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France & Switzerland

Field Hockey Tour

Paris, Lyon & Lucerne

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 FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – PARIS**

Afternoon Fly to Paris via major international scheduled airline with possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **PARIS**

Morning Arrive at Paris' Charles De Gaulle 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.

Paris is one of the world's greatest cities and perhaps the most cosmopolitan and elegant world capital. French civilization is often thought of as defining the very concept of western culture. With an unending number of fascinating and beautiful sights to see, your stay in Paris will surely be one of the most-treasured experiences of your lifetime !



Eiffel Tower



Arc de Triomphe



Notre Dame Cathedral

Morning

Paris City Tour

This tour will introduce you to the fabulous French city through an overview of its major attractions, such as the **Eiffel Tower**, one of the most-visited monuments in the world. Built in 1889 for the World's Fair, it rises to a height of 1050 ft.

The **Arc de Triomphe** was commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 to honor French military victories. From the top of the Arch, you can admire each of the twelve avenues that lead to the monument.

The **Louvre Art Museum**, is probably the most famous and recognized museum in the world, and certainly one of the biggest. And **Notre Dame Cathedral**, built in the 13th century, is one of Europe's most important gothic structures. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was also the main location of the famous novel by *Victor Hugo*, *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*.

Your private motorcoach arrives at your Three-Star hotel where you will check-in.

Afternoon

PRACTICE SESSION

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3

PARIS

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.



Morning &

Visit the **Louvre Art Museum**, perhaps the world's greatest museum. The unending displays of works of breathtaking beauty and magnificence will astound you. Even people who are not normally interested in fine art come away from the Louvre knowing that they have enjoyed the cultural experience of a lifetime. The world's most famous painting, Leonardo da Vinci's **Mona Lisa**, resides here among works by some of the world's most renowned artists - da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, El Greco, Velazquez, Rembrandt, Rubens, De la Croix, and many others.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. FRENCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 4

PARIS

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Free time to explore Paris' sites more in-depth. Go up the **Eiffel Tower** to the top level for breathtaking panoramic views of the city landscape, including the **River Seine** and the many elegant landmarks gracing its shores. Walk along the glorious **Champs Élysées** to the **Arc de Triomphe** and enjoy lunch on the Seine's riverbanks.

Visit majestic **Notre Dame Cathedral**, nearby **Saint-Chapelle**, with its lovely medieval art, the **Musée Rodin**, featuring some of the famous sculptor's works, and the **Hotel des Invalides**, burial place of Napoleon. Make sure you leave time for one of the most important activities of all, shopping ! Paris has fine designer fashions and clothing of many varieties.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 5

PARIS

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Versailles – Half-Day Tour



Built in the 17th century, this amazing palace was home to the **Royal Family** until the French Revolution abolished the monarchy in 1789. Located 14 miles southwest of Paris, today the Chateau is one of the most visited tourist attractions in France. On your tour you will see the **Hall of Mirrors**, the **Grand Apartments** of the King and of the Queen, the **King's Bedchamber**, the **Trianon Palaces** and **Marie-Antoinette's Estate**.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 2 vs. FRENCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 6

PARIS – LYON

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION.

Check out of hotel and transfer to train station for the rail journey to **Lyon**, one of France's "second" cities, featuring its own share of history and culture that will fascinate the visitor.

Evening

Arrive in Lyon and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 7

LYON

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

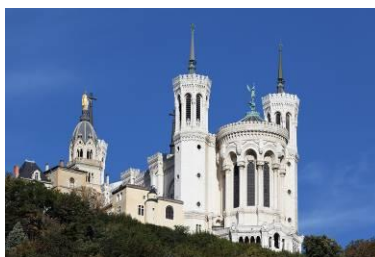
Lyon dates back to 43 B.C. when it was an important Roman settlement. The city sits astride the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with the Fourviere and Croix-Rousse hills overlooking it. "Vieux Lyon" (old town) is on the left bank of the Saone below the old Roman district on Fourviere Hill. La Presqu'île is the main downtown district with many shops and restaurants and is a very entertaining area to visit.

Morning

Lyon City Tour



Saone River



Fourviere Basilica



Roman Amphitheatre

Visit Lyon's most important points, including the **Old City**, also known as the **Renaissance District**, featuring Gothic and Renaissance architecture. This area was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the **Roman Theatres** on **Fourviere Hill** and the beautiful **Fourviere Basilica**, which became the religious center of the city in the 19th century. Walk to the panoramic viewpoint next to the basilica for the best view of the city.

Afternoon

Free time to explore the city.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. FRENCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 8 **LYON – LUCERNE (SWITZERLAND)**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and transfer to the train station to travel by rail to **Lucerne, Switzerland.** Enjoy the Scenic Journey through the French and Swiss countryside.

Early evening Arrival in Lucerne.

Transfer and check in to your Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 9 **LUCERNE**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Lucerne is a beautiful, traditional Swiss city nestled on the shores of Lake Lucerne and surrounded by towering mountains. One Europe's most scenic locations, Lucerne is a delight to visit with its many cafes and shops. It is a very walkable city with many treats to enjoy.



Free time to explore Lucerne's sites and for shopping. Visit the ornamented **Jesuit Church** and cross the **Chapel Bridge** over the **River Reuss**, a long covered wooden bridge featuring 110 reproduction gable panels (the originals were largely destroyed in a 1993 fire).

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 4 vs. SWISS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



Day 10 **LUCERNE – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Zurich International Airport for your return flight home.

Afternoon Rest and relax during your flight.

Arrive back in the USA.

Your European Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation New York – Paris & Zurich – New York.
- Private Motorcoach for transfers to/from airports and hotels.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Paris.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Lyon.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Lucerne.
- Transportation between cities as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Breakfasts are included daily.
- Either Lunch or Dinner is provided each day of the tour.
- Paris City Tour
- Lyon City Tour
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Field Hockey Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs / universities at your level.***
- ***Two Practice Sessions.***
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Field Hockey Activities by private motorcoach.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 Lunches or Dinners (one or the other each day)

Tour Price:

- Approx. \$ 2499 in March to \$ 2999 in August, from New York, per person, **twin/triple** occupancy.
- Price is 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 a bedroom with a 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.
- 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 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.