

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Kentucky ODP Parents



Soccer with Borussia Dortmund

March 27 - April 4, 2019

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM CINCINNATI
- DAY 2 ARRIVE DORTMUND AREA (6 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 GERMNA FOOTBALL MUSEUM, STADIUM TOUR & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 4 EXCURSION TO COLOGNE & ATTEND PROFESSIONAL MATCH
- DAY 5 EXCUSION TO DUSSELDORF & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 6 EXCURSION TO AACHEN
- DAY 7 EXCURSION TO MUNSTER
- DAY 8 EXCURSION TO ARNHEM & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM DORTMUND

ITINERARY

As current title holders of World Cup Champions, Germany boasts some of the top club sides in the world. Home to European giants Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund and Werder Bremen, Germany is rich with soccer culture and passionate support. The German League, Bundesliga, is considered among the best in the world. The national team, popularly referred to as "Die Mannschaft," is renowned for its efficiency and tactical ability.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	 Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



DAY 1 Wednesday, 27 March 2019

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight to Germany.
-  * Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)
-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

DAY 2 Thursday, 28 March 2019



-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next seven days.
-  Dortmund was founded about 882 and became known as an Imperial Free City. After the Thirty Years' War the city was destroyed and decreased in significance until the onset of industrialization. The city then became one of Germany's most important coal, steel and beer centers. It is now home to many cultural and educational institutions, to include the German Football Museum. Dortmund is also home to Borussia Dortmund, one of the most successful clubs in German football history. The team plays at Westfalenstadion, currently known as Signal Iduna Park, Germany's largest football stadium.
-  Our base for the next seven nights will be in the Dortmund area, where breakfast and dinner (or lunch) will be provided at the hotel.
-  **DORTMUND WALKING TOUR**
Take a Walking Tour of this quaint little city. You will see historical monuments, but its diverse architecture through the modern buildings as well. You see the lovely old houses mixed in with some great shopping experiences.
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 3 Friday, 29 March 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will explore Dortmund and watch the players' first friendly match.
-  **GERMAN FOOTBALL MUSEUM**
Visit the German Football Museum where the emotional history of Germany's football can be experienced and where the joy of football is celebrated. Objects, graphics, sounds and films will re-enact the magic of football in various exhibition sites. History is not told linearly, its depiction rather orientates itself on phenomenon. The thematic variety of football and its complex societal, social, cultural and economic effects are presented in an easily comprehensible manner, making it a truly fascinating experience for the visitor. Multimedia and interactive components enhance the experience.



DAY 3 Friday, 29 March 2019

-  **SIGNAL IDUANA PARK**
Visit Signal Iduna Park, the official home to Borussia Dortmund. The stadium is one of the most famous football grounds in Europe and the largest stadium in Germany, with a maximum capacity of 81,360 people. We will be in expert hands as our guide will take us through the history of this club and give us the behind the scenes tour to include the intimidating "Yellow Wall." We will end our tour by exploring Boruseum, which is located near the stadium.
-  **VIEW THE FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will attend the players' Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4 Saturday, 30 March 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will take an excursion to Cologne.
Köln (Cologne) is one of Germany's oldest cities, having been founded by the Romans around 2,000 years ago. It features an impressive cathedral with towering twin spires, as well as numerous cultural and historical treasures, world-famous museums, and an active art scene.
-  **COLOGNE CITY TOUR**
Our Tour Director will take us on a Walking Tour of Germany's oldest city. See Roman ruins to Germany's largest, Gothic cathedral, past the philharmonic hall, and experience the buzz of this university town.
-  **COLOGNE CATHEDRAL**
Visit Kölner Dom, the most famous Gothic structure in Germany. In addition to its grandiose size; the cathedral also features the Shrine of the Three Kings, a huge Romanesque reliquary said to hold relics of the Three Kings, and the Altar of the Magi, the work of Stephan Lochner. Take the opportunity to Ascend to the Viewing Platform for wonderful views of Cologne.
-  **ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL MATCH**
We will attend a professional soccer match (with the kids) featuring teams from the top leagues. Seeing the top talent in the world in person would itself be an unforgettable experience, but add the passionate crowds signing, cheering and chanting and you will enter an atmosphere that can only be understood through personal experience. (Excel Programs will secure tickets for the group after time of booking and upon release of the official schedule. Due to scheduling your final itinerary may need to be adjusted to accommodate attending a match.)
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5 Sunday, 31 March 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will take an excursion to Dusseldorf.
Dusseldorf has emerged as one of Germany's most elegant, as well as commercial cities. Site of the country's most active stock-exchange, hundreds of banks and foreign based companies, this rambling city along the Rhine is a commercial/cultural oasis.
-  **DUSSELDORF CITY TOUR**
Enjoy an introductory Dusseldorf City Tour which will take us through the heart of the beautiful old town and will be highlighted by the Kaiserwerth, a historical district with a ruined castle of Holy Roman Emperor Barbarossa Frederick I; Schloss Benrath; Hofgarten, the old city park; Gerresheim Basilica; and St. Suitbertus Basilica.
-  We will have some free time to shop or explore Dusseldorf at our leisure.
-  **VIEW THE SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will attend the players' Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 6 Monday, 01 April 2019

- This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we will take an excursion to Aachen.

The culture of a Western nation has many roots. In Aachen, one is always present. The Romans established themselves here with the warm water springs beneath the town center. Standing on the Hof, one feels directly the tension between modern architecture and the older districts of the town. Today Aachen is known as the "City of Fountains," is a major tourist stop, and is famous for the Printe, which is the 'national cookie of Aachen that features almonds or nuts, decorated with an icing, or covered with chocolate.

- AACHEN CITY TOUR**
Enjoy a Walking Tour of Aachen and discover the city's rich history, including its roles as a Roman spa and as the center of Charlemagne's vast Frankish empire. Enroute see the Rathaus, built on the original site of Charlemagne's palace, Aachen Cathedral, and noteworthy medieval churches that were restored after World War II.

- AACHEN CATHEDRAL**
Visit Aachen Cathedral, which in 1978 became Germany's first monument to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its gallery contains a marble throne, long used for coronations, and the cathedral houses Charlemagne's tomb, and a wealth of treasures and relics. Our visit will include entry to the Aachen Cathedral Treasury, which contains one of Europe's most significant church treasuries, a unique collection of more than a 100 cultural treasures are on display.

- We will have some free time to shop or explore Aachen at our leisure.
- Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 7 Tuesday, 02 April 2019

- This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we will take an excursion to Munster.

The history of Munster enumerates over 1,200 years and it is one of the most beautiful and attractive tourist towns in Germany. The atmosphere of Muenster is calm and peaceful and features many iconic structures of historical and architectural importance. Muenster is known as one of the leading German cities relating to the number of historical monuments.

- MUNSTER CITY TOUR**
Münster is an interesting, historical, thriving port city with many attractions and we will view and learn about several of them on our Münster City Tour. Highlights will include the Schlosss (now part of the University), the impressive St. Paul's Cathedral, the Altres Rathaus, and The Municipal Theater. Our tour may also include the recently renovated harbor district with shops and restaurants.

- ALTES RATHAUS**
During our tour, we will visit the Altes Rathaus (City Hall), which is one of Münster's most significant monuments, and the city's symbol. It represents the truly amazing architectural craftsmanship of the 13th - 14th century. Its 31-meter western facade is the structure's main decoration and is built out of sandstone in the best Gothic-style traditions. The City Hall is especially famous as the place where the Peace of Westphalia was signed, putting an end to the Thirty Years' War and declaring the Netherlands as an independent state. Inside we will view a collection of works of art, models of weapons, flags and other historic items.

- We will have some free time to shop or explore Munster at our leisure.
- Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 8 Wednesday, 03 April 2019

- This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we will take an excursion to Arnhem.

- Arnhem is a city and municipality situated in the eastern part of the Netherlands. It is the capital of the province of Gelderland and located on both banks of the rivers Nederrijn and Sint-Jansbeek, which was the source of the city's development.



DAY 8 Wednesday, 03 April 2019



AIRBORNE MUSEUM

The museum, intended for both national and international visitors, provides qualitative enjoyment and an important place for commemoration, this in a time of increasing interest in personally experiencing history and in authenticity. As a knowledge centre, the Airborne Museum is the only museum that tells the historical and socio-cultural story of the Battle of Arnhem.



EXPLORE THE OLD CITY CENTER

From Arnhem's main shopping streets, the narrow Rijnstraat and Roggestraat, numerous smaller streets fan off toward the Rhine and to the oldest parts of town. Starting at the spacious Market Square (Markt), you'll see the Grote Kerk, a 15th-century church with a splendid tower offering fine views over the city (other highlights include its carillon and the imposing marble monument of the last Duke of Gelderland, Charles of Egmond, who died in 1538). Other highlights include the 16th-century Old Town Hall, known as the Devils' House after the three devilish figures guarding its entrance.



You will have some free time to explore and shop in Arnhem.



VIEW THE THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH

We will attend the players' Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life.



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9 Thursday, 04 April 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Parents (24879-0-28)

\$3,699 Per Participant

Based on a minimum of 15 participants

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee - Once you have enrolled to join the group, the prices shown for the relevant group size levels will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany the parents group daily
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$75 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage, or any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)