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Netherlands, Germany & Belgium #1 **Field Hockey Tour**

The Hague, Amsterdam, Cologne, Brussels, Bruges 10 Day / 8 Night Program









SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Evening

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 FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – FLIGHTS**

Depart USA on your overnight flight to Amsterdam. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

AMSTERDAM - THE HAGUE Day 2

Morning Arrive at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport late morning.

> 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.

Transfer by private motorcoach to The Hague.

Holland's history blends a fascinating tale of commerce and culture. The nation was a wealthy and powerful seafaring and trading empire in its 17th century heyday. This was complemented by its great artistic heritage featuring such famous names as Rembrandt and Van Gogh. Modern Holland has 16 million people and is still an influential and economically-significant player on the world stage.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

PRACTICE SESSION at an astroturf field to warm up for the next few days. **Afternoon**

Rest of the afternoon free to explore the neighborhood around your hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 AMSTERDAM

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to Amsterdam.

Morning <u>Canal Cruise</u>







Sightseeing Boat

Tulip Garden

Clogs

Enjoy a **Boat Tour** of Amsterdam's canals starting from the **Centraal Station** where you will radiate out past many of the city's engaging attractions and charming neighborhoods.

Afternoon Anne Frank House

Visit Amsterdam's most compelling attraction, the **Anne Frank House**, home of the young Jewish girl who kept the famous diary during World War II while she and her family were hidden from the Germans.











Afternoon

Rijksmuseum (optional - approx. US\$ 22)

Visit Holland's most important art museum featuring a variety of works highlighted by many famous and recognizable paintings by the Dutch Masters, including the museum's signature piece *Nightwatch* (1650) by Rembrandt.

Van Gogh Museum (optional - approx. US\$ 22)

This museum is almost exclusively dedicated to works by one of the world's most renowned painters, Vincent Van Gogh. Its displays consist of 200 paintings and 500 drawings by Van Gogh and other famous painters of the 19th century, including Gauguin, Monet, and Toulouse-Lautrec.

Evening MATCH # 1 vs. a DUTCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches.

Day 4 <u>THE HAGUE</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Kinderdijk Windmills







Transfer by private motorcoach to one of the most famous Dutch tourist sites, the <u>Kinderdijk</u> <u>Windmills</u>, dating back to the 18th-century and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 1997. This collection of 19 windmills is the largest concentration of old windmills in the Netherlands.

Afternoon <u>DUTCH PREMIER LEAGUE - FIELD HOCKEY MATCH</u> (subject to game schedules)

Watch a match between two teams of the world's best field hockey league.

Evening FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.

After clinic meal at club.

Day 5 <u>THE HAGUE</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Afternoon Bike Tour – The Hague or Scheveningen Beaches







Enjoy a morning guided bicycle tour through the pleasant streets and landscapes of **The Hague** or the lovely beaches of **Scheveningen** on the North Sea.

Evening MATCH # 2 vs. a DUTCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches.

Day 6 <u>THE HAGUE - COLOGNE</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel.

Morning FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.

Afternoon Transfer by private motorcoach to **Cologne**, **Germany**, the dominant city of the Bonn-

Cologne metropolitan corridor that has a population of 3 million people.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Rest of the afternoon free to explore the neighborhood around your hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 7 COLOGNE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Afternoon <u>Cologne City Tour</u>







Cologne Cathedral

Cathedral & Rhine River

Rhine River

Visit Cologne's main sights including the massive **Cologne Cathedral**, which was built in several stages from 1248 until its completion in 1880. With its soaring twin spires and huge stained-glass windows it is Germany's largest cathedral. Climb up the 310-foot tall platform for great views of the city.

View vestiges of Roman Cologne including the **Roman arch**, **tower**, and **Praetorium**, which are relics of a Roman governor's palace.

Tour the <u>German Sport & Olympic Games Museum</u> to learn all about the history of sports in Germany with special emphasis on the 1936 Berlin and 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

Next door is the <u>Lindt Chocolate Museum</u>, one of Cologne's most popular attractions, to watch chocolate being made in the factory and sample freshly-made top-quality chocolate!

Evening MATCH # 3 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches.

Day 8 COLOGNE - BRUSSELS - BRUGES

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to **Brussels**, **Belgium**.

Afternoon <u>Brussels – Half-Day Tour</u>







Royal Palace

Town Hall

Grand Place & Flower Carpet

Tour **Brussels**, the capital of Belgium and home to the main offices of the European Union and NATO headquarters.

The main attraction is the **Grand Place**, the square in the heart of the city graced by elaborate baroque-style guild houses, surrounded by cobblestone streets featuring cafés, shops, and other attractions.

Visit the <u>Grand Sablon</u>, an especially attractive square with cafés, restaurants, antique shops and art galleries. Also of interest is the <u>Place Royale</u>, home to most of the city's art museums, such as the <u>Musée de Art Moderne</u> and the <u>Musée Instrumental</u>. Free time for lunch on your own.

Continue on to the lovely town of **Bruges**.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening MATCH # 4 vs. a BELGIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches.

Day 9 BRUGES - LEIDEN

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel.

Morning & **Bruges – Walking City Tour**Afternoon







Bruges, with a population of 117,000, is a port city dating back to the 12th-century.

Graced with an abundance of medieval-era architecture, the city has many canals woven into its cityscape causing it to share the title of "Venice of the North" with several other European cities, most notably its larger Dutch neighbor to the north, Amsterdam.

Bruges' most prominent medieval landmarks include the <u>Church of Our Lady</u>, with a brick spire reaching some 400 feet and its 13th-century belfry, containing a carillon comprised of 48 bells. There is still a full-time carillonneur, who regularly gives free concerts.

The historic city center has been a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 2000.

Transfer by private motorcoach to **<u>Leiden</u>**, **<u>the Netherlands</u>**.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 10 <u>LEIDEN – AMSTERDAM - USA</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for your flights to the USA. Possible change of plane enroute.

Afternoon Arrive in the USA.

Your European Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA Amsterdam Round-Trip
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in The Hague
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cologne
- 1 night at a Three-Star Hotel in Bruges
- 1 night at a Three-Star Hotel in Leiden
- Round-trip Airport / Hotel transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily (drinks not included at dinners)
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise
- Anne Frank House
- Kinderdijk Windmills
- Bike Ride with Guide through The Hague or the Scheveningen Beaches
- Cologne City Tour
- German Sport & Olympic Games Museum
- Chocolate Museum
- Brussels City Tour
- Bruges Walking City Tour
- Bilingual Guide for all the tours
- Transfers for all of the above activities by private motorcoach
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Holland and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office

Field Hockey Program:

- 4 Games vs. Dutch and Belgian Teams
- 2 Field Hockey Clinics with Dutch coaches
- 1 Practice Session
- Water at games & practices

- 1 Premier League FH Match (subject to game schedules)
- Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch (after hockey clinic)
- 7 Dinners (at the hockey clubs on matchdays)

Tour Price:

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

http://www.victorysportstours.com/sport/field-hockey/

Scroll down to the tour named "Netherlands, Germany & Belgium #1"

- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- Please Note: Tour Price is subject to increase if there are fewer than 20 paying travelers.
- Taxes/fees/fuel charge are subject to change according to government and airline increases.
- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / European Euro currency exchange rate.
 Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
 You will <u>not</u> be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur <u>after</u> we receive your tour deposit.

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.