

EXPLORE SOCCER ABROAD

WorldStrides *Soccer Tours*



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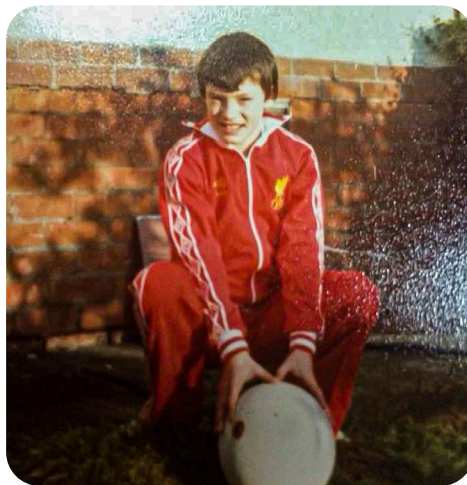
Founder and Senior Vice President

I was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. For me and my two older brothers, soccer was a family affair. We would spend hours on the pitch, coming home exhausted and fulfilled. As I got older, I played on the Scottish Youth National Team and professionally at the Division I and Division II levels.

It was through soccer that I was exposed to travel. My first trip was to Switzerland as a 12-year-old with my high school soccer team. We traveled for 27 hours on a bus from Glasgow to Switzerland and spent five days participating in games against Swiss high school teams. While some of my best memories took place on the bus (imagine the bonding experience—and smell—after 27 hours), the entire trip had a profound influence on me. It opened up my eyes up to a lot of things: the global impact of soccer, the rush of being outside of my comfort zone, and how soccer connected our team with the Swiss teams regardless of our differences.

In 1998, I started Excel International Sports, now known as WorldStrides Sports, with the goal of showing how international travel can benefit every player. I was determined to give each child a life-changing experience that was just like the one I was so fortunate to have. I wanted to make international travel achievable, and I had a lot of connections abroad in the soccer industry, so I started by taking a few high school and club teams to the United Kingdom in the summer. We drove the length of the U.K., playing against Scottish and English teams and visiting Edinburgh Castle, Old Trafford Stadium, Buckingham Palace, and much more! It was during those early days that the foundation of WorldStrides Sports was set, and we only grew from there. For over 25 years, we have been dedicated to connecting players internationally.

We hope you enjoy getting to know our team. We would be delighted to have the opportunity to lead yours on an international sports tour.





What we bring *to the field*

It takes experience to create the experience of a lifetime.

Since 1998, WorldStrides Sports has customized travel programs for North American soccer teams to play all over the world. From youth clubs to ODP to NCAA programs, we unite athletes in the spirit of camaraderie and competition for experiences that showcase new cultures, spark new friendships, and open eyes to the sheer magnitude of the world's most popular sport.

Our contacts and networking skills put your team on the right field, with the right facilities, against the right competition—and we arrange this in the country of your choice. Whether you are a leading development academy, ECNL team, or recreation team, we know how to translate your level of play to the international stage, aligning your club with opponents who put your skills to the test and raise the profile of your entire soccer organization.

As part of WorldStrides, the nation's largest student experiential learning company, we'll help with your time off the field, as well. Sightseeing, service-learning, or volunteering: We can set you up with activities and events that bond your players with everlasting memories.



Expert-level team support

The United Kingdom. Costa Rica. Spain. Germany. Italy. France. Portugal. Wherever you want to go, whatever style of play you want to experience, we make it happen for your club. Soccer organizations work in different ways around the world—that's why our expertise isn't limited to the field of play. We navigate the entire landscape of the trip so you can focus on preparing your team. From the ins and outs of player and team qualifications to ensuring that matches meet the rules of the regional governing bodies that sanction them, all the way through logistics, lodging, athlete-friendly team meals, group transportation, practice facilities, and cultural excursions, we're committed to managing every detail of your experience to ensure that it's nothing short of world class.



Clear procedures mean confident safety and security

Peace of mind for parents, players, and coaches is our top priority and has been since day one. We're specialists in both domestic and international travel, and we've been managing student programs for more than 55 years. We've got the staff and partnerships that allow us to make any necessary, real-time program adjustments so you can feel confident and covered during every moment of your trip.



WorldAssist

Our 24/7/365 hotline. It puts live help just a phone call away.



Coverage

Every traveler automatically receives primary medical insurance coverage on all international sports tours and coaches, organizations, and schools are covered on tour under our \$50 million liability policy.



Dedicated in-house team

Our Health and Safety Team continually monitors world events. We also have more than 70 offices worldwide to further enhance our safety capabilities.



Doctors-on-Call Program

Exclusive relationship with The George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates. You get 24/7 access to telehealth medical consultations or treatment recommendations. Travelers also have confidential telehealth access to a behavioral health care specialist while on tour through our partnership with AXA Mental Health Services.



WorldClass Flexibility

Your group will be able to adjust your trip with no additional fees, just the difference (if applicable) in the price of the new trip. Additionally, families receive a price lock guarantee at time of registration which protects them from currency, fuel surcharges, or other necessary trip changes.

Hey coaches, plan the international soccer *experience of a lifetime*

WorldStrides Sports provides international soccer tours for collegiate, ODP, club, academy, and high school teams to the world's most memorable destinations. We personalize and arrange every aspect of customized itineraries for teams of all levels. Since 1998, we have pursued our goal of taking North American soccer teams around the world to participate in the world's most beloved game while breaking down barriers of language, culture, and geography.





Club/Academy

Club and academy soccer tours with WorldStrides Sports offer your team the opportunity to share its love of the game with new friends in new places. Our custom-designed program packages are unique, fun, affordable, and of the highest quality. We know how to bring the special aspects of a tour together to create an ideal trip for your team.

Teams we've worked with include:

- **Charlotte Independence SC**
- **Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club**
- **Dallas Sting Soccer Club**
- **Loudoun Soccer**
- **Michigan Jaguars FC**
- **Michigan Tigers FC**
- **New England FC**
- **Nordic Soccer Club**
- **North Carolina FC Youth**
- **Potomac Soccer Association**
- **Richmond Strikers**
- **Tennessee Soccer Club**



Olympic Development Programs

ODP soccer tours with WorldStrides Sports offer players an exciting and unique tool that will continue their individual and team development. As soccer experts with first-hand knowledge of an ODP soccer program's needs, our tours combine games versus local opponents appropriate to your level of play, quality facilities, a guest coaching clinic led by a professional, and unforgettable sightseeing.

Teams we've worked with include:

- **Arizona Soccer Association**
- **Cal North**
- **Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer**
- **Indiana Soccer**
- **Iowa Soccer Association**
- **Kansas Youth Soccer**
- **Kentucky Youth Soccer Association**
- **Maryland State Youth Soccer Association**
- **Missouri Youth Soccer Association**
- **New Mexico Youth Soccer**
- **Ohio Soccer Association**
- **South Texas Youth Soccer Association**
- **Tennessee Soccer Association**
- **US Youth Soccer National Teams**



High School

WorldStrides Sports takes high school teams from around the country to a wide variety of destinations, where they experience international soccer and culture. Our high school soccer tours bring together athletes to experience new cultures, grow closer with teammates, and find camaraderie and competition in the world's most popular sport. Your team can also participate in service-learning projects to help local communities and residents.

Teams we've worked with include:

- **Westminster School**
- **Providence Day School**
- **St. Francis High School**
- **Bishop McNamara High School**
- **Benilde St. Margaret's**
- **Friends School**
- **Success Academy Charter Schools**
- **Dwight School**



Collegiate

WorldStrides Sports organizes international college and university soccer tours for every NCAA division. Each tour is highly customized to meet the specific needs of each school, including the level of your competition, number of desired matches and training sessions, cultural opportunities, and total tour duration. Your team can arrange a post-graduation tour in May, an off-season tour in June, or a pre-season training tour in July/August.

Teams we've worked with include:

- **University of Southern California**
- **West Point Military Academy**
- **Northwestern University**
- **Stanford University**
- **University of Maryland**
- **United States Naval Academy**
- **University of Washington**
- **Truman State University**
- **Regis University**
- **University of Hawaii**
- **UC Davis**
- **William & Mary**
- **York College**
- **Gettysburg College**
- **University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**



Tournaments

With numerous international soccer tournaments to choose from, your team can raise their game and experience the thrill of playing in Europe with teams from all over the world. The Gothia Cup and the Mediterranean International Cup are just some of the tournaments that our groups participate in annually.

Current tournament choices include:

- **Mediterranean International Cup**
- **East Mallorca Cup**
- **Porto International Cup**
- **Costa Daurada Cup**
- **Villareal Yellow Cup Summer**
- **Gothia Cup**
- **Dana Cup**
- **Edinburgh Cup**
- **Gothia Cup Cancun**

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Our trip with WorldStrides Sports was a top-quality experience for our program. The training facilities we used were excellent and for our players to face top Portuguese Primeira Liga teams was a great opportunity. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our players.”

*Sasho Cirovski,
Head Men's Soccer Coach, University of Maryland*



WorldStrides Sports, *building your tour*

Our soccer tour planning experts work closely with you to make sure your experience meets your goals and team needs. From setting up the right matches and appropriate training to rich cultural experiences, we make it happen for you and your team. Our entire staff of soccer and travel experts supports your team at every step. Logistics, lodging, athlete-friendly team meals, group transportation, practice facilities, cultural tours—we've got you covered. We're delighted to manage every detail of your overall experience, ensuring that it's nothing short of world-class.

Design your perfect experience!



STEP 1

Choose a destination:

- United Kingdom (Scotland, England, Ireland)
- Spain (Madrid, Barcelona)
- Italy (Turin, Milan)
- Costa Rica
- Portugal
- Anywhere else you can imagine!



STEP 2

Choose places to explore:

- Buckingham Palace, The Football Museum, the Royal Mile
- La Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas, Santiago Bernabeu
- Piazza San Carlo, Duomo di Milano
- Irazu Volcano, La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- Torre de Belem, Lisbon Cathedral, Estadio da Luz



STEP 3

Take a tour of pro clubs:

- Old Trafford
- Camp Nou
- San Siro
- Estadio Nacional de Costa Rica
- Estadio Sport Lisboa e Benfica



STEP 4

Watch & play the best soccer of your life:

- Tickets to professional matches
- Coaching clinics with highly regarded professionals
- Competitive matches against top local teams
- Tour a professional stadium
- Attend a local tournament

Take your trip one step *further*

Academic Credit

Our accredited status makes it possible for us to deliver on our commitment to education by offering academic credit for our students.

All students in grades 6-12 at the time of travel have the opportunity to enroll in online coursework that is carefully paired with their travel program. Most assignments are designed to be completed after travel, since they ask students to incorporate much of what they learned during the field experience. Courses vary in theme, content, and length based on the travel destination.

Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to enroll in courses to earn high school credit at no additional cost. Our partnership with George Mason University provides students in grades 9-12 at the time of travel an opportunity to enroll in courses to earn college credit.

Students must meet George Mason University's admissions requirements to receive the credit, including reporting a 2.8 GPA or above. George Mason University reserves the right to deny credit to any student who does not qualify based on information supplied in the Terms & Conditions or by non-completion of the program.

Upon successful completion and the processing of credits, a transcript may be ordered directly from WorldStrides or George Mason University. Transcripts can be submitted to school registrars for consideration or attached separately to college applications or résumés. Students and educators should check with receiving institutions regarding credit transfer policies.

Questions about academic credit? The Curriculum & Academics team can be reached at discovery@worldstrides.com.

Course Information

WorldStrides Sports' Leadership & Character Coursework has been designed to encourage students to identify qualities related to leadership and character within themselves and to reap the related benefits.

The course content has students examine the difference between good performance and great performance; the degree to which people put the interests of others ahead of their own; willingness to do things for others without regard for what's in it for them; ability to coach and mentor; and the ability to make decisions and recommendations that benefit the good of everyone and reflect various perspectives.

Community service

WorldStrides, a global organization, is committed to educate and serve communities worldwide. Our commitment is fueled by the passion of our team members and partners to make experiential learning accessible, while also being socially, environmentally, and ethically responsible. Together, we accomplish this by investing in initiatives to promote inclusion, diversity, and sustainability.



Support to help *fund the trip*

WorldStrides Sports is committed to giving every player the opportunity to travel to amazing destinations. We offer several fundraising and financial assistance tools to help students make their trip a reality. Below are several ways we can help you fund your trip.

FLAG Financial Assistance & Advantage Payment Plan

Through the FLAG Financial Assistance program, WorldStrides Sports has made it possible for thousands of families to experience the many benefits of educational travel. We also offer a payment plan to make it easier for families to fund their student-athletes' trip. Call 410-489-2287 Option 1 to see how much money may be available for your trip and discuss payment plan options.

Manchester United Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

We also offer the ultimate fundraiser—the Manchester United Raffle! Student-athletes can sell raffle tickets for the chance to win a four-day trip for two to a Manchester United home game at Old Trafford. The money raised will be theirs to apply toward the cost of their sports tour.

Gift of Sport

Thousands of student-athletes have received millions of dollars through our Gift of Sport program! We provide easy-to-use letters that student-athletes can send to get donations from friends, family members, and local organizations.



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“The Gift of Sport Fundraising Program was the key that unlocked the doors to Italy for our daughter. With the unwavering support of our community of family and friends, we raised enough funds to send her on an unforgettable journey, turning her dream of traveling to Italy into a beautiful reality. She not only got to immerse herself in a different culture and witness breathtaking sights but also had the opportunity to build lasting friendships.”

Shawanda R.,
Parent, South Texas ODP

(her daughter, Shalon raised enough money to cover the entire cost of her trip)

WorldStrides Soccer

International Itineraries

You and your team will benefit from competing in friendly matches against local competition, participating in coaching clinics with highly regarded professionals, touring top league stadiums, and the opportunity to attend a professional match.

All of our inclusive experiences include:

- Round-trip airfare
- Hotel accommodations
- Ground transportation to and from all activities
- Admissions and fees for scheduled activities
- Expertly trained tour directors
- Two meals a day
- 24-hour emergency support

These are just a few of the inclusive experiences offered to you through WorldStrides. Contact us to learn more and discover the other experiences we offer.



Ireland | *Dublin & Galway*

Since 1921, Ireland has maintained a proud soccer tradition. “The Boys in Green” found success in the 1990s and 2000s, reaching the World Cup’s Round of 16 twice. The country’s famously green landscape makes for perfect fields of play.



Day 1 | Flight to Ireland

Day 2 | Hello Dublin

Meet your Tour Director and get settled in with a welcome meeting and orientation. Then, head to a local field for a training session led by your team’s private coach.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Dublin

Start the day with a guided tour around Dublin, visiting landmarks like Ha’Penny Bridge and the Molly Malone statue. Explore the beautiful campus of Ireland’s oldest university, Trinity College, and see the famous Book of Kells. Later, your team will play in a friendly soccer match against a local club or academy team of similar ages and skill levels.

- **Dublin City Walk**
 - Ha’Penny Bridge, Temple Bar, Molly Malone statue
- **Trinity College**
 - Book of Kells
- **Friendly soccer match**

Day 4 | Dublin

Learn firsthand about traditional Irish sports by participating in a unique, interactive Gaelic games experience. Afterward, the team will attend a professional soccer match, complete with passionate crowds singing, cheering, and chanting for the love of the game. Please note that this activity is subject to availability as it is based on the league’s fixture list on the dates the group is traveling.

- **Gaelic Games Experience**
- **Attend a Professional Match**



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I have had the honor and responsibility of taking a bunch of teams overseas in my time, and this was, by far, my favorite.”

Julie Shackford,
Head Coach



Day 5 | Dublin

Tour Croke Park Stadium, one of the largest in Europe, with exclusive access to all areas. Later in the day, the team will compete against local players in a friendly soccer match.

- **Croke Park Stadium Guided Visit**
- **Friendly Match**

Day 6 | Dublin—Galway

Explore Limerick, one of Ireland's largest cities, on a guided walking tour. Visit the historic city center, known as King John's Island, to see breathtaking Medieval architecture. Afterward, participate in a training session led by your team's private coach at a local field.

- **Limerick City Walk**
 - King John's Island
- **Training Session**



Day 7 | Galway

Begin the day with a professional coaching clinic designed exclusively for your team. Players will even get the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Then, it's time to get to know Galway—a bayside city often likened to San Francisco. Explore the Spanish Arch, Quay Street, and Eyre Square before ending the day with a visit to the stunning Galway Cathedral.

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Galway City Walk**
 - Spanish Arch, Quay Street, Eyre Square
- **Galway Cathedral Visit**

Day 8 | Galway

Explore the beauty of western Ireland with an excursion to The Burren, a breathtaking landscape of bedrock that extends as far as the eye can see. Then, spend some time at the Cliffs of Moher, taking in unforgettable views of the coast. Wrap up the day with a final friendly soccer match against a local team.

- **The Burren Visit**
- **Cliffs of Moher Visit**
- **Friendly Match**

Day 9 | End tour



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Italy | Milan & Turin

One of the traditional European soccer powers, Italy has won four World Cups. Italy's domestic league, Serie A, boasts some of the best talent in the world. Juventus, AC Milan, Internazionale Milan, and A.S. Roma are just a few of the clubs that make Serie A competitive in European competition. The Italian way of soccer is known for its disciplined defending and passionate support.



Day 1 | Overnight Flight to Italy

Day 2 | Ciao Turin

Start your day with a welcome meeting and orientation before taking some free time to explore the surrounding area. Later, head to a local soccer field for a training session led by your own coaching staff.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Turin

Participate in a professional coaching clinic designed exclusively for your team. Plus, get the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Afterward, take in the rich history of Turin on a guided walking tour through the Piazza Castello city square, Via Roma commercial street, and more.

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Turin Guided Sightseeing Tour**

Day 4 | Turin

Take an exclusive tour of Juventus Stadium before exploring team memorabilia in the Juventus Museum. Then, head to the field to participate in a friendly soccer match against a local club or academy team.

- **Juventus Stadium guided visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 5 | Turin—Milan

Say farewell to Turin and make your way to the beautiful city of Milan! Once settled, it's time to take on another local team in a friendly match.

- **Friendly Soccer Match**



Spotlight Tour | Maryland ODP

Maryland ODP traveled to Northern Italy, where they were able to visit Milan and Turin. The team enjoyed a tour of Juventus Stadium and participated in adrenaline-pumping training sessions and matches. They also explored the Piazza del Duomo in Milan and spent some much-deserved down time in the famous paradise of Lake Como.



Day 6 | Milan

Kick the day off with a training session at a local field led by your own coaching staff. Then, take a guided tour of Milan, exploring some of its most notable landmarks and paying a visit to AC Milan's new headquarters, Casa Milan.

- **Training session**
- **Milan Guided Sightseeing Tour**
 - Sforza Castle
 - Milan Cathedral (Duomo)
 - Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II
 - La Scala opera house
 - Casa Milan

Day 7 | Milan

After your morning training session, make your way North to Como, taking in the city's ancient heritage and stunning lake views. End the excursion with a ferry ride across Lake Como to the charming Bellagio.

- **Training session**
- **Lake Como Excursion**
- **High-speed ferry to Bellagio**

Day 8 | Milan

Head to the San Siro Stadium for an exclusive guided tour and a visit to the stadium's museum to explore team memorabilia. After this, it's time for a friendly match with local club or academy players. End the day by attending a professional soccer match, complete with passionate crowds singing, cheering, and chanting for the love of the game.

- **San Siro Stadium Guided Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**
- **Attend a Professional Soccer Match**

Please note: Professional matches are subject to availability as it is based on the league's fixture list at the dates the group is traveling.

Day 9 | End tour



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Spain | *Barcelona & Madrid*

The most successful side of the past decade, the Spanish National Team (La Roja), has won two European Championships and a World Cup. Spain also boasts the most dominant club teams in Europe, headed by FC Barcelona and Real Madrid. The two sides form the most famous rivalry in the world. The derby is referred to as “El Clasico” and is underlined with decades of political and cultural tensions. The Spanish way of soccer is renowned for its “total football” approach.



Day 1 | Overnight Flight to Spain

Day 2 | Hola Barcelona

Start the day with a welcome meeting and orientation. Later, head to a local soccer field for a training session led by your own coaching staff.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Barcelona

Take a guided tour of Barcelona, visiting notable sights like the Sagrada Familia and Montjuïc Hill. After the tour, head to the Joan Antoni Samaranch Olympic and Sport Museum, which features advanced technology and interactive exhibits. Wrap up the day with a friendly soccer match against a local team.

- **Barcelona Guided Sightseeing Tour**
 - Plaza de Espana, Gaudi’s Sagrada Familia, Montjuïc Hill, Park Güel
- **Olympic and Sport Museum Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 4 | Barcelona

Go on an excursion to Montserrat to see its famous monastery and unique landscape of caves, rocks, and a breathtaking mountain. After the day trip, the team will participate in a professional coaching clinic and will have the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor.

- **Montserrat excursion**
 - Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey visit
 - Professional coaching clinic



Spotlight Tour | NC Courage

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Our Tour Guide was fantastic from start to finish. Her knowledge of the areas, attention to detail and the safety side of things was great. The matches our team played in were balanced for the players, and the kids got to experience the culture that Spain has to offer”

Willie Davis,
Head Coach



Day 5 | Barcelona

Visit the home of FC Barcelona—the largest in Europe—on a guided tour of Camp Nou Stadium. Afterward, enjoy some free time in the city before another friendly match with a local team.

- **Camp Nou Stadium Guided Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Please note for 2024-2026: The stadium is currently being renovated, which restricts access during guided visits.

Day 6 | Barcelona—Madrid

Travel to Madrid, a new city ready to be explored! Later in the day, the team will gear up for another training session.

- **Training session**



Day 7 | Madrid

Get a taste of Spain’s culture with a guided tour that will take you past major landmarks, from the lively Gran Via to Cibeles Fountain. In the evening, attend a professional soccer match—one of the trip highlights.

- **Madrid Guided Sightseeing Tour**
 - Calle Mayor, Gran Vie, Cibeles Fountain, Puerta de Alcalá, Columbus Square
- **Attend a Professional Match**

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Day 8 | Madrid

Explore the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home of the Real Madrid football club. Your guided tour includes a walk on the field and a visit inside the dressing room. Then, take a deep dive into the history of the sport at the LEGENDS Madrid exhibit. End the day the best way your team knows how—with a friendly match, of course!

- **Real Madrid Stadium Guided Visit**
- **LEGENDS Madrid Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Please note: Tour may be modified in the event of a match day.

Day 9 | End tour



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Portugal | Lisbon

Easily the most popular sport in Portugal, football is played by more youth than any other sport. Portugal's national team is top-rated in both Europe and the world, and compete in World Cup and Euro Cup competitions regularly. The Primeira Liga is the top Portuguese football league with the top 16 teams competing, including Benfica, Sporting Lisbon and FC Porto. Portugal has produced many iconic players, including Ronaldo and Figo.



Day 1 | Overnight Flight to Portugal

Day 2 | Olá Lisbon

Meet your Tour Director and settle in with a welcome meeting and orientation. Then it's time to kick off your trip with a training session led by your own coaching staff at a local field.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Lisbon

Learn about Lisbon, Europe's smallest capital, on a guided sightseeing tour. See incredible landmarks like the Monument to the Discoveries and the Castle of Sao Jorge. Cap the day off with a friendly soccer match where the team can meet players on a local club or academy team.

- **Lisbon Guided Sightseeing Tour**
 - Monument to the Discoveries, Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, Belém Tower, Mirador de Santa Justa, Castle of Sao Jorge
- **Friendly Soccer Match**



Day 4 | Lisbon

Take a scenic excursion to Sintra, a charming town and UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy a visit to the historic National Palace, taking in its preserved medieval architecture before making your way back to Lisbon. End the evening with the excitement of attending a professional soccer match!

- **Sintra Excursion**
 - National Palace
- **Attend a Professional Match**

Please note: Professional matches are subject to availability as it is based on the league's fixture list at the dates the group is traveling.



Spotlight Tour | University of Maryland

The Maryland Men's soccer team traveled to Portugal, which was a brand-new destination for a program that traveled on our very first trip back in 1999! The team played against top professional U23 sides including; Vitoria Sports Club, SC Braga, and SC Benfica, and went on a tour of Estadio Da Luz stadium.



Day 5 | Lisbon

Take a guided tour of Estádio da Luz, the impressive home stadium of Benfica. Wrap up the day with another friendly match, encouraging players to sharpen their skills and build connections.

- **Estádio da Luz Guided Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 6 | Lisbon

Participate in an exclusive Benfica coaching clinic and have the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Then visit the Benfica Academy, where you'll get access to the players' training facilities and lounge.

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Benfica Academy Visit**

Day 7 | Lisbon

Kick off the day with a morning training session led by your own coaches, then go on a walking tour of Belem. Visit landmarks like the Praca do Imperio, the Archeological Museum, and the Palacio de Belem.

- **Training Session**
- **Walking Tour of Belem**

Day 8 | Lisbon

End your trip with a final friendly match before spending time at one of Lisbon's beautiful beaches, relaxing and enjoying the coast.

- **Friendly Soccer Match**
- **Beach Visit**

Day 9 | End tour



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Germany | Munich

As former World Cup Champions, Germany boasts some of the top club sides in the world. Home to European giants Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund and Werder Bremen, Germany is rich with soccer culture and passionate support. The German League, Bundesliga, is considered among the best in the world. The national team, popularly referred to as “Die Mannschaft,” is renowned for its efficiency and tactical ability.



Day 1 | Overnight Flight to Germany

Day 2 | Guten tag Munich

Get settled with a warm welcome from the Tour Director and an orientation meeting. Then, it's time for the team to kick things off with a training session led by your own coaching staff at a local field.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Munich

Begin the day with another training session before setting out to explore Munich's Old Town. Walk through the historic Marienplatz, watch the iconic Glockenspiel chime, and take in the lively sights and sounds of Hofbräuhaus and Frauenkirche.

- **Training Session**
- **Old Town City Walk**
 - Marienplatz, Hofbräuhaus, Frauenkirche

Day 4 | Munich

It's time for the team to put their training to work—they'll compete in a friendly soccer match against a local club or academy team of similar ages and skill levels. Later, spend a powerful afternoon visiting the Dachau Concentration Camp & Memorial.

- **Friendly Soccer Match**
- **Dachau Concentration Camp & Memorial visit**

Day 5 | Munich

Participate in a professional coaching clinic designed exclusively for your team. Plus, get the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Then, take a day trip to visit the stunning Neuschwanstein Castle. Wrap it up with a toboggan run on the Alpsee Coaster!

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Neuschwanstein & Alpsee Excursion**
 - Neuschwanstein Castle guided visit, Alpsee Coaster



Spotlight Tour | South Texas

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An international trip with WorldStrides remains an exceptional experience. I am always more than satisfied with the service and attention to detail.”

Denise Churchill,
STYSA Administrator



Day 6 | Munich

Take a scenic walking tour through the quaint city of Salzburg. Visit Mozart’s birthplace, the Old Square, the Cathedral, and more before enjoying free time on Getreidegasse, a famous shopping street. End the Salzburg excursion and finish the day with another friendly match to connect with local players.

- **Salzburg Excursion**
 - Salzburg City Walk, Mozart’s Birthplace, The Cathedral, The Residenz, 18th-century Glockenspiel, Getreidegasse
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 7 | Munich

Start the day off with a training session led by your own coaching staff at a local field. After, take a VIP tour of the Olympic Park stadium, home of the 1936 Summer Olympics and 2006 FIFA World Cup. Then, take a trip to the BMW Museum for some automotive history before topping it off with a guided tour of the world-famous Allianz Arena stadium.

- **Training Session**
- **Olympic Park Guided Visit**
- **BMW Museum Visit**
- **Allianz Arena Stadium Guided Visit**

Day 8 | Munich

It’s time for the final friendly match of the tour, then wrap up the trip with the unforgettable experience of attending a professional soccer match, surrounded by the passion and energy of Munich’s devoted fans.

- **Friendly Soccer Match**
- **Attend a Professional Soccer Match**

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Day 9 | End tour



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England | Manchester

England is home to soccer where “association rules football” was first drawn up among public school teams. The sport has become the passion of England where the national team, The Three Lions, won the World Cup in 1966. England also boasts the most famous soccer league in the world, The Premier League, including world-renowned clubs such as Manchester United, Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC, Tottenham, Liverpool FC and Manchester City.



Day 1 | Overnight Flight to England

Day 2 | Hello Manchester

Kick things off with a welcome meeting and orientation before the team participates in a training session with your own coaching staff at a local field.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 3 | Manchester

Take a day trip out to the historic city of Chester. Afterward, the team will participate in a friendly soccer match with a local club or academy team. Finish the day strong by catching a live professional soccer match.

- **Chester Excursion**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**
- **Attend a Professional Match**

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Day 4 | Manchester

Participate in a professional coaching clinic designed exclusively for your team. Plus, get the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Then see the home turf of Manchester United, the most famous soccer team in the world—Old Trafford Stadium. Don't forget to hit the Manchester United Megastore on your way out to find souvenirs that will last a lifetime.

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Old Trafford Stadium Guided Visit**
- **Manchester United Megastore**

Day 5 | Manchester

Spend the day in the historic city of Liverpool. Explore the iconic Albert Dock, snap a photo with the Beatles Statue, and stroll through The Cavern Quarter.

- **Liverpool Excursion**
 - Albert Dock, Beatles Statue, The Cavern Quarter



Spotlight Tour | Central Florida Soccer Club

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The experience in Manchester was a trip of a lifetime for our players, their families and for me as a coach...The appreciation for the role football plays in English culture only grew the love of the game in these US players. Relationships were strengthened, new connections were made and everyone that experienced this trip counts themselves fortunate to have been a part of it.”

*Scott Perfater,
Coach*



Day 6 | Manchester

Enjoy a visit to the National Football Museum, the world's biggest and best museum for the sport as well as the Hall of Fame for English Football. Later in the day, head to the field to participate in a friendly soccer match against a local club or academy team.

- **National Football Museum Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 7 | Manchester

Begin the day with another training session led by your coaching staff. Then, it's time for a guided tour of Etihad Stadium, home of Manchester City, for an inside look at one of the Premier League's most storied venues.

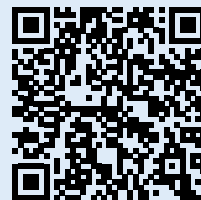
- **Training Session**
- **Etihad Stadium Tour**

Day 8 | Manchester

Explore the ancient, medieval town of Conwy, located on the north coast of Wales. Take in the beauty of Conwy Castle before using some free time to explore the area. Wrap up the day with a final friendly match.

- **Conwy Excursion:**
 - Conwy Castle
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 9 | End tour



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Costa Rica

Soccer is the most popular sport in Costa Rica. Almost all residents eat and breathe soccer. Costa Rica has a professional soccer league and Costa Rica's national soccer team is the third most successful team in CONCACAF after Mexico and the United States. This passion for soccer allows us to use soccer as a vehicle for cultural exchange. Besides enjoying the weather, beaches, adventure, wildlife, and natural wonders, you will have the chance to play competitive soccer with the locals and to experience a different soccer style.



Day 1 | Hola San José

Please note: Groups flying from the west coast may be required to depart day 0

Start your day with a welcome meeting and orientation. Later, head to a local soccer field for a training session led by your own coaching staff.

- **Welcome Meeting & Orientation**
- **Training Session**

Day 2 | San José

Participate in a training session led by your own coaching staff at a local field. Then, explore San Jose on a guided tour exploring the city's iconic landmarks, like the Democracy Plaza and Costa Rica's cherished National Theater. Visit the Proyecto Gol, the official training facilities of the Costa Rican National Team, and take a guided tour of the National Stadium of Costa Rica.

- **Training Session**
- **San José Guided Sightseeing Tour**
 - Democracy Plaza, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Theater
- **Proyecto Gol**
- **National Stadium of Costa Rica Guided Visit**

Day 3 | San José

Spend the day exploring La Paz Waterfall Gardens, one of Costa Rica's most beautiful and fascinating attractions, before returning to the field for a friendly match with a local club or academy team.

- **La Paz Waterfall Gardens Visit**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 4 | San José

Head to the Tarcoles River for an exciting crocodile safari, then test your skills in another friendly match against a local club.

- **Travel to the Tarcoles River**
- **Crocodile Safari**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**



Spotlight Tour | Colorado Rapids

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This trip ...was the perfect blend of soccer content and adventure! We were able to train almost every day as the players prepared for their upcoming seasons and benefited from working with two local coaches who have deep roots in international soccer and storied careers of their own. We also enjoyed taking in the beauty of the country with...whitewater rafting, and nature hikes [and more].”

Jeff Oleck,
Director of International Travel



Day 5 | San José

Participate in a training session led by your own coaching staff at a local field. Then, head to the Central Pacific Coast for some sun and relaxation at the beach before attending a professional soccer match in the evening!

- **Training Session**
- **Travel to the Central Pacific Coast**
 - Beach Time
- **Attend a Professional Match**

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Day 6 | San José

Participate in a professional coaching clinic designed exclusively for your team. Plus, get the chance to learn from a guest coach, player, or instructor. Then, head to Cartago for an awe-inspiring guided excursion to the Irazú Volcano.

- **Professional Coaching Clinic**
- **Travel to Cartago**
 - Irazú Volcano Guided Excursion



Day 7 | San José

Gear up for a full day of rafting on a guided trip down the Sarapiquí River, surrounded by the lush rainforest. Then, wrap up your last full day of the tour with a final friendly soccer match.

Please note: For safety reasons, weight restrictions apply to this activity.

- **Sarapiquí River Guided Rafting Day Trip**
- **Friendly Soccer Match**

Day 8 | End tour



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Soccer is where we got started, but it is not all we do! As different games grow in popularity, so do our international tour options. Take a look at our most commonly chosen sport specialties and contact us about planning your team's tour today.

Golf

Tee it up at some of the world's most famous courses and enjoy a multi-day Ryder Cup format tournament, along with practice rounds and plenty of time to sightsee throughout your host country.

Popular destinations: Ireland, Spain, Scotland, and England

Basketball

The international stage for this American-born sport grows increasingly more fanatic every year. The NBA's wingspan reaches across the world, and more international clubs long to compete against North American teams at every age and level.

Popular destinations: Italy, Spain, Greece, and Costa Rica

American Football

Since its 19th-century origins, American Football has united teams through strategy and strength. Challenge your players to International exhibition games while giving them a more worldly perspective as they explore the people and places that make their host destination unique.

Popular destination: Italy

Lacrosse

Dominated by U.S. and Canadian teams for decades, word is getting out across the continents about the excitement of lacrosse, especially in the U.K. and Australia. With 47 countries included in the FIL, teams outside of North America are on the rise, and so is the talent.

Popular destinations: U.K., Ireland, and Australia

Tours are also ready to be customized for these sports:

- **Volleyball**
- **Tennis**
- **Field Hockey**

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Our trip with WorldStrides was fantastic. They did a great job handling all of the little details leading up to the trip, and their communication with me was fantastic. On the trip itself our guides were fantastic and they really made it flow smoothly. I would highly recommend them to any team looking for a great travel experience.”

Neal Young, Head Coach,
Ohio Northern University







...and WorldStrides is *much more than sports*

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Immersive domestic and international destination experiences to help your students discover the world beyond their classroom

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In-depth study experiences in the most popular, relevant global destinations and on campus at some of the finest universities in the world.

Language Immersion

Intensive foreign language experiences powered by homestays with local families, plus complete immersion in local cultures and ways of life.

Career Exploration

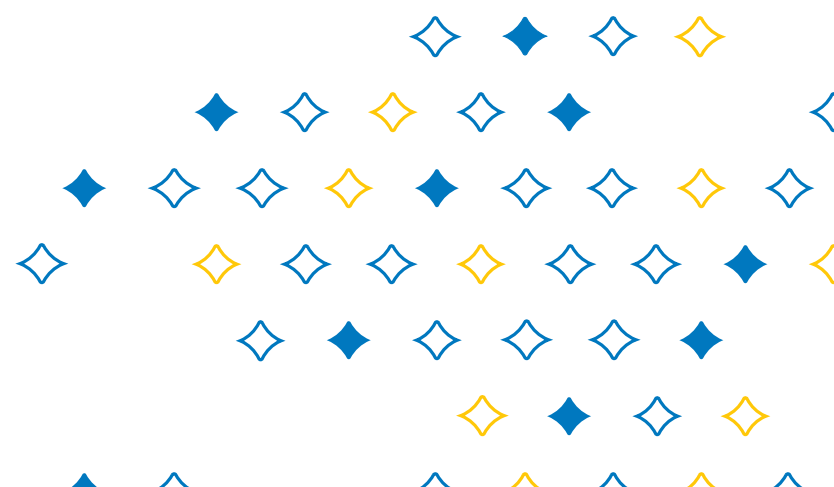
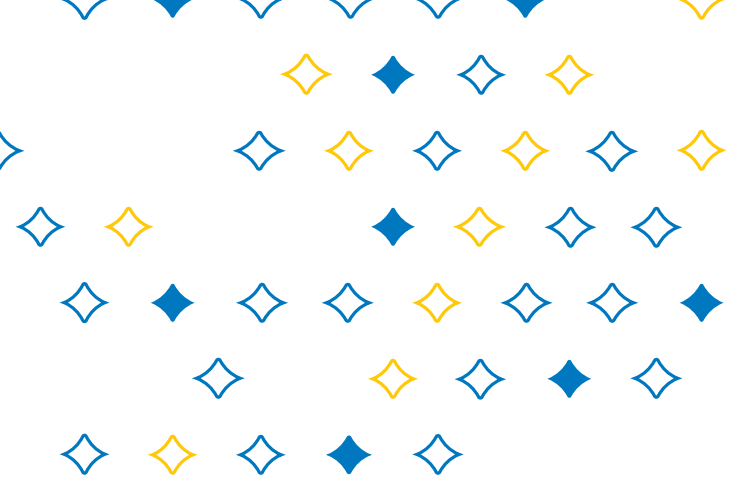
Skill development and hands-on career exploration experiences to further students' passions and give them a feel for future career opportunities.

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Professional mentoring, adjudication, and competition-focused performance on real-world stages in destinations both domestic and international.



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