

Global Sports Academy
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DeSales University

Men's Basketball Tour

Germany & Czech Republic



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About Global Sports Academy

Global Sports Academy is a non-profit organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

Global Sports Academy ("GSA") has been participating in domestic and international competition since 1991. It was initially established to provide athletes overseas playing opportunities in Ice Hockey and it has grown to support a total of 12 different sports that compete in 25 different countries.

In 1991, the organization incorporated and received its 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status. As a not-for-profit organization its mission is to create and arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels internationally. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is the major goal.

"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"

Founder of Global Sports Academy

Roy Blumenthal



Roy Blumenthal has been a coach for over thirty years and has coached a variety of sports, to include basketball, football, baseball, and golf, at both the high school and collegiate levels. He is currently finished his 13th season as the top Assistant Coach for the West Chester University's Men's Basketball program, his 24th overall, as he served as a volunteer for the team prior to this appointment. Coach Blumenthal has also been the Head Coach of GSA's Goodwill Select Teams. His strong and extensive coaching expertise and experience is notable and his dedication to generating high caliber international competition for athletes and coaches is unmatched.

Furthermore, he possesses great energy, enthusiasm, and motivation, which he utilizes to mentor youth and colleagues admirably. Such passion and commitment led to Coach Blumenthal's receiving West Chester University's Men's Hall of Fame Milt Blitz Award in 2007 for his outstanding contribution to the game of basketball as a University alumnus. He was also a member of the University's golf coaching staff that won the PSAC Championship in 2006. Coach Blumenthal earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management in 1983.

Blumenthal is the current president of Global Sports, and has also been the Head Coach of Goodwill College all-star teams to Belgium, Germany, Italy, France, Czech Republic and England.

Tentative Itinerary

Day 1

Gather at US Airport and board your trans-Atlantic flight to Munich, Germany. Enjoy meals and snacks in route and arrive the next morning with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and activities ahead.

Tentative Flight Information

US Airways 716 Depart Philadelphia 6:30 pm
Arrive Munich 8:50am (Arrive on next morning)

Day 2

Welcome to **Munich, Germany!** Upon arrival in Munich you will be met by your tour guide and we will board our bus and sit back, relax and admire the passing scenery during the four-hour journey to **Prague, Czech Republic**. Upon your arrival in Prague, we will proceed to our sleeping accommodations at the Clarion Congress Hotel where you will be able to freshen up, relax, get settled and explore the surrounding area and to have the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure.



Day 3

Today we will have a guided tour of **Prague**. Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. Situated in the north-west of the country on the Vltava River, the city is home to about 1.3 million people, while its metropolitan area is estimated to have a population of over 2.3 million. One attraction of Prague is the Prague Castle. The castle in Prague is where the Kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman Emperors and presidents of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic have had their offices. The Bohemian Crown Jewels are kept here. Prague Castle is the biggest castle in the world at about 570 metres in length and an average of about 130 metres wide.



Game One vs. TBD (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

Day 4

Today we will have a tour of the **Prague Crystal factory** during the day. Prague is known for its hand cut crystals and their Bohemian crystal glassware contains 24% pbo (lead gives the glass a crystalline sparkle). After our tour the remainder of the day you are free to see the attractions in Prague. One attraction to see is the Charles Bridge which is one of the most beautiful bridges in the world and the oldest bridge in Prague. It is almost 10m wide, 516m long and rests on 16 arches. Towers guard both ends of the bridge – the Old Town Bridge Tower and two Malá Strana Bridge Tower. Charles Bridge is a popular place among street performers



Game Two vs. TBD (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

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Tentative Itinerary

Day 5

After morning breakfast, we will board our bus and sit back, relax and admire the passing scenery during the four-hour journey to **Munich, Germany**. Upon our arrival, we will have a guided tour of the city. Munich is one of Europe's top destinations with a mix of high tech and tradition, beer gardens and trendy night spots, outstanding museums, magnificent churches and palaces, lovely parks and gardens, a clear green mountain stream, the river Isar, running right through the city, superb cuisine and fun festivals. About 1.35 million people live within the city limits. Munich hosted the 1972 Summer Olympics. For the evening, dinner will be at Munich's famous Hofbräuhaus which is Munich's oldest and beloved beer hall that has existed since 1644 and lives up to its reputation: beer, food, tourists and oom-pah music



Day 6

After breakfast we will travel to **Garmisch-Partenkirchen ("Ga- Pa")** which is a mountain resort town in Bavaria, southern Germany. Nearby is Germany's highest mountain, Zugspitze, at 2961 m (9714 ft.). Ga-Pa was founded by uniting the two towns of Garmisch and Partenkirchen by a decree to bring the 1936 Winter Olympics to Germany. Once we arrive in Ga-Pa, we will take a train up to Zugspitze where you can relax and have lunch at "The highest beer garden in Germany." This is the highest point in Germany standing at 9,700-foot and it has amazing views. In the summer, for the more adventurous, it's a piece of cake to actually "summit" the Zugspitze! After a few hours at the summit, we will start our return trip to Munich. Dinner will be back at the hotel.



Day 7

After breakfast we will visit Dachau. Dachau was the first Nazi concentration camp opened in Germany, located on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory near the medieval town of Dachau, about 16 km (9.9 mi) northwest of Munich in the state of Bavaria. Opened 22 March 1933, it was the first regular concentration camp. In the afternoon we will tour **Allianz Arena** just north of Munich and home of two of Munich's football clubs. The Allianz Arena is the third biggest stadium in Germany behind Signal Iduna Park in Dortmund and the Olympiastadion in Berlin.



Game Three vs. TBD (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

Tentative Itinerary

Day 8

Today is a free day which can be spent exploring downtown Munich and all its sights. Many of the main tourist attractions can be found in the City Center. Most notable are of course the New City Hall (Neues Rathaus) with the world famous Glockenspiel, the Old City Hall, the Feldherrenhalle, the Residenz (former residence of the Bavarian kings), Nationaltheater (the opera house) and the world's most famous beer hall, the Hofbräuhaus am Platzl. Several historic churches such as the Frauenkirche, Asamkirche, Peterskirche and Theatinerkirche are also located in the city center. Three of the historic city gates still exist: Karlstor (at Stachus), Isartor and Sendlinger Tor (all are located at U-Bahn or S-Bahn stations). Several of Munich's major shopping areas are located in the City Center. But don't overdo it because we still have one more game to play,



Game Four vs. TBD (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

Day 9

This morning you will board our bus and be transported to the Munich Airport for your flight home. All good things must come to an end! At the airport you will board your trans-Atlantic jet returning you to the U.S.A. Arrive later this afternoon with many unforgettable memories.

Tentative Flight Information

USAir Flight 751 Depart Munich 12:15pm
Arrive Philadelphia 3:30pm

Hotel Information:

Clarion Congress Hotel
Freyova 33, Praha
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Hochstrasse 3, Munich
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Tentative Itinerary

Tour Package Includes the Following:

Round trip airfare: Philadelphia-Munich-Philadelphia

Luggage: Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one 1 carry-on (backpack)

All taxes (airline/road/hotel) and gratuities (see “Exclusions” below)

9 Days and 7 Nights

Accommodations in 3 or 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms; (single room, additional charge)

3 nights in hotel in Prague (Clarion Congress Hotel)

4 nights in 3* hotel in Munich (Holiday Inn City Centre)

Meal plan: Buffet breakfast included daily

Daily dinner or lunch. Drinks not included

Dinner included on the 3 non-game playing days

English speaking tour guide for entire stay

Ground transportation as “a group” for entire tour while in Europe

4 games vs. local teams (with number of games to be agreed upon prior to leaving)

Exclusions:

- Beverages (soda) with meals
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
- Admission to all attractions not specified in above inclusions