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NCE SELECT ITALY TOUR 2023

APRIL 2nd to 10th

2009 and 2011 Girls



Selected players are invited to represent NCE and play against top girls teams from across Northern Italy. This amazing event provides players with an unparalleled international soccer experience in one of the most stunning countries in the world!



“NCE is committed to providing the best possible development opportunities for our players and we hope that the experience of competing at the international level will provide selected players with the inspiration necessary to greatly accelerate their own development.”
John Curtis, Founder



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From: John Curtis
Re: National Center of Excellence Select Squad Invitation Italy 2023

Dear Parent:

I am delighted to invite your player to represent the National Center of Excellence program as we tour Italy in 2023 with some of our top female athletes. The tour will take place from April 2nd to April 10th, 2023.

Your child has been selected based on his performances in NCE programs over the previous 12 months and feedback from our elite coaching staff.

This tour represents the first time we have taken girl's teams to Italy and promises to be an incredible event that will become one of the highlights of the NCE calendar. Selected players from the 2009 and 2011 age group will have the opportunity to test themselves against opponents from across Europe.

In addition to the soccer, this tour also provides an amazing cultural experience for the players and their families, exposing them to some of the worlds most famous cities and historical landmarks.

Trip Particulars:

Dates: Depart USA on Sunday April 2nd and return Monday April 10th

Registration: Our Italy tours have always sold out so we would suggest if you are interested to go to your family portal and register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

In the following pages you will find additional information on the itinerary for the tour, payment schedule, refund policy, and travel insurance information. We hope that you, your player, and even your family will join us on this opportunity of a lifetime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

John Curtis

John Curtis
Technical Director
National Center of Excellence



TRIP INFORMATION

Who is invited:

Select Squad players from the 2009 & 2011 age groups and their respective supporters.

Tour Info Web Page: <https://ncesoccer.com/italian-tour-girls-info-page/>

Squad Sizes:

2011 – 14 Players

2009 – 18 Players

Player's commitment:

Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the select pool of invited players.

How do you commit:

Complete the online registration, by clicking on the link in your family portal and pay the deposit payment.

How do parents and supporters sign up for the tour?

You will need to add any additional travelers to your family portal as 'FANS' which will then allow you to register for the respective 'PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TOUR' providing there is still space available. Please note that any siblings who might already be players within the NCE programs will need to be added as a FAN in your family portal to see the supporter tour option. We also welcome those supporters who choose to travel independently to the group and attend the matches our teams play but please note we can not provide tickets to live games, transportation or access to other events unless you are on the official NCE Supporters tour.

Land cost per person:

\$2,650 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,350** per person.

Discount of \$250 for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

Payment Plan:

Outlined on the next page.

Location of the events:

Milan, Lake Como, Lake Garda, Venice and Verona

Flight bookings and prices:

Flights are not included in the above prices. See page titled 'Flight Information'. Travelers are responsible for booking their own flights but must use Consolidator Webfares if you want to access our group flight. If you want to fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in the UK. We ask that any players travelling by themselves travel on the group flight with NCE Coaching staff members.

Extra Training:

Due to club commitments additional squad training will be limited but we hope to provide the opportunity to play together as a group before we travel.

ITINERARY 2023

Sunday April 2nd

Depart to Milan, Italy to arrive the next day.

Monday April 3rd

Arrival with your flight to Milan international airport. Meet up with your private bus and your bilingual tour manager who will be waiting for you in the arrivals lounge. Depart to Lake Garda area and once there, stop in one of the numerous towns on the lake like **Peschiera del Garda** for some free time. At the end of the day, final transfer to your reserved hotel and a **light training session with NCE Staff coaches**. Accommodation, dinner and overnight.

Tuesday April 4th

After breakfast **training session** with your own coaches. Later transfer to **Sirmione**, lunch in the city center and time to explore the Diamond of Lake Garda. Late afternoon transfer to a local sports center to play a **friendly match vs a local team**. Transfer back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday April 5th

After breakfast, early transfer to **Chievo Verona** Youth Soccer headquarters for a training session with their qualified coaches. At the end of the training, depart to **Venice**, the most visited city in Italy. Arrival at bus parking area, then transfer to the city center with private boat. Once there, free time to enjoy the beautiful city with thousand canals and bridges and lunch. Late afternoon return back to your hotel. Dinner included then overnight.

Thursday April 6th

After breakfast, transfer to **Verona city centre** and free time to take pictures in the city of Romeo and Juliet: also, don't miss to visit the beautiful giant arena! Lunch on your own. Mid-late afternoon we will play **friendly games vs. local opponents**. At the end of the day, return to our hotel, dinner included and overnight.

Friday April 7th

After breakfast, **free time at our hotel**. During lunch time there is the possibility to arrange a **wine/food tasting** in one of the old and historical farm located through the Garda's Hills. Our travel then continues to Milan and the famous soccer Cathedral the **San Siro Stadium**, to watch a **live game from the Italian SERIEA A** with either FC Inter or AC Milan. After the live game dinner and overnight at our new hotel in Como/Milan area.

Saturday April 8th

After breakfast, transfer to Milan city center. Morning free time to enjoy the sights such as the Cathedral, the Gallery and the old Castle. Lunch on your own and in the afternoon **friendly match vs a local team**. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Sunday April 9th

After breakfast, transfer to **Como city centre** and its VIP Lake. Time for a walking tour through the medieval walls all around the city, book a boat trip or a cable tour up to the Burnate's Mountain. Time for dinner on your own in the city centre then transfer back to your hotel for overnight.

Monday April 11th

Breakfast at our hotel then check out and transfer to Milan airport to return to the USA.)

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE?

Meals and Accommodations

- 4 nights in 4-star hotel in Verona/Lake Garda area
- 3 nights in 4-star hotel in Milan/Como area
- Dinner OR Lunch and breakfast daily

Transportation and Assistance

- Full time experienced bi-lingual Tour Manager.
- Dedicated private luxury bus for the entire tour.

Excursions

- Free time in Milan City Centre
- Verona, Venice, Lake Garda and Lake Como
- Tickets to a home game for either AC Milan or Inter Milan at the San Siro Stadium. (Please note an additional fee might be required based on final fixture list).

Soccer Program for Players

- Training sessions prior to the tournament with Serie B Chievo Verona coaches.
- Friendly matches against top local teams.
- Practice sessions with NCE Staff coaches at hotel fields or local sport center.

NCE Touring Uniform for Players

- Full NCE International Tour kit of 2 numbered Shirts, Shorts and socks.
- Complete NCE Tracksuit.
- NCE Polo Shirt.

Not Included

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Water, soft drinks or wine at meals
- Tips for guide and driver
- Other entry tickets at visits
- Anything not specifically listed above

Possible Serie A Game

Information about an optional live pro game will be available when the Serie A schedules are released in Aug 2022.

Please note, the land package is subject to change, with a final schedule expected 2 weeks prior to departure.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

The payment schedule is as follows:

Cost is \$2,650 for players and \$2,350 for supporters. Players room with their family, so a single supplement fee would only apply to a party who requests a single room for an individual. Please reach out to Nick Dunbar at nick@ncesoccer.com to discuss this if it applies to your group.

PLAYER AND SUPPORTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE

| DATE | PAYMENT | AMOUNT DUE |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Now | Deposit Due | \$500pp |
| Oct 1, 2022 | 2nd payment due | \$500pp |
| Nov 1, 2022 | 3rd payment due | \$500pp |
| Dec 1, 2022 | 4th payment due | \$500pp |
| Feb 1, 2023 | 5th Payment due | \$Balance pp |

***Please note a \$500 deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.**

What happens if plans change, and we need to cancel?

We understand that situations may change, so we offer a generous refund policy for the land package. These refund dates only apply to the land portion of the tour. Flights are booked separately and the responsibility of the player or supporter.

| WITHDRAWAL DATE | REFUND AMOUNT OWED |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 150+ days out | 100% refund |
| 90-140 days prior to departure | 75% refund |
| 60- 89 days prior to departure | 50% refund |
| less than 60 days prior to departure | 0% refund |

*All refunds will be issued less \$250 per person, which will act as the service fee.

** Refunds will also be subject to any costs incurred if NCE uniform has been received.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

TEAM FLIGHT

All independent travelers are required to meet up with the group at their own expense and need to confirm travel details as soon as possible with the NCE team. Players travelling alone will be required to travel with the NCE staff coaches.

GROUP FLIGHT DETAILS

If you want to take the group option, you will need to contact Consolidator Webfares. Group flights are available on a first come first served basis with a limited number available.

Group Flight Departure

Airline and Flight Number: American Airlines 198

Departs: JFK Sunday April 2nd at 7.05pm

Arrives: Milan Malpensa Airport at 9.05pm

Group Flight Return

Airline and Flight Number: American Airlines 199

Departs: Milan Malpensa Airport Monday April 10th at 11.10am

Arrives: JFK Monday April 10th at 2.20pm.

Total with taxes and fees are \$892 per person and includes a checked bag. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return.

Important Dates and Flight Provider Information

\$100 deposit per person is due on registration

February 1st, 2023 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due

FLIGHT CONTACT

The group flight option must be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Bieber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

Klaus Bieber e-mail: klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com or phone 888-316-7514 x7

CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR PLAYERS

Space is limited to those who register first and to guarantee the roster position players should complete the online registration and pay the deposit as soon as possible with a credit card.

CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS

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PASSPORTS

You must have a current passport which is valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport expires within 6 months of our return date you should immediately look into securing a renewal as there is a current backlog on passports. If you are traveling on a non-U.S. passport you must check with the destination country to clarify if you require a special travel visa.

TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION

We do not provide individual travel insurance coverage as part of the fee. It is strongly suggested that all travelers investigate the various options and consider purchasing travel insurance.

When investigating the many companies that offer travel insurance, we suggest that you ask questions regarding what is specifically included. The cost for coverage can vary based on reasons such as the cost of the trip and the level of coverage for expenses related to:

Trip cancellation
Travel delays or interruption
Lost or delayed luggage
Medical or dental coverage
Emergency services or expenses

.... and much more.

While we don't endorse any company listed below are links to some of the major company's previous travelers have used for insurance.

AIG Travelguard

www.travelguard.com

Allianz Global Assistance

www.allianztravelinsurance.com

CSA Travel Protection

www.csatravelprotection.com

There are also many websites that compare rates and coverage, or your local travel agent might be able to offer further suggestions. It may also be worthwhile checking with your credit card company to see if they offer travel insurance when you make payment using your card.



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ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE
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