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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**

**MADRID – BARCELONA**

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and Transfer to the Madrid train station to board the AVE high-speed train to Barcelona.

Enjoy the ride through the countryside.

Afternoon Arrive in Barcelona and transfer to your hotel for check-in.

***Barcelona is the historic and exciting capital of Catalonia province and Spain's most cosmopolitan city. Located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea adjacent to the Costa Brava's many miles of beaches, Barcelona consists of several intriguing areas of interest, each with its own personality and characteristics.***

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## **Day 6** **BARCELONA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

**PRACTICE SESSION at a local astroturf field.**

Morning &  
Afternoon

### **Barcelona City Tour**



**Waterfront**



**Triumphal Arch**



**Casa Mila (La Pedrera)**

Depart your hotel on your private motorcoach for a City tour of Barcelona with your English-speaking Guide. View some of the city's most important sites, including **Montjuic Mountain's** Olympic facilities from the 1992 summer games. Continue on to **Barri Gotic** in the city's center for a walking tour of the main sights including the **Cathedral** and **Placa del Rei**. Free time on **La Rambla** pedestrian boulevard for shopping and taking a break at one of the street's many cafés.

Early Evening Pre-Game Meal (included in tour program).

### **Evening** **MATCH # 3 vs. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



## Day 7

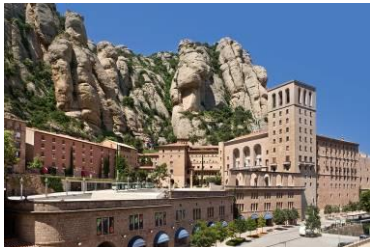
## BARCELONA

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &  
Afternoon

### Montserrat Mountain – Full-Day Tour



**Montserrat Monastery**



**Basilica**



**Cable Car**

Your private motorcoach takes you to the 4,000 ft. high **Montserrat Mountain** located some 30 miles northwest of Barcelona. Marvel at strange rock formations and spectacular views that can reach all the way to the Pyrenees Mountains and even the island of Mallorca off the Spanish coast. Visit the **Royal Basilica** where you will see "The Black Virgin" 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden sculpture of Mary and the infant Jesus, which is the patron saint of Catalonia province. See the ancient **Benedictine Montserrat Monastery** dating back about 1000 years and check out the **Montserrat Museum** with excellent works by some of the most famous artists, including El Greco, Monet, Degas, and Picasso.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## Day 8

## BARCELONA

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning &  
Afternoon

### Visit to 'La Sagrada Familia' Church and 'Park Guell'



Return to Barcelona on your private motorcoach for a visit to **Antoni Gaudí's** fabulous **La Sagrada Familia** and to explore the city's many attractions, including the famous **Park Guell**, Gaudí's **Casa Batlló** and the many incongruous structures on the city block known as **La Manzana de la Discordia**.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

**Evening**

**MATCH # 4 vs. SPANISH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**



## **Day 9**      **BARCELONA – USA**

Morning      Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning      Check out of hotel.

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

Evening      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 – Spain round-trip.
- One-way ticket in the AVE high-speed train Madrid – Barcelona.
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Madrid.
- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Barcelona.
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach.
- Hotel / Train Stations / Hotel 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
- Barcelona City Tour with English-Speaking Guide.
- Montserrat Mountain Full-Day Tour
- Visit to 'La Sagrada Familia' Church and 'Park Guell', including entry tickets.
- **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.***
- ***Two Practice Session at astroturf fields.***
- ***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. \$ 2299 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.