

Global Sports Academy

Sample



Collegiate Foreign Tour

Lithuania Tour



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Tentative Itinerary

DAY 1 - USA

Gather at US airport and board your trans-Atlantic flight to Vilnius. Enjoy meals and snacks en route and arrive the next afternoon with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and activities ahead.

DAY 2 – Kaunas

Welcome to Vilnius, Lithuania! Upon arrival in Vilnius you will be met by your tour guide before transferring to Kaunas, Lithuania. You will be taken on a quick tour of the city of Kaunas. We will visit the remarkable Old Town which is a collection of ancient architectural monuments: the remnants of the 14th century with remains of Kaunas castle, the buildings of the Middle-Ages in the Gothic and the Art Déco styles. After your tour you will then proceed to your sleeping accommodations for the rest of the night to relax, get settled and explore the surrounding area.



DAY 3 - Kaunas

After breakfast, you will have a light practice followed by a clinic that you will run for a basketball team from Kaunas Sports School. After the clinic, we will visit the 9th Fort, a stronghold built in 19th century that has a tremendous historical significance during the periods of Lithuania's occupation by the Soviet Union and the Nazi Germany. After the tour, we will head back to the hotel and you will have another opportunity to explore the Old Town of Kaunas and enjoy the evening in the heart of the city.



Game One vs TBD

DAY 4 - Riga

After an early breakfast, we will depart for a day trip to Riga, capital of Latvia. Situated on the banks of river Daugava, Riga has a lot to offer. Architecture of Riga is beautiful and diverse. Heritage of 800 years old Gothic churches, built by founders of Riga, medieval buildings in the Old Town, exquisite Art Nouveau, as well as wooden buildings make Riga a true pearl of architecture. Funky and vibrant, Riga is a metropolis with a big-city atmosphere hard to find elsewhere in the region.



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DAY 5 - Palanga

After an early breakfast, we will depart the hotel in Kaunas permanently and will travel to the hottest tourist destination in the summertime – the city of Palanga on the shore of the Baltic Sea. On the way, we will stop at one of the most prominent Lithuanian monuments and tourist attractions, Hill of Crosses, where we will spend 1-2 hours touring. We will arrive in Palanga in early afternoon and will get settled into our new hotel. We will then travel about 30 mins to Klaipeda, the third biggest city in Lithuania. The city is notable for its Germanic flavor and architecture that reflects its fascinating past as Prussian capital Memel. The city was destroyed in WWII, during which it served as a Nazi submarine base, but a teeny weeny patch of its Old Town survived unscathed.



Game Two vs TBD

DAY 6 - Palanga

After breakfast you will be free to enjoy the entire day at this vibrant party beach resort of Palanga. Tourists from all over Lithuania and abroad flock to its idyllic 10km sandy beach backed by sand dunes and scented pines. The resort is full of restaurants, bars and hotels, which are always busy with people. Yet despite the crowds and encroaching neon Palanga retains its traditional charm with wooden houses and the ting-a-ling of bicycle bells and pedal-powered taxis adding a quaint air to red-brick Basanavičius Street - the pedestrian heart of the action.



Game Three vs TBD

DAY 7 - Vilnius

After breakfast we will depart for the capital – Vilnius, where we will spend our last two nights of the trip. On the way, we will stop in Trakai to visit its red-brick fairy-tale castle. It is the only insular castle in Eastern Europe. Sights of Trakai are representing Lithuanian culture and history, where nature and architecture harmonically supplement each other. After touring the castle, we will continue our trip to Vilnius where we will settle into our new hotel and will have the opportunity to experience the capital's nightlife.



Game Four vs TBD

Tentative Itinerary

DAY 8 - Vilnius

After breakfast we will set out to visit Vilnius Cathedral Square, Gediminas Castle and the rest of the Old Town. Bizarre, beautiful and bewitching, Lithuania's capital seduces visitors with its astonishing Old Town charm. Its chocolate-box baroque skyline littered with the spires of Orthodox and Catholic churches are intoxicating, decadent and fragile. But there's more to this devilishly attractive capital than meets the eye. There is an underlying oddness that creates its soul.



DAY 9

All good things must come to an end! This morning transfer to the airport to board your transatlantic jet returning you to the U.S.A. Arrive later this afternoon with many unforgettable memories.

Hotel Information

3 nights in Kaunas Old Town:
Hotel Amberton Cozy
V. Kuzmos g. 8, Kaunas 44280, Lithuania
Tel. +370 37 229981

Warm 4 star hotel AMBERTON COZY, is located **probably in the best place of the city**. Our neighbors are: Kaunas Town Hall, Cathedral, Vytautas Magnus' Church, Vilnius University Kaunas subsidiary, pedestrian avenue. Romantic newlyweds in the summer time, fairs in fall and spring, ice rink in winter keeps Town Hall square busy all year long. And it is just around the corner of AMBERTON COZY Hotel!



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 –Lithuania - 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 8 Nights
 - 3 nights in Kaunas Old Town:
 - 2 nights in Palanga:
 - 2 nights in Vilnius:
- Meal plan:
 - Buffet breakfast included daily
 - 4 Daily dinners at hotel's restaurant
- 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:

- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Dinners when not stated on the Itinerary
- 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
- Meals and Tours as outlined in the itinerary
- An experienced and knowledgeable tour manager

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.