

International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary North Shore United France – Montpellier and Spain – Barcelona

Travel dates:

March 23-31, 2025

Itinerary:

- March 23 Departure from Chicago airport.
- March 24 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
- March 25 Visit the seaside town of Sete or visit Nimes. En route see the medieval Gellone Abbey of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert or The Pont du Gard, the immense roman aqueduct.
- March 26 Sightseeing Montpellier. Broad boulevards lined with shady plane trees, a huge car-free central square laid out in the 1700s surrounded by elegant balustrade buildings, and a vast triumphal arch. **Evening game vs. a local team.**
- March 27 Transfer to your accommodation in Barcelona. En-route stop in the city of Girona for lunch and sightseeing. Sightseeing possibilities include St. Mary's Cathedral, built between the 11th and 17th centuries, Passeig de la Muralla, Monastery of Saint Pere de Galligants and Chapel of Sant Nicolau, the Arab Baths, Cases de l'Onyar, etc.
- March 28 Bus or boat tour Tossa de Mar: visit the beautiful old fishing town made famous in the 1950s by Ava Gardner and James Mason in the film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman. **Evening game vs. a local team.**
- March 29 Visit Barcelona by bus, covering the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa Batlló and the Pedrera, Plaza Francesc Masia, the Nou Camp - home of FC Barcelona, followed by Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral, and lastly Parque Guell. Afternoon or evening La Liga pro game.
- March 30 Free day in Barcelona visiting the places the bus cannot reach. Drop off and pick up point in the central Plaza Catalunya. Recommended are the: Ramblas with its human statues and street artists, Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico with its maze of narrow streets, Plaza Real, and Cathedral. **Evening game vs. a local team.**
- March 31 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight.

*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s), and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



Price per person:

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| Number of people traveling | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 |
| Participant prices | \$3,304 | \$3,086 | \$2,942 | \$2,841 | \$2,750 | \$2,683 |

Price inclusions:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodation and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time of tour booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

Sport program included:

Barcelona: We will arrange 2 games per team.

Montpellier: We will arrange 1 game per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Montpellier: 4-star Hotel accommodation centrally located in Montpellier.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Accommodation in double rooms for 2 people (only double rooms available at the hotel) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, Wi-Fi access, and air conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception, and a swimming pool.
- Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$60.00 per person per night.

Barcelona: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Costa Brava region in a seaside town like Santa Susanna, Calella, etc.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and/or beach. The distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people (3 beds or a double bed and twin bed typically) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, Wi-Fi access, and air conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception, and often a swimming pool.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay, a private bus will be available exclusively for your group 9-10 hours a day.

Local guide services included:

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

Options available (not included in prices)

Sport program options:

- We can arrange tickets for pro games, subject to availability. Ticket costs will depend on the game, but usually, ticket costs range from approx. \$75-\$150 or more per person depending on the game.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from a Barcelona or Montpellier area pro club like RCD Espanyol, Montpellier HSC, etc. – costs approx. \$1,050.00 total per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium or museum– approx. \$ 35.00 per person for Camp Nou Museum and Immersive Stadium Tour (stadium under construction) or a tour of RCDE Stadium, home of RCD Espanyol.

Accommodation option Barcelona:

On request, we can accommodate the group in a 3-or-4-star hotel in Barcelona, close to the city center while in Spain instead. The hotel is within walking distance of a train station and near the Sagrada Familia. All rooms have private facilities/bathrooms, satellite TV, phone, and climate control. The hotel has a bar, lounge, workout room, and a small outdoor pool. The supplemental cost for this hotel option is approx. \$50.00 - \$85.00 or more per person per night (to be confirmed – depends on time of the year).

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.



SIGHTSEEING IN BARCELONA

Recommended excursion(s) to pre-book are Nou Camp and Sagrada Familia.

1) **CAMP NOU (Stadium under construction, museum only)**

Price: ADULTS \$42.00 (Under 13's + Students \$33.00)

Visit the Home of Barcelona FC: the away team changing room, the players' tunnel, the dugouts, the press room, the commentators' box, and of course, the Museum. The Museum is the most modern football museum thanks to its interactive wall spaces, large-scale audiovisual displays, and an extensive display of objects to explain the history of FC Barcelona and understand the values that make Barça "més que un club" - "more than a club".

2) **SAGRADA FAMILIA**

Price: \$44.00 pp Fully Guided Group Tour (Includes a Tour Guide) – Does not include towers

The unfinished Cathedral by Gaudi, the expiatory church of La Sagrada Família, is a work on a grand scale that began on March 19, 1882, from a project by the diocesan architect, Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883, Gaudí was commissioned to continue the work, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then, different architects have continued the work after his original idea.

Important note: Once your group decides to pre-book this excursion, we do require an official letter from your club, school, or university. Please feel free to ask for a sample letter from us. Secondly, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to get admission tickets for this site.

3) **MONTSERRAT MOUNTAINS**

Price: Rack Railway Return Prices: Adult \$17.00 (Under 13s \$10.00), Santa Cova Funicular Return Prices: Adult \$15.00 (Child \$5.00) and Sant Joan Funicular Return Prices: Adult \$9.00 (Child \$9.00). Pre-booking is not available. Montserrat is a multi-peak mountain located near the city of Barcelona. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which hosts the Virgin of Montserrat sanctuary, which is identified by some with the location of the Holy Grail in Arthurian myth. The mountain is composed of a strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock, and Montserrat is Spain's first National Park.

4) **LA RAMBLA & BOQUERIA MARKET**

Prices: Free

This busy street is just for pedestrians and is lined with outdoor markets, shops, restaurants, and cafes. La Boqueria is a large public market in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona, and one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks, with an entrance from La Rambla, near the Liceu, Barcelona's opera house. The market has a remarkably diverse selection of goods.

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SIGHTSEEING IN MONTPELLIER

1- Place De La Comedie

Standing proud in the middle is the statue of the Three Graces, Montpellier's emblematic goddesses. All around you'll see street artists, people on the move, and others taking a leisurely break at one of the many outside cafés. The historic city centre, known as the Ecusson, is an enticing downtown area for those who enjoy shopping. From Rue de la Loge, along Grand Rue Jean Moulin, and through the medieval narrow streets in the Ancien Courrier quarter you will experience a rich blend of international high street names and boutiques with the charm of yesteryear.

2- The Saint-Clement Aqueduct

The Saint-Clement Aqueduct dates from the 17th century, covering an 800m span across the "The Arches" district of the city; it was used to bring water from the St Clément spring 14 km away. The aqueduct emptied into a water tank near the Arc de Triomphe (which is very close by), from where the water would run downhill to fill fountains and public water points.

3- Château de la Mogère

The Château de la Mogère is a mansion near the city of [Montpellier](#) in the French region of [Languedoc-Roussillon](#). It is one of many [follies surrounding Montpellier](#), built by wealthy merchants in the 18th century. In 1706, the grounds of la Mogère were purchased by [Fulcran Limouzin](#), the local *Secrétaire d'État à la Maison du Roi* (one of the types of [Secretary of State](#) in France's [Ancien Régime](#)). In 1715, architect [Jean Girard](#) drew the plan for La Mogère, giving it the appearance it has today. Its harmonious façade is topped off by a [pediment](#), standing against a background of [pine trees](#), all in [Renaissance-style](#). The grounds and interior, currently owned by the [Viscount Gaston de Saporta](#), are open for visits. The interior has been kept intact since the 18th century, displaying antique furniture and family portraits from the last three centuries. Amongst the painters represented here are [Jean Jouvenet](#), [Hyacinthe Rigaud](#), and [Jacques-Louis David](#). The garden is a mixture of [English garden](#) and [formal garden](#) styles and houses a large fountain built up out of thousands of little seashells and carrying a number of [cherubs](#).

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