

International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary North Greenville University Men's Soccer Spain – Barcelona

Travel dates:

May 8-16, 2025 (feel free to adjust dates by a few days if needed)

Departure from Charlotte or Atlanta airport

Itinerary:

May 6	Departure from Charlotte of Alianta disport.
May 9	Arrival at Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation.
May 10	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 .
May 11	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.
May 12	Visit the city of Girona. Sightseeing possibilities include St. Mary's Cathedral,
	built between the 11th and 17th centuries, Passeig de la Muralla,

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- May 13 Visit the sacred mountain-top monastery of Montserrat with its breathtaking views.
- May 14 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**.
- May 15 More sightseeing in Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and home to the Olympic facilities.
- May 16 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight.

Price estimate per person*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,597	\$3,414	\$3,293	\$3,200	\$3,131	\$3,069

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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.

We have also included a visit and tour of a pro team stadium and/or museum— Camp Nou Museum and Immersive Stadium Tour (stadium under construction) or a tour of RCDE Stadium, home of RCD Espanyol.

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.

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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- May 13 Transfer to your accommodation in Madrid.
- May 14 Sightseeing Madrid; Puerta del Sol, the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, and the Bernabéu stadium, home of Real Madrid.
- May 15 Optional morning training session. Experience two UNESCO World Heritage cities in one day on this tour to Toledo and Segovia. See Segovia's narrow streets and preserved Roman aqueduct. Uncover ancient mysteries during a guided tour of the ancient fortress, the Alcázar. In Toledo—the city of three cultures—discover the architecture and history of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian societies who once lived here and take a guided tour of the Cathedral of Toledo (optional). Evening game vs. a local team.
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Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
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Sport program included:

Barcelona: We will arrange 2 games per team.

Madrid: We will arrange 1 games per team.

We have also included a visit and tour of a pro team stadium and/or museum— Camp Nou Museum and Immersive Stadium Tour (stadium under construction) or a tour of the Bernabeu, home stadium of Real Madrid.

Accommodation and meals included:

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 triple rooms (3 people in either 3 single beds or 2 double beds). All rooms have a private bathroom as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception, and an outdoor 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.



Madrid: 3-star plus/4-star hotel accommodation on the outskirts of Madrid.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in Madrid just outside the city center.
- The hotel has a restaurant and bar/lounge.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). All rooms have a TV, telephone, and private bathroom.
- Double rooms available as well at a supplement of \$35.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$145.00 per person per night.

Ground transportation included:

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

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- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium approx. \$35.00 per person.

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SIGHTSEEING IN MADRID

Madrid is the capital city of Spain and the largest city in Spain. The city has a population of almost 3.2 million with a metropolitan area population of approximately 6.5 million. It is the third-largest city in the European Union, after London and Berlin, and its metropolitan area is the third largest in the European Union after those of London and Paris.

- 1. BERNABEU FOOTBALL STADIUM: The Estadio Santiago Bernabéu is an all-seater football stadium in Madrid, Spain. It was inaugurated on 14 December 1947 and is owned by Real Madrid Club de Fútbol. It has a current capacity of 85454 spectators. El Bernabéu, renamed in honor of their former chairman Santiago Bernabéu Yeste, is one of the world's most famous and prestigious football venues. It has hosted the European Cup final on four occasions: in 1957, 1969, 1980, and the UEFA Champions League Final in 2010. The Bernabéu is both the second-largest stadium in Spain and the second-largest stadium home to a top-flight European club, behind only Camp Nou, home to rival Barcelona.
- **2. ROYAL PALACE:** The Palacio Real de Madrid is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family in the city of Madrid but is only used for state ceremonies. King Felipe VI and the Royal Family do not reside in the palace, choosing instead the more modest Palacio de la Zarzuela on the outskirts of Madrid. The palace is owned by the Spanish State and administered by the Patrimonio Nacional, a public agency of the Ministry of the Presidency. The palace is located on Calle de Bailén (Bailén Street), in the Western part of downtown Madrid, East of the Manzanares River. Several rooms in the palace are regularly open to the public except during state functions.
- 3. PRADO MUSEUM: The Museo del Prado is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Madrid. The 18th-century structure designed by architect Juan de Villanueva houses one of the world's finest art collections. A 2007 expansion has made the famed museum easier to navigate. With more than 7,000 works of art representing culture and history from the 12th century to the early 19th century, however, it's impossible to see everything in a single visit. Visitors may wish to focus on the museum's collection of Spanish artists, including Goya, El Greco, da Ribera, and Velázquez, which is inarguably the best collection of Spanish paintings in the world.
- <u>4. PLAZA DE LA VILLA:</u> The Plaza de la Villa is a picturesque small square in the heart of Madrid, not far from the much larger Plaza Mayor. In contrast to the latter, the buildings at the Plaza de la Villa all have contrasting styles. The largest building in the square is the former Town Hall or Casa de la Villa (ayuntamiento). Construction started in 1644 by Juan Gómez de Mora, the architect of the Plaza Mayor.

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