Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for Pennsylvania West Youth Soccer Association

Soccer in Munich
April 4 - April 12, 2020

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM MUNICH
As former 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.

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**DAY 1 **
Saturday, 04 April 2020

- Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Pittsburgh to Munich, 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.)

**DAY 2 **
Sunday, 05 April 2020

- Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
- We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next seven days.
- Munich is the capital city of Bavaria. It was founded in the 12th century, and named for a settlement of Benedictine monks. Munich is now a cosmopolitan city that is at the forefront of the financial and publishing industries, and notable for its role in the development of music and the arts.
- Our Munich area hotel will be our home for the next seven nights. We will have breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily.
- We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the area around the hotel.
- **TRAINING SESSION**
  We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)
- This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DAY 3 **
Monday, 06 April 2020

- This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- **TRAINING SESSION**
  We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)
- **MUNICH WALKING TOUR**
  We will take a City Tour of Munich by bus and on foot. We will view the many spectacular Baroque churches, the stately boulevards, and explore the Aldstadt (Old Quarter) and Marienplatz, the heart of Munich. In the Marienplatz we will view the famous Glockenspiel clock on the new town hall.
### DAY 3  Monday, 06 April 2020

**BAYERN MUNICH STADIUM TOUR**

Bayern Munich and TSV 1860 Munich moved to their 75,000 capacity ground in 2005, and have seen a decade of success as one of the top sides in Europe and Germany. During the 2006 FIFA World Cup, the Allianz Arena was the venue for numerous crucial matches, and maintained its status as one of the top European stadiums when it was selected as the host, of the 2012 Champions League Final. We will take a tour, starting with a film on the story of the Arena. Experience seating in the stadium, view the press club, and pretend to be a player as we walk through the dressing rooms and down the player's tunnel.

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

### DAY 4  Tuesday, 07 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Today we will travel have our first Friendly Match then travel to Dachau.

**FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH**

We will play a 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. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)

**DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP**

Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp. In 1933, what had once been a quiet little artists' community became a tragic symbol of the Nazi era, the first German concentration camp. The Audioguided tour of the camp includes the memorial chapels and two of the rebuilt barracks. The Museum is housed in the large building that once contained the kitchen, laundry, and shower baths.

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

### DAY 5  Wednesday, 08 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Today we will have a professional coaching clinic and then explore Neuschwanstein Castle.

**PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC**

We will participate in a special Coaching Clinic with a guest coach, player or instructor. The clinic will be designed exclusively for the team and to enhance skills in areas identified by the coaching staff. (Excel Sports has contacts at every level and can provide your team with some of the finest instructors in the industry. Specific clinics and coaches will be selected after time of booking.)

**NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE**

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle, situated on an outcrop of rock towering over a gorge in the River Pöllat. King Ludwig II himself only lived here for 172 days, but the highlight of the castle tour is the Throne Room, designed in Byzantine style, with gilded mural paintings, mosaics, and a huge chandelier.

**THE ALPSEE COASTER**

Operating all year round, the Alpsee Coaster in Immenstadt is Germany's longest year-round toboggan run, featuring 68 bends, 23 waves, 7 jumps, and 4 bridges, which guarantee maximum fun. Control your own speed as you head down the mountain and enjoy the beautiful surrounding scenery.

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.
DAY 6 Thursday, 09 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Today we will take an excursion to Salzburg, Austria.

With its elegant squares and quaint streets Salzburg the famous Baroque city is a delightful introduction to the sophisticated world of arguably the greatest classical genius W.A. Mozart.

SALZBURG WALKING TOUR
Take a Walking Tour through the Old Quarter, which highlights the city’s main attractions. Highlights of our walk will include: Hauptplatz, the original marketplace, which is now one of Europe’s biggest and most beautiful squares, with baroque and rococo facades surrounding it; the Rathaus (Town Hall); the Trinity Column (Dreifaltigkeitssäule) built in 1723 to mark the city’s deliverance from plague, fire, and Turkish invasions; and the Brucknerhaus, a beautiful concert hall, named in honor of Anton Bruckner, the Linz-born composer, which has an elliptical facade of glass and steel with a wooden interior.

Spend free time on Salzburg’s most famous street, the Getreidegasse, which is lined with small shops, interesting houses and wrought-iron signs.

SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH
We will play a 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. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 7 Friday, 10 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Today we will continue to explore the Munich area.

TRAINING SESSION
We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)

OLYMPIA PARK
Site of the 1972 Olympics, this landscaped park contains sport facilities, lakes, bicycle paths, concert venues, restaurants and a football stadium, as well as its landmark "tent-style" roofs.
Don’t miss the fascinating BMW Museum across the street, right next to the companies headquarters - which was constructed in the shape of a four-cylinder engine.

BMW MUSEUM
Explore the BMW Museum, which brings BMW’s heritage to life through an innovative, multi-sensory experience and spans a history of more than 90 years. The museum is also notable for its architecture, particularly its listed circular building, known as the “bowl.”

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 8 Saturday, 11 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Today we will have our final Friendly Match, have to free time to do some last minute shopping and enjoy a professional match.

THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH
We will play a 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. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)
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**ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL MATCH**
We will attend a professional soccer match 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 adjusted to accommodate attending a match.)

This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9  Sunday, 12 April 2020

This morning you will enjoy 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.
**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 (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- 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
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches between teams from different confederations and will provide full documentation of the sanctioned games)
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- One professional soccer ticket (subject to travel dates and match schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- 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 (will be 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)

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$3,439 Per Participant

* Based on a minimum of 24 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).
Manchester United Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final Manchester United home game at Old Trafford Stadium

The winner will receive:
- Two round trip flights to Manchester
- Two nights accommodation
- Two tickets to see Manchester United’s final season home game at Old Trafford

The Ultimate Fundraiser

WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards the cost of their sports tour.

We will provide a PDF of the raffle tickets. The participants will print the tickets at home, and then they will proceed to sell the tickets for $10 each. WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs will provide the grand prize and hold a drawing on the 1st of March each year in order to choose a winner.

“This raffle fundraiser is sending me to Spain to play soccer. When my parents told me I had to pay for the trip myself I was determined I could do it and with the help of this raffle I was able to pay for the entire trip. Thank you so much!”
Sydney Larkin, St. Mary’s College Women’s Soccer (MD)

“The Manchester trip was an awesome experience that I will never forget. It’s been a dream of mine to see a Premier League game so this trip helped that wish come true for me. The atmosphere at the game was awesome and I got to see some great goals from Manchester United. I was also impressed with how accommodating Excel International Sports was while arranging extra days and flights for the trip. Overall, I am so grateful that I got this opportunity to go to Manchester and fulfill one of my dreams!”
Mike Smith, Grand Prize Raffle Winner