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## **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**      **USA – MADRID**

Evening      Fly overnight to Madrid via major international scheduled airline with possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and Breakfast served aloft as you journey eastward to the Iberian peninsula.

### **Day 2**      **MADRID**

Morning      Arrive at Madrid's Barajas International Airport.

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.

***Madrid is the political, economic, and cultural capital of Spain and the country's largest city with approximately 3.3 million inhabitants. The city was once the seat of the Spanish Empire which ranged to the Americas and even as far away as the Philippines. Its royal past and present is evident in many of the city's historical attractions today.***

Morning

### **Madrid City Tour**



**Palacio de Cibeles**



**Plaza Mayor**



**Puerta de Alcalá**

Enjoy a guided tour of Madrid for an overview of this wonderful city's most important sights.

View the **Royal Palace** and the **Puerta del Sol** square in the heart of the city plus the nearby **Plaza Mayor**. The **Gran Vía** with many shops and restaurants is Madrid's main boulevard.

**Plaza de la Cibeles** and the surrounding area is most evocative of the glory of Madrid's imperial days with the **Puerta de Alcalá** and its triumphal archways a head-turning landmark.

Also view some of the world's greatest art museums, including **El Prado**, with a fabulous collection of Spanish and European art, plus the **Centro de Arte Reina Sofía**, featuring modern Spanish art, and the **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum**. A short distance away is **Parque El Retiro**, one of Madrid's most popular spots to relax and while away an afternoon.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to your hotel for check in.

Afternoon

Lunch on own. Free time to explore Madrid.

### **PRACTICE SESSION**

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## **Day 3**

### **MADRID**

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

### **Suggested Activity:**

Enjoy time shopping at "**El Rastro**", Europe's largest flea market. It is held every Sunday and on holidays, situated along **Plaza de Cascorro** south of the city center.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own.

### **Suggested Activity:**

Head towards **Salamanca** in northwest Madrid for shopping opportunities, where you will find the latest and best fashions. Also try **Chueca** and **Malasaña** in northeast Madrid, very popular among locals.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Evening**

**MATCH # 1 vs. a SPANISH TEAM**

## Day 4

### MADRID

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

#### Museo del Prado – Half-Day Tour



**El Prado Gardens**



**El Prado Museum**



**Casón del Buen Retiro**

Visit one of the world's premier art museums. Approximately 1,300 of El Prado's 20,000+ works are available for viewing (the rest are in storage or on loan to other museums). Many of the best-known pieces of Spain's and Europe's most famous artists, such as El Greco, Diego Velázquez, and Francisco Goya are displayed here, often with entire rooms dedicated to one artist.

Afternoon

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

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Evening**

**MATCH # 2 vs. a SPANISH TEAM**

## Day 5

### TOLEDO

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning  
& Afternoon

#### Toledo – Full-Day Tour



**Toledo Panoramic View**



**Alcázar**



**Bridge over Río Tajo**

One hour away from Madrid, the walled-city of Toledo perched high on a hill overlooking the Río Tajo is like an open air museum that holds some of Spain's most important landmarks.

Highlights of the tour are the Muslim-era Alcázar prominently overlooking the city, the Catedral de Toledo and the "El Greco Trail", which is a series of landmarks containing El Greco works, including the Museo de El Greco and Iglesia de Santo Tomé, which features the artist's masterpiece, *El Entierro del Conde de Orgaz*.

Also visit the **Jewish Quarter**, the **Sinagoga del Transito** and the **Museo Sefardi**, for a glimpse into the history of Jewish culture in Spain.

Enjoy lunch on your own in a café on **Plaza de Zocodover**, a favorite gathering place for people-watching.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## **Day 6** **MADRID**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

### **Royal Palace**



Visit this marvelous palace, a massive Italianate structure built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with 2,800 rooms, fifty of the most important ones being included in the official tour. These include the **main stairway**, the **Throne Room**, the **Salon de Gasparini** with a beautiful stucco ceiling and silk-covered walls, plus the **Royal Pharmacy** and **Royal Armory**, complete with a collection of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>-century weapons and armor.

Afternoon Free afternoon for lunch on own and to explore the city.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### **MATCH # 3 vs. a SPANISH TEAM**

## **Day 7** **SEGOVIA & ÁVILA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

### **Segovia & Ávila - Full-Day Tour**



**Roman Aqueduct**



**Alcázar**



**Ávila City Walls**

Transfer to the Roman city of **Segovia**, with its outstanding 1<sup>st</sup>-century **Roman Aqueduct**. Visit the **Alcázar** Islamic-era castle that looks like it came out of a fairy tale complete with

Rapunzel towers topped with witches' hats. Also stop at the Gothic-style **Cathedral**.

The fortified city of **Ávila** is surrounded by a very well-preserved medieval wall, which is 1.5 miles long featuring 88 round defensive towers with battlements at the top that appear like something out of a Hollywood movie. Visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century **Cathedral**, the Romanesque **Basilica of San Vicente**, the **main square** and the **Convent of Santa Teresa**, a saint who was native to Ávila.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## **Day 8** **EL ESCORIAL**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

### **Morning** **El Escorial Monastery – Half-Day Tour**



The imposing larger-than-life **Escorial Royal Monastery** (officially named the Real Monasterio de San Lorenzo) is widely considered one of the eighth "wonders of the world". This complex, constructed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, used to serve as the home of the **Spanish Royal Family**. Visit the **Palace**, the **Monastery**, and the **Basilica**, where many of the Spanish kings are buried.

Afternoon Free time in Madrid. Last opportunity to continue exploring the city, shop for souvenirs, or relax before tonight's concert.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

### **Evening** **MATCH # 4 vs. a SPANISH TEAM**

## **Day 9** **MADRID – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Madrid's Barajas International Airport for your return flights home.

Evening Arrive back in the U.S.

**Your Spanish Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !**

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

### **Travel Services:**

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Madrid round-trip.
- Seven nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Madrid.
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.
- Breakfast and one other meal (usually Dinner) daily.
- Madrid City Tour with English-Speaking Guide.
- Museo del Prado Half-Day Tour
- Toledo Full-Day Tour
- Palacio Real tour
- Segovia & Avila Full-Day Tour
- Escorial Half-Day Tour
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Spain and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

### **Sports Program:**

- ***Four Games with clubs / universities at your level.***
- ***One Practice Session.***
- **Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.**
- **Uniform Laundry Service provided between games.**
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.**

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

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 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 **"Spain #2"**.

- 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 paying traveler and pay **only 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.
- All activities to be arranged and confirmed after deposits received.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rates. 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.