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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 FIELD HOCKEY 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 at a local astroturf field to warm-up for the next few days.

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. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY 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. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY 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.

Morning

Royal Palace



Visit this marvelous palace, a massive Italianate structure built in the 18th 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 16th and 17th-century weapons and armor.

Afternoon

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

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 7

SEGOVIA & ÁVILA

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &
Afternoon

Segovia & Ávila - Full-Day Tour



Roman Aqueduct



Alcázar



Ávila City Walls

Transfer to the Roman city of **Segovia**, with its outstanding 1st-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 12th-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 16th 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. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM



Day 9 MADRID – USA

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning Check out of hotel.

Evening Transfer by private motorcoach to Madrid's Barajas International Airport for your return flights home.
Arrive back in the U.S.

Your Spanish Field Hockey & 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.

Field Hockey Program:

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

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners

Tour Price:

- Approx. \$ 2199 in March to \$ 2599 in May, from New York, per person, **twin/triple** occupancy.
- 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.