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Netherlands & France #1 Field Hockey Tour

*Amsterdam, Volendam, Zaanse Schans,
Haarlem, Zandvoort Beach, Paris*

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.

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.

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 and Zaanse Schans.

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.

Transfer by private motorcoach to hockey club.

FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC #1 with a highly-qualified professional coach.
Afterclinic meal at the club.

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 – PARIS

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer to by private motorcoach or train through scenic locales on your way to one of the world's premier cities, **Paris, France**.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Rest of the day / evening free to explore the neighborhood around your hotel on your own.

Overnight: Paris

Day 7

PARIS

(B,D)

Paris City Tour



Arc de Triomphe



Notre Dame Cathedral



Place de la Concorde

Tour the fabulous French capital with your Tour Manager via the Paris Metro Line for an overview of its major attractions.

- **Champs-Élysées** – This 1.2-mile-long tree-lined boulevard is straddled by cafés, luxury shops and theaters and is widely-regarded as “the most beautiful avenue in the world”.
- **Arc de Triomphe** – Commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 to honor French military victories.
- **Notre Dame Cathedral** – Built in the 13th century, it 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*.

Louvre Art Museum (admission included)



Perhaps the world's greatest museum, the unending displays of works of breathtaking beauty and magnificence will astound you.

- **Mona Lisa** – The world's most famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci resides inside the Louvre.
- **Works by Master Artists** - Raphael, Titian, El Greco, Velazquez, Rembrandt, Rubens, De la Croix, and many others.

Day 8

PARIS

(B,D)

Versailles – Half-Day Tour (admission included)



Located 14 miles southwest of Paris, today the Chateau is one of the most visited attractions in France. You will see the **Hall of Mirrors**, the **Grand Apartments** of the King and Queen, the **King's Bedchamber**, the **Trianon Palaces** and **Marie-Antoinette's Estate**.

Eiffel Tower (admission included)



Go up the 1,050 ft. high **Eiffel Tower** for breathtaking panoramic views of the city landscape, including the **River Seine** and the many elegant landmarks gracing its shores.

Overnight: Paris

Day 9

PARIS

(B,D)

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

River Seine Cruise (boat tickets included)



Enjoy a cruise on the River Seine through the heart of Paris with views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and other landmarks.

French Pastry Cooking Class (optional for a fee)

Learn how to prepare dessert pastries from a chef from the land renowned for gastronomical excellence.

Overnight: Paris

Day 10

PARIS – USA

(B)

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 & Paris – USA
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Amsterdam/Haarlem or near the game facilities
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Paris 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)
- Paris City Tour with English-Speaking Guide
- Louvre Art Museum - (admission included)
- Versailles Half-Day Tour - (admission included)
- Eiffel Tower - (admission included)
- River Seine Cruise - (boat tickets included)

- Transfers for all above activities by train, tram or private motorcoach
- **Tour Manager** for all of your scheduled activities in The Netherlands and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office

Field Hockey Program:

- **2 Games vs. Dutch Club/University Teams**
- **1 Field Hockey Clinics with Dutch coaches**
- **Opposition Matching Services**
- **Round-trip transfers to above sports 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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