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Netherlands, Belgium, Germany Field Hockey Tour

*Amsterdam, Volendam, Zaanse Schans, Haarlem,
Zandvoort Beach, Antwerp, Brussels, Cologne*

10 days / 8 nights



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: The dates and times of the activities below will likely be adjusted to accommodate your game schedules, 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**

Fly overnight to Amsterdam. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **AMSTERDAM**

(D)

Arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.
Greeting by your Tour Manager.
Transfer by private motorcoach to Amsterdam.
Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

PRACTICE SESSION at an Astro turf field to warm up for the next few days.

Dinner included at your hotel or local restaurant.

Overnight: Amsterdam/Haarlem

Day 3 **AMSTERDAM**

(B,D)

Anne Frank House

One of Amsterdam's most compelling attractions, home of the young Jewish girl who kept famous diary entries during World War II while she and her family were hidden from the German forces. **(admission included)**

Transfer by public transportation to Canal Cruise.

Canal Cruise (boat tickets included)



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.

Transfer by private motorcoach to hockey club.

MATCH # 1 vs. a DUTCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM
Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches

Overnight: Amsterdam/Haarlem

Day 4

AMSTERDAM – VOLENDAM – ZAAANSE SCHANS

(B,D)

Transfer by private motorcoach to Volendam, Zaanse Schans and wafel-making class.

Volendam



Volendam, historically a fishing town, is very popular with visitors for its colorful old wooden houses and quaint fishing boats located on the Markermeer Lake. Locals still dress up in traditional Dutch garb on holiday celebrations, including clogs, aprons and bonnets.

Zaanse Schans Windmills (admission included)



View this collection of eight windmills, perhaps the most iconic symbol of The Netherlands, with some dating back several centuries. Visit some of the small shops and other attractions in this small town.

Stroopwafel-Making Class (optional for a fee)

Learn the history of the Dutch stroopwafel while mixing your own dough, cooking on the iron and filling it with caramel.

Overnight: Amsterdam/Haarlem

Day 5

AMSTERDAM – HAARLEM – ZANDVOORT BEACH

(B,D)

Transfer by train to Haarlem



Visit Haarlem, a charming smaller city near Amsterdam with an abundance of canals.

Continue on to nearby **Zandvoort Beach**, located on the North Sea, to sunbathe and walk on its soft sands and swim in its clean water.

Transfer by private motorcoach to hockey club.

MATCH # 2 vs. a DUTCH FIELD HOCKEY TEAM
Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches

Overnight: Amsterdam/Haarlem

Day 6

AMSTERDAM – ANTWERP – BRUSSELS (Belgium)

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer to **Antwerp** for lunch then continue to **Brussels**.

Check into your Three-Star Hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to hockey club.

MATCH # 3 vs. a BELGIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM
Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches

Overnight: Brussels

Day 7

BRUSSELS - COLOGNE (Germany)

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Brussels – Half-Day Tour



Royal Palace



Town Hall



Grand Place & Flower Carpet

- **Grand Place** – Square in the heart of the city with guild houses and cobblestone streets.
- **Grand Sablon** – Square with cafés, restaurants, antique shops, and art galleries.
- **Palace Royale** – Home to the Musée de Art Moderne and the Musée Instrumental.

Transfer by private motorcoach or train to Cologne and check into your 3 star hotel.

Overnight: Cologne

Day 8

COLOGNE

(B,D)

Cologne City Visit



Cologne Cathedral



Cathedral & Rhine River



Rhine River

- **Cologne Cathedral** – Built in stages from 1248 until its completion in 1880, this is Germany's largest cathedral featuring soaring twin spires and stained-glass windows.
- **Roman Cologne** – View the Roman arch, tower, and Praetorium, all relics of a Roman governor's palace.
- **German Sport & Olympic Games Museum** – Tour this museum and learn about the history of sports in Germany, including on the 1936 Berlin and 1972 Munich Olympic Games. **(admission included)**
- **Lindt Chocolate Museum** – Visit one of Cologne's most popular attractions, to watch chocolate being made in the factory and sample freshly-made top-quality chocolate ! **(admission included)**

Transfer by private motorcoach to hockey club.

MATCH # 4 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM
Aftermatch meal with opposing team/coaches

Overnight: Cologne

Day 9

COLOGNE – RHINE RIVER

(B,D)

Rhine River Cruise (boat tickets included)



Board your riverboat for a cruise on one of Europe's most important waterways, the **Rhine River**. Enjoy the views of the Rhine lined with vineyards and castles.

Overnight: Cologne

Day 10

AMSTERDAM – USA

(B)

Transfer back to Amsterdam via private motorcoach. Fly back to the USA, arriving the same afternoon. Possible change of plane enroute.

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
- Intercity transportation Amsterdam – Antwerp – Brussels – Cologne by train or private motorcoach
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Amsterdam/Haarlem or near the game facilities
- 1 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Brussels or near the game facilities
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cologne or near the game facilities
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)
- Anne Frank House - (admission included)
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise - (boat tickets included)
- Volendam fishing village
- Zaanse Schans Windmills
- Haarlem visit (charming town adjacent to Amsterdam)
- Zandvoort Beach (beach on the North Sea near Haarlem)
- Antwerp visit
- Brussels Half-Day Tour
- Cologne City Visit
- German Sport & Olympic Games Museum - (admission included)
- Lindt Chocolate Museum - (admission included)
- Rhine River Cruise - (boat tickets included)
- Transfers for all above activities by train, tram or private motorcoach
- **Tour Manager** for all of your scheduled activities in Europe 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, Belgian and German Club Teams**
- **1 Practice at beginning of tour**
- **Opposition Matching Services**
- **Water at Games & Practices**
- **Round-trip transfers to above field hockey activities by private motorcoach**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 other meals (at restaurants or the field hockey clubs after the clinics or post-match get-togethers with the opposing teams)

Tour Price:

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- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included in all of the above price ranges.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- 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.

Exchange Rate Protection:

- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate.
- Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly **before** we receive your first tour deposit.
- You will **not** be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur **after** we receive your first tour deposit.

Not Included:

- Any items not listed as included in the above sections under "TOUR INCLUSIONS"
- Passport fees - Passports are required to travel internationally
- Visa fees - If visas are required, typically in the case of non-US citizens
- Personal beverages at meals
- Uniform laundry - Your tour manager will assist you in finding laundromats (most hotels in foreign countries do not have laundry facilities)
- Tips for tour manager, city tour guides and motorcoach drivers (recommended **US\$ 25-30 per traveler** to cover all tour staff)
- Any fees imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage that exceed the number of pieces allowed or size/weight allowances, such as **Goalie Bags, approx. US\$ 200 round-trip, per bag**, varies by airline.
- Travel insurance - We will offer you the option to purchase travel insurance through an independent travel insurance specialist
- Optional activities as noted in the itinerary

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