

Global Sports Academy

Sample



Collegiate Foreign Tour

Belgium, England & Holland



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Tentative Itinerary

Day 1

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

Day 2

Welcome to **Brussels, Belgium!** Upon arrival in Brussels you will be met by your tour guide before transferring to **Mechelen, Belgium**. You will be taken on a quick tour of the city of Mechelen. After your tour you will then proceed to your sleeping accommodations for the rest of the day to relax, get settled and explore the surrounding area. Light training session that evening followed by a “Welcome Party” for all.



Day 3

Breakfast and then depart for a day trip to **Bruges**. The graceful small city of Bruges (Brugge) has drifted down the stream of time with all the self-possession of the swans that cruise its canals. To step into the old town is to be transported instantly back to the Middle Ages, when Bruges was among the wealthiest cities of Europe. Unlike so many European cities that have had their hearts torn out by war, Bruges has remained unravaged, its glorious monumental buildings intact. You will enjoy all the sights, shops and food.



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

Day 4

After breakfast we will depart for sightseeing and shopping in **Brussels**, the capitol of Belgium. We will visit Old Town and the Grand Place which was built for the 1954 World’s Fair, Palais (The Royal Palace) and the famous Manneken Pis Statue. Brussels is quickly gaining a reputation as one of Europe’s must-see destinations, with its small town charm, trendy bars and restaurants, fabulous food, great nightlife, fantastic shopping, numerous museums, and other attractions including the diverse and interesting exhibitions and festivals organized there every year. The streets of Brussels feature art and architecture created from an unmistakably Belgian point of view that cannot be replicated. This beautiful city is a center for fashion, art, and Belgian culture.



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

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Day 5

After an early breakfast we will depart for **London, England** via EuroStar train through the Chunnel. Once in London we will spend the day sightseeing and shopping. Some of the highlights include the Tower of London, London Bridge, St. James Palace, Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Piccadilly Circus and of course Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, both recognized worldwide as iconic buildings of London. **Lunch and dinner will be on your own** and we will return back to Belgium in the late evening.



Day 6

After a long day in London, you get to sleep in a little before breakfast and a day in **Ghent** is a city in Flanders, the northern part of Belgium. Ghent is a city with a population of a quarter of a million. Its size and position allow the inhabitants to enjoy a city with an interesting crossover between open cosmopolitanism and the quiet atmosphere of a provincial town. During the middle ages, it was one of the richest and most powerful cities in Europe. It was once considered the second largest city north of the alps, after Paris. The impact of this rich past can be clearly seen when viewing the imposing architecture of churches and the houses of rich traders. Lunch is on your own.



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

Day 7

After breakfast we will travel to **Amsterdam**, the capital of the Netherlands. Amsterdam is colloquially known as Venice of the North, because of its lovely canals that criss-cross the city, its impressive architecture and more than 1,500 bridges. Once in Amsterdam and included in the tour is a river cruise along its picture-book canals - it's something not to be missed! The cruise takes you along several canals and past the city's most spectacular spots. As you glide through the historic city centre you'll see elegant merchants' residences, churches and warehouses, dating from the Golden Age and steeped in history. There is something for every traveler's taste here, whether you prefer culture and history or just the relaxing charm of an old European city.



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

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Day 8

After a late breakfast we will travel to **Antwerp** for another day of sightseeing and leisure in the town centers for shopping and recreation. **Antwerp** is a major destination of Belgium in the region of Flanders. The overwhelming friendliness of the people of Antwerp and their innate penchant for good food and good living, combined with their low stress lifestyle, makes it a desirable and relaxing place to visit. Renowned for being the "world's leading diamond city", more than 70% of all diamonds are traded in Antwerp. The Diamond Market is the hub of the economic section in Belgium.



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

Day 9

This morning you will be transported to the 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.

Hotel Information:

Novotel Mechelen Centrum
Van Beethovenstraat 1
2800 Mechelen Belgium
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Novotel Mecure

The Novotel Mechelen Centrum is a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Mechelen, in the trendy and lively Marché aux Poissons district just a stone's throw from the river Dyle. It has 122 spacious and comfortable rooms, a bar-brasserie and 5 conference rooms. Free Wifi is available in the entire hotel.



<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3154-novotel-mechelen-centrum/index.shtml>

The itinerary and tour is not intended to be a scripted event but rather a time for the student athlete to explore and experience a different culture in their own way and time

About Global Sports Academy

Global Sports Academy is an 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.

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"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"

Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Round trip airfare: USA Location -Brussels- USA Location
- Luggage: Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one 1 carry-on (backpack)
- All taxes (airline/road/hotel) and gratuities (see "Exclusions" below)
- Accommodations in 3 or 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms; (single room, additional charge)
- 9 Days and 7 Nights
- Meal plan: Buffet breakfast included daily
Team and Coaches only will be given dinner after every game
- English speaking tour guide for entire stay
- Ground transportation as "a group" for entire tour while in Europe
- London Trip to include Euro Star and Tube pass
- 5 games vs. local teams (with number of games to be agreed upon prior to leaving)

Exclusions:

- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Dinners on all non-games days
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
- Admission to all attractions not specified in above inclusions

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

General Conditions for Global Sports Academy Programs

Global Sports Academy (which expression shall for the purpose of these conditions include and parents subsidiary affiliate or associated company and hereinafter shall be called “the Company”) acts only as agents providing accommodations, transportation or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contacts and tickets issued are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodation, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided. The Company shall not be liable or responsible for death of or injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property or otherwise (including baggage) whether due to its servants agents or employees negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with any accommodation transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, hijack, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules or over bookings or defaults, or from any causes beyond the Company’s control or through the acts of default of the hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodation, transportation or other services or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and that neither the Company nor its servants agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour members as a result of any of the foregoing causes. All prices quoted are subject to change without notice having regards to unforeseen circumstances, foreign exchange fluctuations and variations in airline operating costs including but not limited to say an escalation of fuel prices. Unused services cannot be refunded or exchanged. The Company reserves the right to cancel the tour and/or modify the itineraries in any way it thinks desirable and further reserves the right to decline to accept any person or any tour and may substitute hotels where necessary. The issuance and acceptance or receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons or travel orders shall be deemed consent to the above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ ALL THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE MADE AWARE

ALL LAND COSTS SHOWN ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION (UP OR DOWN) DUE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (SELLING RATE) AND INCREASES IN LAND AND AIR COSTS WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF DEPARTURE

Refunds: The refund policy is as follows:

75 days from Departure: 75% refund, loss of deposits

60 days from Departure: 50% refund

45 days from Departure: NO REFUND

Amendment Fee: Any person wishing to amend from the group tour arrangements will be charged a standard \$100.00 amendment fee per person plus any additional charges involved with the amendment (increase in airfare, additional transfers, accommodation etc).

Insurance Protection: We strongly recommend you take out a Travel Insurance policy which is available from Global Sports Academy. Policy booklets are available from Global Sports Academy

Changes in Itinerary: There may be circumstances beyond the control of Global Sports Academy and our suppliers that necessitate revisions (including tour dates) of the itinerary. Every effort will be made to have changes maintain the intent of the original itinerary. Global Sports Academy shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, and injury during program events; however caused or arising. Global Sports Academy reserves the right to alter any part of the tour it deems necessary or advisable. The additional cost resulting from such change shall be paid by the program participant.

Television and Video Rights: Global Sports Academy has full television and video rights in and to any and all of the programs or events affiliated with the Global Sports Academy program.

Member's Acceptance: Global Sports Academy reserves the right, in its own discretion, to decline or accept approval of any individual as a member of Global Sports Academy.

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

What's included in the Cost of My Trip?

Round trip airfare from the team's gateway city airport (hotel taxes & Service fees)
International hotel accommodations
Uniforms
Meals and Tours as outlined in the itinerary
An experienced and knowledgeable tour manager and coaching staff

What's NOT included in the Cost of My Trip

Connecting airline ticket to gateway city
Fuel Surcharges (when applicable)
Visa fees (if applicable)
Individual medical insurance (Primary)
Customary tipping (Bus drivers, etc.)
Laundry
Travel insurance (Recommended)
Personal items such as gifts, telephone calls, snacks, drinks, etc

Documentation: Australian citizens require a passport with minimum 6 months validity from date of departure from final destination. Other passport holders may require additional documentation. Please check your applicable requirements with our Travel Consultant. A copy of each person's passport is required.

Airline & Airport Taxes, Surcharges & Levies: Are not included in the tour cost as they are continually changing. Any of these charges imposed by the airline will be notified to you at the time of final payment 2 months prior to departure.

Frequent flyer/mileage accrual : Some group airfares are not eligible to accrue frequent flyer points (due to discounted group airfares). Please advise your travel consultant if you are a member of the airlines associated frequent flyer program to see if your fare is eligible for frequent flyer point accrual.

Travel Advisories : We strongly suggest that you consult the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) website and register (either group or individual) so that you are kept up to date with any travel warnings or advisories that may be in place for your destinations (www.dfat.gov.au). You should also advise DFAT of your travel details such as date of departure and itinerary.

Travel and Immunizations: It is essential that all tour participants discuss their personal travel plans with a health professional to ensure you have the correct vaccinations for your trip and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations you may need.

Upon re-entry, Customs & Immigration will request a copy of your vaccination certificate if you have visited areas that have current health risks or hazardous diseases. For further information, visit the following website to check the current health alert and warnings for the destination/s you are visiting.