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We are pleased to confirm all your team's arrangements for your tour to Europe. <u>Please discuss and/or share the contents of this with all your participants.</u> This is very important, and all your participants should understand its contents.

## Accommodation, meals, and sport:

July 7-July 13, 2025 Spain – Donosti Cup Teams: One boys 2011 team.

Sport program: Participation in the Donosti Cup. We have booked one training session for

the group with their own coaching staff before the start of the tournament.

Hotel Londres: Accommodation located in the heart of San Sebastián near the

Spanish/French border. Accommodation is on La Concha Bay, surrounded by restaurants, shops and cafés, and right by the beach. The hotel has a restaurant, lounge/bar, business center, Wi-Fi and laundry service. For now,

we have booked the group in 4 triple rooms and 18 double rooms.

Hotel Address: Hotel Londres

Zubieta Kalea, 2

20007 Donostia, Gipuzkoa, Spain

Meals: Daily breakfast included at the hotel staring with breakfast July 8 and ending

with breakfast July 13.

Wi-Fi costs: Free of charge

Please be aware that rooms/beds in Europe are smaller than we are used to in the USA. Double beds are approx. 62x78 inches, single beds are approx. 36x78 inches.

The above-mentioned accommodation may require a cash/credit card damage/security deposit in local currency (approx. \$ 100.00-\$ 400.00) from the group upon arrival and check in, so please be prepared for this. This deposit is refundable upon check out provided there is no damage to the accommodation/rooms.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested that our groups be served tap water on the table, however, in some countries this might not be offered. For breakfast tea and coffee are included and in most cases milk & juice.

## Participant prices as of January 15, 2025:

Participant price travelers in Hotel Londres – sharing a triple = \$1,844.00.

Participant price travelers in Hotel Londres – sharing a double = \$1,844.00 + \$426.00 = \$2,270.00.



#### **Guide services:**

A bilingual representative (tournament/tour manager) will be with your group throughout your stay. This person is the main contact between your group and the Donosti Cup and Premier International Tours. The guide will meet the group at the hotel on July 7. If problems arise, please discuss these with the tour manager first before you call our offices since they are on the ground and more able to resolve issues at the destinations. Your representative will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This representative is not a professional city tour guide(s), although he/she will have general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas. Please find below a job description of our representatives.

- Be with the group from arrival till the last evening. Join the group during transfers to the accommodation, fields for games, and any sightseeing.
- Discuss the program in advance with club contact. Create a good relationship with the club contact and driver (if the group has a private bus available).
- Translate where necessary.
- Make sure the group behaves correctly; attends opening, finals, award ceremonies, and other organized activities.
- Mediate in case of damage or conflicts with/to accommodation, buses, etc. Make sure to make a report on this.
- Support the group in case of visiting the police station (theft) and/or hospital.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the guide upon arrival and discusses the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the guide the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the guide can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the guide at the end of the trip if the guide has done a good job. We highly recommend collecting approx. **\$20.00-\$30.00** per person (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

#### Ground transportation:

During your stay, a private bus will be available exclusively for your group from July 7-13 (bus to meet group at hotel July 7). Please note we have not included airport transfers. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the tournament game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 150 kilometers a day available. The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day and can be on duty for 12 hours (so 3 hours wait/rest during a day).

• Each day the bus driver must have a 12-hour rest period between his transportation duties from one day to another. So, for example, if the bus driver stops at 9pm the previous day, the bus driver cannot start the next day until 9am.

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip. We recommend approx. **\$10.00-\$15.00** per person. If you only have the driver one day and no special services – tipping isn't necessary.

- If you have a driver for 2 or more days highly recommend tipping.
- You can ask the tour manager to check with the driver on day one if they will be with you
  the whole trip and if not, they can confirm when the change will be made. Based on this
  you can tip accordingly.



## Day by Day Itinerary

We strive to have a final itinerary available between 1-3 weeks prior to departure. This will depend on when the tournament publishes the game schedule.

#### Referees:

For your games, a referee(s) will be provided.

## People not booking arrangements through Premier International Tours:

Please be aware that we <u>cannot</u> provide any transportation from or to the airport or for any prearranged group tour activities (sightseeing excursions, etc.) or any transportation arranged for the group for individuals who did not book the tour package with Premier International Tours. Because of liability/legal issues with our suppliers (Bus Company, etc.) people who booked their own flights and accommodation are <u>not</u> allowed to just join the group on bus transfers arranged for the group.

If you have anyone who wants to join the group later in the booking stage, please contact us **no** later than April 7, 2025, and we will try to accommodate the requests.

# **General Participation Conditions:**

We again strongly encourage your participants to review the General (Cancellation) Conditions and General Information document on your group website page to make sure all participants are aware of/understand these conditions to avoid any misunderstandings.

## Final payment:

Please note that delayed payments (within 6 weeks prior to departure) must be made by cashier's checks or credit cards. We will release the travel documents and travel information after receiving full payment of <u>ALL</u> travelers.

### Group arrangements:

This is a group tour arrangement. The participant prices are based on the number of people traveling. If this number goes up or down the participant prices will be adjusted as per your proposal.

## Documents you will receive from us:

• Final itinerary: 1-3 weeks prior to departure.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours, Loek van Zijl President Premier International Tours



# Tournament Information DONOSTI CUP - SAN SEBASTIAN/SPAIN

In 2025, approximately 800 teams will participate. That makes this tournament one of the biggest tournaments in Southern Europe. The Donosti Cup tournament headquarters are in and around the Estadio Anoeta, the stadium of Real Sociedad.



Many of the games are played at the official training complex for Real Sociedad with 4 grass fields, a small stadium and 1 artificial grass field. San Sebastian is a beautiful city in the Northern part of Spain located at the Bay of Biscay.

# **Donosti Cup facts:**

- 700+ international youth soccer teams.
- Guaranteed minimum 4 matches per team.
- The Opening Ceremony of the tournament takes place in Estadio Anoeta, the home stadium of La Liga team Real Sociedad.

# **Touristic information:**

- San Sebastian: On the banks of the Bay of Biscay and surrounded by green mountains, San Sebastian is a delightful city that provides a feast for the senses. The best-known image of San Sebastián is its almost perfectly shell-shaped bay, widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in the world. The city is home to 180,000 people and is the cultural and tourist capital of the Basque Country. The city has beautiful constructions, such as the Grand Casino (present Town Hall), the Miramar Palace, summer residence of the Court, or the bridges over the Urumea River. The houses of the Old Quarter, full of bars and restaurants, date from previous times. In the Old Quarter, the local passion for gastronomy is palpable. From the miniature cuisine of the 'pintxos' to the restaurants of the creative cuisine masters, good eating is one of Donostia's commandments.
- Biarritz France: Make a trip to this popular and lively beach resort town on the Atlantic coast in southwest France which is about a 45-minute drive from San Sebastian.

For more information about the tournament including age groups, rules and regulations and more touristic information please visit the tournament website: <a href="http://www.donosticup.com/en">http://www.donosticup.com/en</a>

