



NCE SOCCER

GOTHIA CUP 2024

Thursday 11th to Sunday 21st July
2009 and 2011 girls

NCE Soccer will be inviting selected players to attend the 2024 Gothia Cup in Sweden to compete in the largest youth soccer event in the world. This amazing tournament provides our best players with an unparalleled international soccer experience, playing games against some of the very best youth teams.



'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: NCE Select Squad Invitation Gothia Cup 2024

DEAR PARENT:

I am delighted to extend the invitation to your daughter to participate in the 2024 edition of the Gothia Cup taking place in Sweden next July. Your daughter has been selected based on her performances in NCE programs and after recommendations and feedback from our coaching staff.

This tournament features some of the top international girls and boys' teams and is widely regarded as the best youth soccer event on the globe. The aim for our teams that attend Gothia Cup is to reach the finals at each age group with the group games being followed by a straight knock out that mirrors the same format as the World Cup.

In 2023 NCE competed across two age categories and finished their group games with a 100% record. After 3 days of intense group games our teams went on to record victories in the knockout stages but ultimately finished just short of the final game. For 2024 we have adapted the tour itinerary to give us what we feel will be the best possible opportunity to compete and have our teams bring home the trophy for every age group!

After feedback from players and supporters we have decided that the best way to prepare for our Summer Tours is to have the players participate with their teammates and their NCE coach at a residential facility for 4 nights and 5 days in late June 2024. We will have the players work on topics such as team shape, tactics, defending, attacking play, formations and strategies and even games against local teams to prepare us for our time overseas. The players will then return home before our entire group including parents and supporters will travel to the wonderful city of Copenhagen to acclimatize and go over last-minute preparation. We will have time for sightseeing and fun activities before departing to Gothenburg and start out attack on the Gothia Cup!

Further information on the tour can be found on the following pages including the itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, group flight details and even travel insurance options. We hope that you, your player, and 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

CEO and Founder

National Center of Excellence



EVENT INFORMATION:

DATES:

Thursday 11th to Sunday 21st July

WHO IS INVITED?:

Players born in 2009 and 2011 birth years with overage players as identified below.

SQUAD SIZES:

NCE Soccer will take 2 teams to compete for the Gothia Cup in 2024

2011 YOB is Girls13 – (9-a-side) - Roster of 16 Players (1 over age 2010 player allowed)

2009 YOB is Girls 15 – (11-a-side) – Roster of 18 Players (2 over age 2008 players allowed)

Note that selected 2011 players may be invited to play up on 2009 team.

PLAYER'S COMMITMENT:

Roster spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the select pool of invited players. Players need to complete the online registration by clicking on the link in your family portal and making a deposit payment to secure their place on the tour.

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:

\$2,899 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,599** per person

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

Payment plans are outlined on the following pages.

Prices are based on players sharing rooms with up to 3 other players. Supporter fees are based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of \$600.

FLIGHT BOOKING AND PRICES:

Flights are NOT INCLUDED in the above prices. See page titled 'Flight Information' on the tour web page. Travelers are responsible for booking their own flights but must use Consolidator Webfares if you want to access our group flight. Supporters who fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in Denmark. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and have a signed and notarized travel consent form including a picture of the person responsible for signing the form.



COPENHAGEN PORTION:

For 2024 we will be flying from New York to Copenhagen for two days to prepare for the tournament. We plan to depart on a red eye the night of Thursday, July 11th arriving in Denmark the morning of Friday, July 12th. After arriving and meeting our local tour guide, we will transfer to the hotel and then take a light training session to shake off the jet lag before dinner that evening.

Saturday morning the girls will either train or scrimmage in preparation for the tournament the following lunch, we take a guided tour of 'wonderful Copenhagen'. Saturday night we will look to do something as group, whether this be an activity, like bowling, or a group dinner. On Sunday we will travel to Gothenburg to check into our tournament hotel and register for the competition.

GOTHENBURG OPTION:

The Gothia Cup is the largest and most international youth soccer tournament in the world. This event hosts over 1,700 teams from more than 80 nations and the opening ceremony rivals the Olympics for atmosphere and excitement. More information on the schedule and events can be found at the Gothia Cup webpage by following the link below.

Gothia Cup 2024: <https://gothiacup.se/en/>

INTERNATIONAL PREPARATION WEEK



DATES:

Wednesday June 27th to Sunday June 30th, 2024

WHO IS INVITED:

All players who will be travelling on NCE International Teams to participate in Gothia Cup 2024 or at Oakham Tournament in England will be expected to attend. Upon registration for your International Tour players will be sent an invitation e-mail to sign up for the International Preparation Camp. This correspondence will include information on how to register for the event, further details about the program and payment plans.

LOCATION:

To be determined but will be a residential facility within the Tri State Area.

COST AND INCLUSIONS:

The total cost of this event will be **\$850** per person and includes the following:

- 4 Nights of Accommodation
- 5 Days of Training/Activities
- 4 x Breakfast
- 3 x Lunch
- 4 x Dinner

EXCLUSIONS:

- Transportation to and from the facility
- Any additional food/drink outside of scheduled meals.
- Players are required to bring FULL black Nike COE uniform and International Kit.

CAMP STAFFING AND STRUCTURE:

- The camp staff is made up of NCE Coaching Staff and guest coaches who have worked at the elite level.
- Teams will have coaching sessions with the NCE Staff member that will be their Tour Coach.
- The Coaching Sessions will be designed to provide the best possible preparation for your players respective tour event.
- Field training will be supplemented by classroom sessions and workshops to develop the NCE mentality towards tournament play.
- NCE Staff will be supplemented by camp counsellors to manage transfer from dorms to fields and lights out and player welfare.

CAMP SCHEDULE:

- **WEDNESDAY:** Player's check-in around 2pm, player meeting to go over schedule and expectations, with games in the evening.
- **THURSDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and workshops.
- **FRIDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and workshops.
- **SATURDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and workshops.
- **SUNDAY:** Morning games then check out around noon

Breakfast, lunch and evening meal will take place before sessions with free time to relax for players after final games.

GOTHIA CUP TOUR ITINERARY 2024:



THURSDAY JULY 11TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Depart New York/New Jersey area airport to fly to Copenhagen

FRIDAY JULY 12TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM - Arrive at Copenhagen airport and meet our bilingual tour manager and private bus then transfer to Copenhagen hotel for check in,
- PM - Player's transfer to the soccer field for a light training session with NCE staff coaches to shake off jet lag.
- PPM - Dinner for everyone around 8.00 pm.

SATURDAY JULY 13TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM - After breakfast teams will transfer to a local field for training session with NCE staff coaches.
- PM - Transfer to the city center around 11.30. Lunch on own then around 2.00 pm till 5.00 pm take a bus tour of the city with a local guide.
- PPM – Game against local team then dinner followed by team building night for parents and players at the local bowling center!

SUNDAY JULY 14TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM - After breakfast check out of hotel as bus will depart about 10.00am for the 4-hour journey to Gothenburg. Remember to have your passport ready as we travel from Denmark to Sweden!
- PM - Stop along the way for lunch on your own.
- PPM - Arrival and check-in at our new hotel for the Gothia Cup. Dinner and Team Meeting to go over schedule for the week and prepare for the upcoming games.



GOTHIA CUP TOUR ITINERARY 2024:



MONDAY JULY 15TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Round 1 of Group Games
- PM – Free time to relax and lunch on your own.
- PPM – Gothia Cup Opening Ceremony - Enjoy the atmosphere of this Olympic style opening ceremony with 40,000 other participants and supporters with live music, visual effects, on-stage performers and a spectacular fireworks display

TUESDAY JULY 16TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Round 2 of Group Games
- PM - Free time - Relax and discover Gothenburg by foot, shopping down the fine Avenyn and checking out the live Feskekorka (fish market)
- PPM - Gothia Leaders party for coaching staff. Free time for players and supporters.

WEDNESDAY JULY 17TH – PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS

- AM – Final rounds of Group Games
- PM - Free time - Wander through the narrow-cobbled streets of Haga in the shadow of the old fort, and then climb up to the top to enjoy panoramic views of the city.
- PPM - Gothia Cup Social Event for all teams.

THURSDAY JULY 18TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- 1st and 2nd Elimination rounds of knock out stages

FRIDAY JULY 19TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Final rounds of knock out stages
- Opportunity to visit Liseberg Amusement park in the center of the city using your Gothia Card discount.

SATURDAY JULY 20TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Tournament Finals at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg.

SUNDAY JULY 21ST – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Transfer to airport for departure to United States.

COST AND INCLUSIONS:

9 Night Land Package: July 11th – July 21st

Meals & Accommodation

- Breakfast and dinner in Copenhagen
- Breakfast and 6 Dinners at our tournament hotel in Gothenburg;
- 2 nights in quality 3/4 stars hotel in Copenhagen
- 7 nights at Gothia Cup tournament hotel

Transportation

- Private bus in Copenhagen.
- Transport from airport to hotel and return.
- Public transportation at the tournament included in your Gothia Card.

Excursions

- Time at leisure in Denmark and Sweden.
- Guided tour of Copenhagen.
- Free time in Gothenburg during the tournament.

Soccer

- 2 training sessions with NCE coaches.
- Tournament games.
- Tournament registration fee.
- Gothia Card.
- All tournament events and activities, including Gothia Cup opening ceremony.

Players Kit

- All Players will receive a \$300 gift voucher for soccer.com to purchase a complete NIKE team uniform of 2 shirts, 1 pair of shorts and socks.
- This gift voucher will also allow players to purchase an NCE Polo Shirt, warm up pants, jacket and other items for travel to games and training sessions.

General Expenses

- All your Tour Manager expenses.
- All your Driver, Bus & Transportation expenses as per your itinerary.
- All taxes & VAT included.

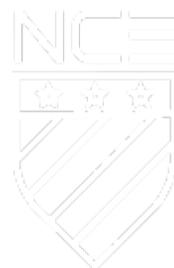
We will get our final schedule 2 weeks prior to travel dates.

GOTHIA CARD

- A Gothia Card is included for everyone who is involved in the players and supporter's tour. This card provides access to the opening ceremony, finals and FREE use of Gothenburg's public transportations from Sunday July 11th to Saturday July 21st (trams, buses and commuter train) within Västtrafik zone A and B. All pitches and schools are accessible by the public transportation system.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- Daily lunches in Sweden.
- International Flight.
- Travel and/or cancellation Insurance.
- Additional fees for single room accommodation.
- Spending money for incidentals.
- Tips and guides and driver in Copenhagen



PAYMENT PLAN:

The cost for players is **\$2,899** and includes everything listed in the tour itinerary. Players will be expected to room together in rooms with up to 3 other players.

The tour price for supporters is only **\$2,599** per person based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of **\$600**.

We also offer a discount of \$250 for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

| DATE | PAYMENT | PLAYERS DUE | PARENTS DUE |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| On registration | Deposit* | \$600.00 | \$599.00 |
| November 1 st , 2023 | 1 st payment due | \$600.00 | \$500.00 |
| February 1 st , 2024 | 2 nd payment due | \$600.00 | \$500.00 |
| March 1 st , 2024 | 3 rd payment due | \$600.00 | \$500.00 |
| May 1 st , 2024 | Balance | \$499.00 | \$500.00 |

*The deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.

REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION:

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

We encourage all tour participants to consider travel insurance to cover issues such as injury which means a player is unable to join the tour. You may also want to consider purchasing the CFAR (cancel for any reason) option through our Insurance partner TripMate with more details provided in the following pages.

| WITHDRAWAL DATE | REFUND AMOUNT OWED |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 150+ days out | 100% refund* |
| 90 to 149 days prior to departure | 75% refund* |
| 60 to 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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE AND TRIP MATE:

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. For that reason, we have chosen to partner with TripMate who are an industry leader in providing high-quality travel protection products and services for the traveling public. They work with renowned organizations such as Tourism Cares, the United States Tour Operators Association and are a founding member of the US Travel Insurance Association. In addition to offering industry leading travel protection plans, they provide administrative services for claims, product design and underwriting, while helping customers with our state-of-the-art claims handling.

They offer policies that include trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delays and even cancel for any reason. The coverage can include coverage for medical expenses, 24-hour travel assistance services as well as plans for issues with baggage and personal effects. Please note that other insurance providers are available, and we recommend you review all opportunities but remember to confirm 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, stolen or delayed luggage, medical or dental coverage, emergency services and other expenses.

SIGN UP FOR TRIPMATE PLAN:

To register for the NCE approved plans and coverage please click on the following link. Follow the prompts to find the best solutions for your needs. When going through the booking process if you are asked to provide a booking number, please enter 111.

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/?welcome=SELE0324SC>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You can also find out more information on the various plans and what coverage can include by clicking on the following link:

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/our-plans/>





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Congratulations on being selected for the
Gothia Cup 2024 NCE Select Squad.