

Sports Travel Experience Designed Especially for McLean Youth Soccer



World Cup in Paris June 22 - June 30, 2019

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
- DAY 2 ARRIVE PARIS AREA (7 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 PARIS & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 4 PARIS & FIRST INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 5 TRAINING SESSION & VERSAILLES
- DAY 6 STADE DE FRANCE & SECOND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 7 PARIS & THIRD INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
- DAY 8 PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC & WORLD CUP MATCH
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM PARIS

ITINERARY

France continues to be at the top destination for travelers. Its glorious past as well as its cutting-edge cuisine, style and fashion will help to create an unforgettable cultural experience. Additionally, soccer is the number one sport in France. France was one of the four European teams that participated at the inaugural Men's World Cup in 1930. For women, the World Cup has been held every four years since 1991. Matches are planned for nine venues across France with the final match being played at Parc Olympique Lyonnais.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



DAY 1 Saturday, 22 June 2019

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Dulles Intl Airport to Paris.
-  * Please note that the final itinerary may be slightly different from this program. The final itinerary will be determined based on the size of the group, any adjustments that are required (such as adding additional matches), and the final schedule of the matches. (If additional matches are required, then some sightseeing content will be replaced by the additional matches needed.)

DAY 2 Sunday, 23 June 2019

Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

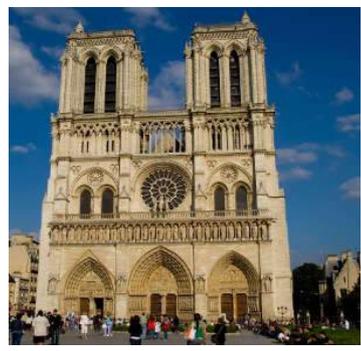
-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next seven days.
-  Paris is one of the most iconic cities in the world, filled with culture and history, monuments and museums. Known as the City of Light, Paris is a million things to a million people. No writer has ever been able to truly capture Paris in words, and only the experience of being there can begin to express the grandness and magic of this incredible city.
-  Our base for the next seven nights will be the greater Paris area, where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.
-  We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the area around the hotel.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.



DAY 3 Monday, 24 June 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel into central Paris.
-  In Paris, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.
-  **PARIS CITY TOUR**
Enjoy an introductory City Tour of Paris using our own private bus. We will view many of Paris' most important and distinctive landmarks and attractions, both from the bus and on foot. Highlights of our tour will include the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, Les Invalides, and Notre Dame.





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NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Visit Notre Dame Cathedral. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.



Enjoy free time to explore or shop in Paris around the Ile de la Cite and Latin Quarter.



THE 2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

With women's soccer being one of the fastest growing sports in the world with over 40 million ladies participating in the game, the excitement of the 8th edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup will be exhilarating in 2019. In March 2015, France won the right to host the event, the first time the country would host the tournament and the third time in Europe. Matches are planned for nine different venues across France.



ATTEND A WORLD CUP MATCH

We will attend a World Cup Match and we will be one of the excited fans in the crowd cheering and chanting as women from select nations compete to be the best in the world. We will be immersed into the frenzy of World Cup fans and feel the thrills of the close calls, the headers and the beautiful goals! (Match and venue selection will be determined after the time of booking and will be subject to ticket availability. Booking a trip early will give your team the best opportunity to inform us of your preferences.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 4 Tuesday, 25 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Today we will return to central Paris.



SEINE RIVER CRUISE

Experience the perfect introduction to the beauty of Paris on a Seine River Cruise. We will pass under many graceful bridges and view important landmarks on both banks during our trip.



EIFFEL TOWER ASCENT

Ascend to the top of Paris' most recognizable landmark, the Eiffel Tower, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The wrought-iron tower was not meant to be permanent, and the first permit was only for 20 years. But by that time, it had proved to be a valuable communication device for radio. It is now France's global icon and has hosted over 200 million visitors.



Take some time to explore or shop at your leisure.



FIRST FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)



Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5 Wednesday, 26 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



TRAINING SESSION

We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and is designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day.)



Today we will travel to nearby Versailles.



THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

Experience Versailles, a palace commissioned by Louis XIV around Louis XIII's hunting lodge. In addition to viewing the spectacular Gardens, our visit includes the ornate State Apartments, highlighted by the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Versailles set the standard for royal opulence in the 17th century; this over indulgence set the stage for outrage and the ensuing French Revolution 100 years later. Our visit concludes as we explore the gardens and fountains of Versailles.



DAY 5 Wednesday, 26 June 2019

-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 6 Thursday, 27 June 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel to the Stade de France and to our match.
-  **STADE DE FRANCE TOUR**
Tour the Stade de France, the national stadium of France, situated just north of Paris in the commune of Saint-Denis. Its seating capacity of 81,338 makes it the fifth largest stadium in Europe. The stadium is used by both the France national football team and French rugby union team for international competition. We will be led by an official Stade de France tour guide and discover the behind-the-scenes of France's biggest sporting and music venue. During a one-hour tour, follow the route taken by the greatest athletes, wander through the changing rooms and stroll alongside the pitch. As soon as you enter the arena, close your eyes, feel and revive the emotion and atmosphere of the rugby and football matches as if you were there!
-  **SECOND FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 7 Friday, 28 June 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will explore one of Paris' great art museums. We can choose either the Louvre or the Musee d'Orsay.
-  **THE LOUVRE**
Tour the renowned Louvre Museum with a local specialist guide. We will see Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the imposing Coronation of Napoleon, and many of the finest paintings and sculptures from western civilization.
-  **MUSEE D'ORSAY**
Visit the Musée D'Orsay, which is housed in a former railway station. It features mainly French art from 1848-1915, and is best known for its impressionist masterpieces by Monet, Degas, Renoir, and Cezanne.
-  **THIRD FRIENDLY MATCH**
We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or academy team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match.)
-  Tonight we will have dinner in the hotel restaurant.
-  We will have a laundry service today for our kit

DAY 8 Saturday, 29 June 2019

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Today we will travel to a World Cup Match.
-  **PROFESSIONAL COACHING CLINIC**
We will participate in a special Coaching clinic with a guest coach, player or instructor. The clinic will be designed exclusively for the team and to enhance skills in areas identified by the coaching staff. (Excel Sports has contacts at every level and can provide your team with some of the finest instructors in the industry. Specific clinics and coaches will be selected after time of booking.)



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DAY 9 Sunday, 30 June 2019



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.



Mclean Youth Soccer (45826-0-35)

32 - 35 Participants	\$3,649
28 - 31 Participants	\$3,699
24 - 27 Participants	\$3,749
20 - 23 Participants	\$3,899
16 - 19 Participants	\$4,149

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee - Once you have enrolled to join the group, the prices shown for the relevant group size levels will not change, regardless of any subsequent rate fluctuations (for example, on visits to attractions, airline fuel/taxes or currency movements on overseas programs).

****Final tour price will be determined by the total number of participants registered at 110 day prior to departure.**

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare, including all airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin and triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Breakfast and dinner (or lunch) at the hotel daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- WorldStrides Excel Sports Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- Transportation by private coach for transfers and touring, as required based on your itinerary
- Excursions, cultural activities, stadium tours and admissions as per your itinerary
- International Friendly Matches per your itinerary (Excel Sports is a FIFA approved match agent, holding the rights to arrange soccer matches between teams from different confederations and will provide full documentation of the sanctioned games)
- Training Sessions and/or Professional Coaching Clinics per your itinerary
- Two Women's World Cup soccer match tickets (subject to travel dates and schedule)
- Three free college credits for all high school students (earning credit is optional for each participant and post trip course work is required)
- Free Professional Development Points/Credits (35 points or equivalent) for any educators traveling with the group
- Manchester United Raffle Fundraiser - all proceeds earned go directly to the cost of the tour
- WorldStrides Excel Sports App - featuring itinerary, flight and hotel details, as well as instant messaging capabilities
- Financial assistance program through the Future Leaders of American Government (FLAG) Foundation (for qualifying participants)
- Payment plans to meet the needs of all participants - EZPay and our Advantage Payment Plan (APP), where participants can make equal installment payments up to six months after the trip
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage
- Exclusive 24-hour Doctors On-Call partnership with George Washington University Hospital
- A 20% sibling discount can be applied with a registered player and traveling parent

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults - available at a supplement of \$50 per night
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the Tour Director and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage, or any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel Insurance - we offer and encourage you to consider our comprehensive policy which includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149 (available upon registration)

Manchester United GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final Manchester United home game at Old Trafford Stadium



The Winner Will Receive:

- Two round trip flights to Manchester
- Two nights at the 3-Star Willowbank Hotel in Manchester
- Two tickets to see Manchester United's final season home game at Old Trafford



"The Manchester trip was an awesome experience that I will never forget. It's been a dream of mine to see a Premier League game so this trip helped that wish come true for me. The atmosphere at the game was awesome and I got to see some great goals from Manchester United. I was also impressed with how accommodating Excel International Sports was while arranging extra days and flights for the trip. Overall, I am so grateful that I got this opportunity to go to Manchester and fulfill one of my dreams!"

Mike Smith, Grand Prize Raffle Winner

THE ULTIMATE FUNDRAISER

WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards the cost of their sports tour.

We will provide a PDF of the raffle tickets. The participants will print the tickets at home, and then they will proceed to sell the tickets for \$10 each. WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs will provide the grand prize and hold a drawing on the 1st of March each year in order to choose a winner.

"This raffle fundraiser is sending me to Spain to play soccer. When my parents told me I had to pay for the trip myself I was determined I could do it and with the help of this raffle I was able to pay for the entire trip. Thank you so much!"
Sydney Larkin, St. Mary's College Women's Soccer (MD)

