

East-West Global Travel

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Itinerary Outline for YOUR TEAM

Training & Sightseeing/Paris; Donosti Cup Tournament/San Sebastian, Spain. June 28-July 9, 2017

June 28: Depart your gateway city for Paris, France. After making one connection, the flight will be non-stop, with arrival in the morning of June 29.

June 29: Upon arrival in Paris, and after clearing French Customs and Immigration, your group will be met by a local representative and a privately chartered bus. Your local representative and privately chartered bus will be on hand on a full time basis, insuring that your stay in the Paris area goes smoothly. You will be transferred to a sports center located in Eaubonne, approximately fifteen miles to the north of Paris. The sports center, built in 1995, has all of the facilities that a sports group could want or need, including a well-manicured soccer field for training, an indoor track, weight room, tennis courts, and more. There is also a restaurant where you will be served three meals daily while here. The group will be in double rooms at the center, each of which is equipped with private bathroom and shower facilities.

After checking in and unpacking, the remainder of the afternoon will be free to relax following the trans-Atlantic journey. A light training session for the team might be a good idea to help shake off the cobwebs after the long trans-Atlantic journey.

June 30: Following breakfast, the group will have a training session. In the afternoon, it's off to Paris for a guided sightseeing tour. You will see many of the famous sights that make this one of the world's most famous cities. The Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees, the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral are only a few of the many famous places that you will see and learn about. In addition to the formal sightseeing tour, you will have the opportunity to explore this amazing city on your own.

In the late afternoon the group will be transferred to a club in the area, where the team will play a friendly game against a local team. Following the match your bus will take you back to the sports center for a relaxing evening.

July 1: After breakfast there will be another training session for the team. Meanwhile, any parents or boosters who are accompanying the group can arrange to go back into Paris for some more shopping and sightseeing. Your local representative will help arrange this. In the afternoon the group will take an excursion to Versailles, about an hour outside of Paris. You will have the chance to take a guided tour the impressive palace which was built by Louis XIV centuries ago.

Option for June 29-July 2: Bordeaux

As an alternative to the training camp in Paris, we can also offer a training camp in the Bordeaux region of France. After landing in Paris, you will take a connecting flight to Bordeaux.

Upon arrival in Bordeaux, your group will be met by a local representative and a privately chartered bus. Your local representative and privately chartered bus will be on hand on a full time basis during the stay here, insuring that your stay goes smoothly. You will be transferred to a sports center located in Soulac sur Mer, approximately sixty miles to the north of Bordeaux. It is a resort city on the Atlantic coast of France, known for the superb sandy beaches and great weather. The sports center has all of the facilities that a sports group could want or need, including a well-manicured soccer field for training, an indoor track, weight room, tennis courts, and more. In fact, professional teams such as Paris St. Germain and Auxerre from the French league use this facility for their preseason training camps. There is also a restaurant where you will be served three meals daily while here. Players will be accommodated in 4 bedded rooms here, and any adults and boosters who accompany the group will be in double and single rooms, as needed. All rooms are equipped with private bathroom and shower facilities.

July 2: Following breakfast the group will be transferred to one of Paris' train stations. The group will be taking the famous TGV (high speed) train from Paris to the southwestern city of Hendaye in France, very near the border with Spain. Because the train travels at such a great speed, the trip will only last a few hours.

Upon arrival in Hendaye your group will be met by a local representative and another privately chartered bus. You will then be transported across the nearby border with Spain to San Sebastian, site of the Donosti Cup tournament. Your group will arrive at the tournament headquarters for check in and then be taken to your accommodations.

While in San Sebastian, the players and staff will be accommodated in a hotel located near the center of San Sebastian, in double, triple and four bedded rooms. Three meals a day will be included for the players and staff. Other parents and boosters accompanying the group will be accommodated in another hotel, centrally located to the city center and the fields, in single or double rooms, as needed. Breakfasts daily will be included for the parents and boosters. Tournament shuttle bus transportation will provide transportation to and from games and other tournament activities for everyone.

July 3-8: The Donosti Cup tournament is gaining a reputation as one of Europe's premier youth tournaments. With an emphasis on quality both on and off the playing fields, this tournament offers a tremendous experience for anyone who participates. This year, 200 teams from 20 different soccer playing nations are expected. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of four games during the

tournament, which is played at several sites in and around the city of San Sebastian. Teams are bracketed in groups of 4, and after playing each other, the next phase of the tournament begins. The top two teams from each group advance in the tournament, and the third and fourth place teams from each group continue play in a consolation tournament.

The tournament begins on July 3 with the first games and impressive Opening Ceremonies at the local professional team's stadium. The event comes to a close with the finals which are played on Saturday, July 8. The tournament organizes many activities for the players and group members for the times when games are not being played. In addition, there will be time for some sightseeing excursions to local points of interest, to be determined with the help of your representative who will be available during the tournament week.

July 9: After nearly two weeks of soccer, sightseeing and fun it will be time to return to the USA. A privately chartered bus will transport the group to the airport in nearby Biarritz France, where you board a connecting flight back to Paris, and then the USA