then Pope, Benedict XVI.

01.00pm Lunch at leisure in Barcelona followed by more local sightseeing.

05:00pm Arrival at the Municipal Germans Gonzalo football pitch for your first friendly game of the tour.

06:00pm Friendly game kick-off vs. CF Mollet UE, who play in Red.

08:00pm Return to the Hotel 08.45pm Evening Dinner at Hotel.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

09:00am Enjoy a day trip to the Monserrat Mountain Range with it's Monastery, breathtaking views and

recently used as a filming location for the second season of the Star Wars Andor series. Fees may/will apply for certain parts of the mountain range. You will have several options with food courts, restaurants and cafes to

purchase lunch.

05:00pm Arrival at the Municipal Sant Fost football pitch for your second friendly game of the tour.

06:00pm Friendly game kick-off vs. CF Sant Fost, who play in Green & White.

08:00pm Return to the Hotel 08.45pm Evening Dinner at Hotel.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2025

09:00am Breakfast.

10:00am Take the bus and visit the small village of Hostalrich, for a walk around the cobbled streets and Medieval Castle

walls. This activity does not incur any entry fees and is free.

01:00pm Lunch in lieu of Dinner at the Hotel.

02.00pm Further sightseeing in Barcelona, with options of visiting the Olympic Port, or alternatively RCD Espanyol's Football

Stadium (would need pre-booking) and the Splau shopping centre, where you will also be able to pick up some

food for before/after your friendly game.

06:30pm Arrival into Granollers, for your third and final game of your tour.

07:30pm Friendly game kick-off vs. Atletico Valles, who play in Green and Blue.

09:30pm Return to the Hotel.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

09:00am Enjoy a day out and visit the small town of Tossa de Mar, including a boat tour along the Spanish Coast. Tossa de

Mar is located North of Barcelona along the coast, it was made famous in the 1950's by Ava Gardner and James Mason in the film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman, and has Medieval walls and lighthouse full of history which

has stood the test of time for centuries.

06:30pm Return to the Hotel. 07:30pm Evening dinner.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

09:00am Take the bus and enjoy your final day with further sightseeing in Barcelona, with your first stop being Montjuic a

broad, shallow hill in Barcelona with a Medieval Jewish Cemetery, and several fortifications, including the Montjuic Castle, built in the 17th Century. You can then also visit the Lluis Companys Olympic Stadium located close by. The Stadium was built and used for the 1992 Olympics and currently hosts FC Barcelona's home games whilst the

Camp Nou is under redevelopment.

12:00pm Transfer into central Barcelona where we suggest you stop for some lunch before departing to the Camp Nou.

02:00pm Start of your visit of the FC Barcelona Immersive Museum, currently located in the ice rink next to the Camp Nou Stadium, which hosts exhibitions on the players, history and trophies of the Club. You will then be able to access a

viewing platform to see the current redevelopments of the Camp Nou, which (all being well) will be fully operational and hosting games once again towards the end of September 2025. Once you have finished your visit you may wish to enter the Club Store to purchase FC Barcelona merchandise and memorabilia.

05:30pm Return to the Hotel. 07:30pm Evening dinner.

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

10:00am Hotel check-out and transfer to Barcelona Airport.

11:30am Arrival at Barcelona Airport.

02:50pm Departure flight Air Transat 261 from Barcelona to Montréal. 05:20pm Arrival Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International 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

trip return date. It your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

COPIES OF 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 <u>Team website</u> again and our <u>Travel</u> <u>Guide</u> on our website. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Some accommodation 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 checking out, your deposit will be returned.

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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

Moventis / AutoCars Calella Tel: 0034 93 7664 359

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 note 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 (Kelby Benson Fridman) and use the group ID 57619.



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. **\$20.00-\$30.00** per person (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.

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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.

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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 your checked suitcase.

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.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

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GAME EQUIPMENT NOTE:

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

