

# Germany & Czech Republic

## **Sports Tour**

Munich & Prague

10 Day / 8 Night Program

#### **SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**PLEASE NOTE**: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule,

which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

**ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.** 

Day 1 <u>USA – MUNICH</u>

Evening Depart USA on your overnight flight to Munich with possible change of plane enroute.

Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 <u>MUNICH</u>

Morning Arrive in Munich.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Munich is the capital of Bavaria, the state in southern Germany best-known for its beer halls, the Bavarian Alps, King Ludwig II's fanciful castles, and FC Bayern Munich, Germany's most famous and successful soccer team.

Transfer to your Three-Star Hotel in Munich for check-in.

Afternoon Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with German Licensed Professional Coaches.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 MUNICH

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon Olympic Park, BMW Museum & Nymphenburg Castle - Full-Day Tour







Olympiapark complex

**Nymphenburg Castle** 

**Old Town Skyline** 

Board your private motorcoach with English-speaking guide to visit northern Munich and its main attractions.

First stop is the <u>Olympiapark complex</u>, host of the 1972 Summer Olympic Games, featuring the 290-meter tall <u>Olympia Tower</u>, the <u>Olympic Stadium</u> with tented roof, the Olympic Hall and swimming center. Take a tour of the stadium and climb the tower for spectacular views of the city.

Top off your visit to the Olympic complex with a visit to the nearby **BMW Museum** for a fascinating look into the history and development of this legendary automobile, including the impressively modernistic building housing **BMW World** where you can arrange a factory tour.

Final stop is the 17<sup>th</sup>-century **Nymphenburg Castle**, featuring lavish gardens, the "Gallery of Beauties", and an impressive display of royal coaches.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening MATCH # 1 vs. a GERMAN TEAM

#### Day 4 MUNICH

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

#### <u>Castles & Oberammergau – Full-Day Tour</u>







Linderhof

Neuschwanstein

Oberammergau

Explore the fascinating Castles of German Bavaria. Visit <u>Linderhof Castle</u>, a rococo style construction built by <u>King Ludwig II</u> of Bavaria in the late 1800's. Continue on to <u>Neuschwanstein Castle</u>, also commissioned by Ludwig II and open to the public in 1886, right after his death. More than 60 million people have visited the castle since its opening. Later visit the district of <u>Oberammergau</u>, famous for its long tradition of woodcarving, and home to the "Passion", a play the town performs every 10 years, where they tell the story of Christ, with more than 2000 people involved between actors, musicians and singers.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

After dinner, enjoy the world-famous **Hofbrauhaus**, which perfectly fits the image of a

Bayarian beer hall with its cavernous interior and multitudes of visitors enjoying the festive atmosphere with servers dressed in traditional Bavarian dress and a band playing typical Bavarian music to lots of singing and dancing!

#### Day 5 **MUNICH**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Free time to experience Munich's sights. Visit the Old Town and nearby attractions.







**New Town Hall** 

New Town Hall Façade Cathedral of Our Dear Lady

Walk around Marienplatz in Munich's Old Town to take in the medieval flavor of this historic site including the imposing medieval **Neues Rathaus** (New Town Hall) and **Church** of St. Peter. Watch the 12-minute long Glockenspiel (carillon) show by painted wooden characters playing out a medieval storyline on the side of the Town Hall and climb its 275-foot tall tower for great views of the city. Visit the Viktualienmarkt, a large food market known for its quality products with pubs, beer halls, and restaurants nearby.

#### PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with German Licensed Professional Coaches. **Afternoon**

Afternoon Dachau Concentration Camp Visit (Optional – not included in tour price)

> Go to the former concentration camp. Visit the memorial site, the museum and learn from the documentary film shown inside. It is recommended to wear attire appropriate to the solemnity of the site.

Evenina Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

MATCH # 2 vs. a GERMAN TEAM **Evening** 

Day 6 <u>MUNICH – REGENSBURG – PRAGUE</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and transfer to Prague with an enroute stop in **Regensburg** (2:00 transfer time).

Afternoon Free time in **Regensburg** to explore the town and have lunch on own.







Neupfarrplatz



**Regensburg Cathedral** 

Regensburg was founded by the Romans 2,000 years ago and has accumulated a rich architectural heritage over the millennia. Highlights are the soaring Gothic **Regensburg**  <u>Cathedral</u> and the <u>Thurn & Taxis Castle</u>, one of the most modern palaces in Europe in its time.

Continue on to Prague (3:30 transfer time).

Evening Arrive in **Prague** and check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Day 7 PRAGUE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Prague is one of Europe's most historic cities and popular tourist destinations. The city's centuries-old architectural landmarks are largely untouched and unspoiled, almost giving the city the feel of a giant museum waiting to be explored with many treasures to be discovered. Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and neoclassical-style buildings and monuments are mixed in with newer architectural styles, such as art nouveau and cubist, making for an engaging visual feast.

#### Morning **Prague Castle Tour**







**Prague Castle** 

VItava River

St. Vitus Cathedral

This castle is Prague's most compelling landmark, located high on a hill overlooking the bend in the <u>Vltava River</u>. The original structure was built in the 9<sup>th</sup> century but it has undergone four reconstructions since then and <u>today is the largest ancient castle in the world</u> at 1850 ft. long and an average of 415 ft. wide.

The castle is actually a set of walls containing several buildings and courtyards with **St. Vitus Cathedral** being the dominant structure. Enter the cathedral and view the beautiful stained-glass windows and climb the narrow stairway to the top of the 310 ft. high **Great Tower** for panoramic views of the city.

Go to <u>Matthias Gate</u>, the castle's main entryway, to see the hourly changing of the guard and visit the <u>Old Royal Palace</u> with the "Story of Prague Castle" exhibition featuring replicas of the Czech crown jewels (the originals are locked away in the Coronation Chamber in St. Vitus Cathedral).

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening MATCH # 3 vs. a CZECH TEAM

Day 8 PRAGUE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

# Morning & Afternoon

#### Karlstein Castle & Konopiste - Full-Day Tour







**Karlstein Castle** 

**Aerial View** 

**Konopiste Castle** 

Twenty miles southwest of Prague we find the town of <u>Karlstein</u>, home to the <u>Karlstein</u> <u>Castle</u>, one of the most visited castles in the country. Built in the mid 1300's, this gothic-renaissance building was founded by <u>Charles IV</u>, and went through several reconstructions in the following centuries.

Continue on to **Konopiste**, where you will visit the famous **Konopiste Château**. This fabulous construction served as the residence of **Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria**, whose assassination in 1914 caused the initiation of **World War I**.

#### **Afternoon**

#### PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with Czech Licensed Professional Coaches.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Day 9 PRAGUE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

### Morning

#### **Old Town & New Town Tour**







**Old Town Square** 



**Astronomical Clock** 

Cross the <u>Vltava River</u> on your motorcoach over the iconic <u>Charles Bridge</u>, completed in 1400, to Prague's <u>Old Town Square</u>. View the medieval <u>Old Town Hall</u> with its famous <u>Astronomical Clock</u> featuring hourly shows by varied figures including the 12 apostles. The nearby spiky-topped, Gothic-style "<u>Tyn Church</u>" is one of Prague's best known structures.

Continue on to the <u>Jewish Quarter</u> where you will find Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and containing a fascinating spectacle of some 12,000 toppling, faded stones leaning against one another. They are said to contain up to 100,000 graves piled in layers. Three synagogues, highlighted by the <u>Old-New Synagogue</u> and the <u>Prague Jewish Museum</u>, make for a culturally-rich neighborhood reflecting Prague's Jewish history.

Continue on to **New Town** with historic **Wenceslas Square**, where Alexander Dubcek and Vaclav Havel declared the end of communism in 1989.

Afternoon

Free time for lunch on own and to explore the city.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening MATCH # 4 vs. a CZECH TEAM

Day 10 PRAGUE – USA

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Cologne's International Airport for

your flights to the USA. Possible change of plane enroute.

Afternoon Arrive in the USA.

Your European Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories

to cherish for a lifetime!

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

#### **Travel Services:**

Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Munich & Prague – USA.

- Intercity transportation Munich Prague by private motorcoach.
- Four Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Munich, Germany.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Prague, Germany.
- Round-trip Airport / Hotel transfers by private motorcoach.
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily (including one drink at each dinner).
- Olympic Park, BMW Museum & Nymphenburg Palace Full-Day Tour.
- Castles & Oberammergau Full-Day Tour.
- Visit to the town of Regensburg.
- Prague Castle Tour.
- Karlstejn Castle & Konopiste Full-Day Tour.
- Old Town & New Town Tour.
- Bilingual Guide for all the tours.
- Transfers for all of the above activities by private motorcoach.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Germany / Czech Republic and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from Victory Sports Tours' Operations Office.

#### **Sports Program:**

- Four Games vs. German / Czech Teams
- Three Practice Sessions or Clinics with German / Czech Licensed Professional Coaches.
- Round-trip transfers to the above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.

#### **Summary of Included Meals:**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 Dinners

#### **Tour Price:**

• For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

http://www.victorysportstours.com/browse-tours/

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "Germany & Czech Republic #1".

Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.

- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only the taxes / fees.

#### **Notes:**

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx.\* 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.