

# International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary Catonsville Soccer Club Spain – Barcelona

#### Travel dates:

Late July – Early August, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

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Itinerary:	
Day 1	Departure from Washington Dulles airport.
Day 2	Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
Day 3	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. <b>Evening game vs. a local team</b> .
Day 4	Visit Barcelona by bus, covering the Bullring, the Gaudi buildings, Casa
	Battlló 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.
Day 5	Visit the city of Girona. 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. <b>Evening game vs. a local team</b> .
Day 6	Visit the sacred mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its
	breathtaking views.
Day 7	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. <b>Evening</b>
	game vs. a local team.
Day 8	More sightseeing in Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking
	Barcelona with amazing views of the city and home to the Olympic facilities.
Day 9	Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight.

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# Price estimate per person:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,453	\$3,275	\$3,158	\$3,057	\$2,990	\$2,889



#### **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:

We will arrange three games per team.

#### Accommodation and meals included:

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 twin 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 (2 people per room) are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms (1 person per room) 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 area pro club like RCD Espanyol

   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 and/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.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change at the time of booking.



# **International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary** Catonsville Soccer Club Finland – Helsinki

#### Travel dates:

Late July – Early August, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

Itinerary:	
Day 1	Departure from Washington Dulles airport.
Day 2	Arrival Helsinki airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
Day 3	Sightseeing Helsinki. Visit the famous Sea Fortress Suomenlinna, situated just
	off the coast of Helsinki, has stood tall since its construction in the 1700s.
	Evening game vs. a local team.
Day 4	Day trip to Nuuksio National Park. Experience some of Finland's most
	native, untouched landscape and spend the day connecting with nature.
	Afterwards, continued sightseeing Helsinki.
Day 5	Continued sightseeing Helsinki. See sights such as Temppeliaukio Church,
	Helsinki Cathedral, and Esplanadi Park. <b>Evening game vs. a local team</b> .
Day 6	Day trip to Porvoo, a medieval town that dates back to the 1400s. Take a
	walk through its Old Town, with its many cafes, shops, and museums.
Day 7	Continued sightseeing Helsinki. Visit Mustikkamaa Beach and swim in
	Helsinki's beautiful harbor area. Evening game vs. a local team.
Day 8	Continued sightseeing Helsinki. See sights such as Old Market Hall, Uspenskin
	Cathedral, Ateneum Art Museum, Linnanmäki Amusement Park, the Finnish
	National Library, and Kauppatori, a well-known street market.
Day 9	Transfer to Helsinki airport and return flight.

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# Price estimate per person:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,298	\$3,113	\$2,996	\$2,905	\$2,845	\$2,794

#### **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:

We will arrange three games per team.

#### Accommodation and meals included:

4-star Hotel accommodation in Helsinki.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated approx. 5 miles from the city center of Helsinki.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people (3 twin beds or a double bed and twin bed typically) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, and Wi-Fi access.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception, and fitness center.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) are available at a supplement of \$20.00 per person per night and single rooms (1 person per room) are available at a supplement of \$70.00 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:

• A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.

# 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 HELSINKI

Recommended excursion(s) to pre-book are Suomenlinna Fortress and Temppeliaukio Church.

#### 1. SUOMENLINNA FORTRESS

Price: ADULTS \$32.00 (Under 13's + Students \$25.00)

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site: a historic sea fortress built across six islands, originally constructed by the Swedish in 1748. Explore the fortress walls, tunnels, museums, and naval dry dock while learning about the history of Suomenlinna and its role in various conflicts, including the Swedish, Russian, and Finnish periods. The museum also offers modern interactive displays that provide deeper insight into the daily life at the fortress, the military history, and Suomenlinna's significance as a cultural landmark.

#### 2. TEMPPELIAUKIO CHURCH (Rock Church)

Price: \$24.00 pp Fully Guided Group Tour (Includes a Tour Guide) Temppeliaukio Church, commonly referred to as the Rock Church, is a Lutheran church built directly into solid rock. Opened in 1969, this iconic site is renowned for its natural rock walls and copper dome, offering a unique blend of natural and modern architecture. The church's remarkable acoustics make it a popular venue for concerts, in addition to being one of Helsinki's most visited attractions. This guided tour will explore the architectural significance and the history behind the creation of the Rock Church.

#### 3. SEURASAARI OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Price: Adult \$18.00 (Under 13s \$10.00) Seurasaari Open-Air Museum is located on a beautiful island just outside of Helsinki. The museum showcases traditional Finnish rural life with over 80 wooden buildings relocated from various parts of Finland, dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Visitors can explore farmsteads, manor houses, and a church, learning about Finnish culture, traditions, and architecture. The picturesque island setting also offers scenic nature trails and wildlife. Pre-booking is not required.

#### 4. ESPLANADI PARK & MARKET SQUARE

Prices: Free

The Esplanadi Park is a central green space located in the heart of Helsinki, lined with cafes, restaurants, and shops. Market Square, located at the harbor end of the park, is one of Helsinki's most famous landmarks and is a bustling spot where visitors can buy local food, crafts, and souvenirs. In the summer, the market is particularly lively, with outdoor stalls and performances. Don't miss the chance to try traditional Finnish delicacies like salmon soup or fresh berries from the market.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change at the time of booking.



# International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary Catonsville Soccer Club Denmark and Norway – Copenhagen and The Norway Cup

#### Travel dates:

July 21-August 3, 2025.

#### **Itinerary**:

July 21	Departure from Washington Dulles airport.				
July 22	Arrival at Copenhagen airport. Transfer to your accommodation in				
•	Copenhagen.				
July 23	Sightseeing Copenhagen. Visit Tivoli Gardens, a historic theme park in the				
	city's center. Walk along Copenhagen's Nyhavn harbor area filled with				
	shops, restaurants, and beautiful sights. <b>Evening game vs. a local team</b>				
J∪ly 24	Continued sightseeing Copenhagen with highlights such as Rosenborg				
	Castle, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, and Christiansborg Slot. Explore famous				
	neighborhoods Stroget and Christiania.				
July 25	Transfer from Copenhagen to your accommodation at the Norway Cup.				
J∪ly 26	Day at leisure. Evening opening ceremony and parade.				
July 27	Tournament starts.				
July 28	Tournament. Leisure time option: visit the Oslo City Center.				
	Coaches' reception Oslo City Hall.				
July 29	Tournament. Leisure time option: boat tour of the Oslo Fjord. Evening				
	Norway Cup Festival.				
July 30	Tournament - playoff games. Leisure time option: visit the Oslo City Museum.				
July 31	Tournament - quarter and semi-finals. Leisure time option: visit the Akershus				
	Fortress. Leisure time option: visit the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History.				
	Evening farewell show and BBQ.				
August 1	Tournament - quarter and semi-finals. Leisure time option: visit the Much art				
	museum in the city center or do sightseeing activities during the whole day.				
August 2	Tournament - finals. Leisure time option: visit the beach in Oslo Bay.				
	Prize-giving ceremony.				
August 3	Transfer to Oslo airport and return flight.				

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Click here to see a recap of the 2023 Norway Cup with more pictures.

# Price estimate per person:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,300	\$3,202	\$3,088	\$2,975	\$2,966	\$2,948



#### **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.
- Accommodations 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:

Copenhagen: We will arrange one friendly game.

Norway: Participation at the Norway Cup.

# Accommodation and meals included:

**Copenhagen:** 2-star bed & breakfast hotel accommodation located less than 1 mile from the city center.

- Daily breakfast only included.
- Accommodation in rooms for 3 people (3 twin beds or a double bed and twin bed typically) and all rooms have a private bathroom, TV, phone, and Wi-Fi access.
- The hotel has a cinema, bar, reception, and a fitness center.
- Double rooms (2 people per room) are available at a supplement of \$30.00 per person per night and single rooms (1 person per room) are available at a supplement of \$85.00 per person per night.

**Norway Cup:** Accommodation in schools/Full board - daily breakfast will be served at the school, with daily lunch and dinner served at the tournament meal center.

- Accommodation in schools in Oslo.
- Each team will receive one classroom for its own use. The Norway Cup will arrange bedding for all participants.
- Breakfast will be served in the school and lunches and dinners will be served at the Norway Cup tournament center. The first meal is the evening dinner on July 26 and the last meal is lunch on August 2.

# Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay in Copenhagen, a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day and 250 kilometers max. driving distance per day. During the Norway Cup the tournament organizer has included special shuttle transportation or free public transportation. On free days, we can arrange a private chartered bus for excursions (at an additional charge). We have included airport transfers as well.



#### Local guide services included:

During your entire stay in Copenhagen, a local bilingual 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. During your stay at the Norway Cup, you can get information or address any questions/concerns with the local tournament staff, who are readily available, and they will provide you with assistance when necessary, and help plan/amend your daily schedule as needed.

# Options available (not included in prices)

Three-star hotel accommodation in Oslo instead of school accommodation.

- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Daily breakfast at the hotel. Lunches
  and dinners at the tournament cafeteria start on the evening of July 26 and end
  with lunch on August 2.
- Includes accommodation in rooms with 2-4 people sharing a room, all with private facilities. Supplement per person per night \$50.00 for sharing triple or quad, \$55.00 per person per night for sharing a double, and \$85.00 per night for having a single.
- Be aware that rooms in Europe are smaller than in the USA.
- The hotel has a lounge and restaurant.

# Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a 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.



# Tournament Information NORWAY CUP – OLSO/NORWAY

Ever since the start, the NORWAY CUP has been the biggest tournament in the world. More than 1,700 teams from many different countries will participate in the 2025 edition. All games will be played on grass fields! Some Norway Cup facts: 1,700 teams, 32,000 participants, 50 nations, 80 fields, 3,810 games and 350 referees.



# **Norway Cup facts:**

- 1,700+ international youth soccer teams
- 32,000 participants from 52 different countries
- The Norway Cup always starts with a spectacular parade through Oslo, where participants wear their team kits and wave the various country flags.
- Approx. 60 well-maintained grass and artificial fields in and around the center of Oslo.

#### **Touristic information:**

- Oslo: Oslo, the oldest of the Scandinavian Capitals, was founded by Harald Hadrade in the 11th Century and is surrounded by Mountains at the head of a 70-mile fjord. Oslo is an easy-going city where history meets modernity. The city boasts world-class museums, a lively nightlife, and plenty of outdoor activities and many locals are keen hikers, skiers, or sailors.
- **The Nobel Peace Center:** this museum tells the story about the Nobel Peace Prize, Peace Prize winners and their work, and the story of Alfred Nobel. The peace center is also a place for debates regarding social questions.
- **The Astrup Fearnley Museum:** Visit Astrup Fearnley Museum and see exciting, modern art at the museum. You'll get to meet many different artists with many different expressions.
- Vikingship house: Here you can find a unique collection of objects and ships from the Vikings.
- **Akershus Fortress:** To Oslo, Akershus Fortress is an important part of the city's identity. The city center was established within the walls of the fortress in 1624. The area around the fortress is popular amongst tourists during summer.

For more information about the tournament including age groups, rules and regulations, and touristic/sightseeing information please visit the tournament website: <a href="https://norwaycup.no/en">https://norwaycup.no/en</a>