

East-West Global Travel

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Itinerary Outline for YOUR TEAM

Training and sightseeing in Milan, Lake Garda and Venice, Italy; San Marino Cup in San Marino. July 6-16, 2017.

- July 6: Depart your gateway city for an overnight flight to Milan, Italy. Arrival will be in the late morning of the next day, local time.
- July 7: Upon arrival in Milan, and after clearing Italian Customs and Immigration, your group will be met by a local representative, a privately chartered bus and driver. You will be transferred to the Lake Garda region of Italy, very near the city of Verona. The group will be staying in a pleasant tourist class here, with players in triple bedded rooms and accompanying adults in double and singles, as needed. While here, breakfast and dinner will be included for all members of the traveling party.
- After checking in to the hotel and unpacking, the remainder of the afternoon and evening will be free.
- July 8: Following breakfast at the hotel, the group will transfer via bus to a local sports center where the team will have a training session.
- In the afternoon the group will travel to Milan. You will have a tour of the famous San Siro Stadium, home of the Italian *Serie A* teams AC and Inter Milan. The stadium also has a museum where you can learn about these two giants of Italian soccer history and their players. After the visit to San Siro, you will have some time in the historic city center of Milan for some additional sightseeing and shopping.
- July 9: In the morning the group will be free to relax and explore the beautiful area around Lake Garda. You might enjoy taking a leisurely boat trip or simply walking around and visiting the many shops and cafes in the area.
- In the afternoon the group will be transferred to a local sports center where the team will play a friendly match against a local club team. The game will be a good test and preparation for the upcoming tournament.
- July 10: After breakfast in the morning, the group will check out of the hotel in the Lake Garda area and head to Venice, where the group will have a pleasant half day of sightseeing.

Upon arrival at the Tronchetto parking area in Venice, you will travel via private boat along the impressive canal system to the famous Piazza San Marco. Here you can have lunch, take in the incredible sights of this famous city, and do some shopping. After lunch the group will have a guided tour of the city of Venice.

In the afternoon the group will continue on to San Marino by bus, where you will arrive in the evening. The Republic of San Marino is home to the San Marino Cup tournament, a small but high quality event which will bring teams from ten different nations together for five days of soccer and fun. 2015 will be the fifteenth year for this event, which has quickly earned a reputation as one of Europe's premier tournaments. After checking in at the tournament headquarters the group will transfer to a nearby hotel.

Once again the group will be accommodated in a tourist class hotel, with players in triple bedded rooms and accompanying adults in double and single rooms, as needed. Breakfasts will be provided daily at the hotel, and dinners will be included for everyone at the San Marino Cup tournament restaurant.

July 11: After breakfast this morning the tournament games begin and continue all day. Teams are grouped in brackets of 4, and the preliminary rounds of the event see each team play the others in the group. After group play, the top two teams advance to the final rounds of the tournament, and the 3rd and 4th place finishers in each group are then re-bracketed to play in a consolation tournament.

In the evening all teams participating in the San Marino Cup will gather at the Olympic Stadium where an impressive Opening Ceremonies will take place.

July 12: Second and third preliminary games take place. During the times when the team is not playing, there will be lots of opportunity to go explore the sights of the area, including the old town of San Marino, which features a medieval castle and many shops.

July 13: First round tournament games continue. This evening in the city center there is a performance featuring local musicians and dancers. The show will be a reproduction of a medieval festival.

July 14: Tournament semi-finals take place today. In addition, the San Marino Cup organizes a "mini-tournament" for the coaches today which might be of interest. In the evening the tournament sponsors a disco for all participants.

July 15: The last day of the San Marino features the finals in all age groups. If your team is not playing, you can take an excursion, for example to the nearby seaside resort of Rimini.

July 16: After breakfast the group will check out of the hotel and transfer by bus to the airport in Bologna, about an hour and a half drive from San Marino. From Bologna you will board a connecting flight to Amsterdam and back to the USA.