Global Sports Academy Sample



Collegiate Foreign Italy Tour

Milan, Como, Pisa, Montecatini, Florence, Rome



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Tentative Itinerary

DAY 1 - USA

Gather at Airport and board your connecting transatlantic jet to Italy. Enjoy meals and snacks in route and arrive the next morning with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and exploring ahead

DAY 2 - MILAN - COMO

This morning arrive in Milan, Italy where you will be met and taken on an orientation tour including a visit to the famous Duomo. Afterwards, journey north to Como, Unabashedly beautiful and romantic. Transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free for relaxation or your own exploration. This evening gather together for a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 3 - COMO

This morning you are in for a treat as you take a steamer trip on the lake with unbelievably lovely vistas. Afterwards the remainder of the day is at leisure to wander about on your own. This evening will meet a local.



Game One vs. TBD

DAY 4- COMO- PISA- MONTECATINI

Today travel south to Pisa. Stroll along the Campo del Miracoli enclosed on two sides by the old battlemented town walls with the cathedra, The Baptistery, the Campo Santo, and the world famous Leaning Tower. Afterwards, continue on to the Tuscan hill town of Montecatini and transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day free to wander about on your own.



DAY 5 - MONTECATINI – EXCURSION TO FLORENCE

After breakfast this morning travel south through beautiful Italian countryside to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Upon arrival you will have a guided walking Tour showing you the city where some of the greatest art of all time flourished. See the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore; the Baptistery (famous for the three gilded bronze doors with relief decoration); and the Piazza della Signoria(the former forum of the Republic). Also visit the Academy of Fine Arts to view Michelangelo's "David". Later, transfer to a Sports Complex.



Game Two vs. TBD

Tentative Itinerary

DAY 6 - MONTECATINI - ROME

Begin your journey south through beautiful Italian countryside to the "Eternal City" of Rome. Upon arrival your guided sightseeing tour of ancient Rome shows you the Circus Maximus; the Forum; the Arch of Titus; the Colosseum; the Arch of Constantine and much more. After, transfer to your hotel.



DAY 7 - ROME

This morning, transfer to St. Peter's Square to tour St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. Next, visit the Vatican Museum with its priceless art treasures. Stop to ponder the famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo worked for four and one-half years lying on his back, at what was to become one of the greatest art masterpieces ever produced, the "Story of the Creation". The afternoon is free for your own activities. This evening will meet a local.



Game Three vs. TBD

DAY8 - ROME

Today you are in for a treat as you have the entire day at leisure to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps you would like to explore the Catacombs of St. Calixtus; throw a coin in Trevi Fountain; or shop along the Via del Corso in the Spanish Steps area where world famous designer shops and charming boutiques will entice you. Be sure to stop and have lunch in a local Trattoria for a real taste of Rome. Whatever you choose to do you are sure to have a marvelous time. Later this afternoon transfer to a Sports Center where will meet a local



Game Four vs. TBD

DAY 9 - ROME - USA

All good things must come to an end! This morning transfer to the airport to board your transatlantic jet returning you to the U.S.A. Arrive later this afternoon with many unforgettable memories.

The itinerary and tour is not intended to be a scripted event but rather a time for the student athlete to explore and experience a different culture in their own way and time

About Global Sports Academy

Global Sports Academy is an organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

Global Sports Academy ("GSA") has been participating in domestic and international competition since 1991. It was initially established to provide athletes overseas playing opportunities in Ice Hockey and it has grown to support a total of 12 different sports that compete in 25 different countries.

In 1991, the organization was incorporated with its mission to create and arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels internationally. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is the major goal.

"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"

Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Round trip airfare: USA Location -Italy- USA Location
- Luggage: Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one 1 carry-on (backpack)
- All taxes (airline/road/hotel) and gratuities (see "Exclusions" below)
- Accommodations in 3 or 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms; (single room, additional charge)
- 9 Days and 7 Nights
- Meal plan: Buffet breakfast included daily

Team and Coaches only will be given dinner after every game

- English speaking tour guide for entire stay
- Ground transportation as "a group" for entire tour while in Europe
- London Trip to include Euro Star and Tube pass
- 4 games vs. local teams (with number of games to be agreed upon prior to leaving)

Exclusions:

- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Dinners on all non-games days
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
- Admission to all attractions not specified in above inclusions

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

General Conditions for Global Sports Academy Programs

Global Sports Academy (which expression shall for the purpose of these conditions include and parents subsidiary affiliate or associated company and hereinafter shall be called "the Company") acts only as agents providing accommodations, transportation or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contacts and tickets issued are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodation, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided. The Company shall not be liable or responsible for death of or injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property or otherwise (including baggage) whether due to its servants agents or employees negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with any accommodation transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, hijack, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules or over bookings or defaults, or from any causes beyond the Company's control or through the acts of default of the hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodation, transportation or other services or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and that neither the Company nor its servants agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour members as a result of any of the foregoing causes. All prices quoted are subject to change without notice having regards to unforeseen circumstances, foreign exchange fluctuations and variations in airline operating costs including but not limited to say an escalation of fuel prices. Unused services cannot be refunded or exchanged. The Company reserves the right to cancel the tour and/or modify the itineraries in any way it thinks desirable and further reserves the right to decline to accept any person or any tour and may substitute hotels where necessary. The issuance and acceptance or receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons or travel orders shall be deemed consent to the above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ ALL THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE MADE AWARE

ALL LAND COSTS SHOWN ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION (UP OR DOWN) DUE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (SELLING RATE) AND INCREASES IN LAND AND AIR COSTS WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF DEPARTURE

Refunds: The refund policy is as follows:

75 days from Departure: 75% refund, loss of deposits

60 days from Departure: 50% refund 45 days from Departure: NO REFUND

Amendment Fee: Any person wishing to amend from the group tour arrangements will be charged a standard \$100.00 amendment fee per person plus any additional charges involved with the amendment (increase in airfare, additional transfers, accommodation etc).

<u>Insurance Protection:</u> We strongly recommend you take out a Travel Insurance policy which is available from Global Sports Academy. Policy booklets are available from Global Sports Academy

<u>Changes in Itinerary</u>: There may be circumstances beyond the control of Global Sports Academy and our suppliers that necessitate revisions (including tour dates) of the itinerary. Every effort will be made to have changes maintain the intent of the original itinerary. Global Sports Academy shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, and injury during program events; however caused or arising. Global Sports Academy reserves the right to alter any part of the tour it deems necessary or advisable. The additional cost resulting from such change shall be paid by the program participant.

<u>Television and Video Rights:</u> Global Sports Academy has full television and video rights in and to any and all of the programs or events affiliated with the Global Sports Academy program.

<u>Member's Acceptance</u>: Global Sports Academy reserves the right, in its own discretion, to decline or accept approval of any individual as a member of Global Sports Academy.

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

What's included in the Cost of My Trip?

Round trip airfare from the team's gateway city airport (hotel taxes & Service fees)
International hotel accommodations
Meals and Tours as outlined in the itinerary
An experienced and knowledgeable tour manager

What's NOT included in the Cost of My Trip

Connecting airline ticket to gateway city
Fuel Surcharges (when applicable)
Visa fees (if applicable)
Individual medical insurance (Primary)
Customary tipping (Bus drivers, etc.)
Laundry
Travel insurance (Recommended)
Personal items such as gifts, telephone calls, snacks, drinks, etc

<u>Documentation</u>: Australian citizens require a passport with minimum 6 months validity from date of departure from final destination. Other passport holders may require additional documentation. Please check your applicable requirements with our Travel Consultant. A copy of each person's passport is required.

Airline & Airport Taxes, Surcharges & Levies: Are not included in the tour cost as they are continually changing. Any of these charges imposed by the airline will be notified to you at the time of final payment 2 months prior to departure. Frequent flyer/mileage accrual: Some group airfares are not eligible to accrue frequent flyer points (due to discounted group airfares). Please advise your travel consultant if you are a member of the airlines associated frequent flyer program to see if your fare is eligible for frequent flyer point accrual.

<u>Travel Advisories</u>: We strongly suggest that you consult the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) website and register (either group or individual) so that you are kept up to date with any travel warnings or advisories that may be in place for your destinations (www.dfat.gov.au). You should also advise DFAT of your travel details such as date of departure and itinerary.

Travel and Immunizations: It is essential that all tour participants discuss their personal travel plans with a health professional to ensure you have the correct vaccinations for your trip and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations you may need.

Upon re-entry, Customs & Immigration will request a copy of your vaccination certificate if you have visited areas that have current health risks or hazardous diseases. For further information, visit the following website to check the current health alert and warnings for the destination/s you are visiting.