



NCE SOCCER

NCE SELECT ITALY TOUR 2024

Sunday 24th March to Monday April 1st 2024
2010 and 2012 Boys

Selected 2010 and 2012 **NCE** Boys are invited to travel to Italy and compete in one of the top international tournament events in the great soccer city of Milan. This amazing event provides players with an unparalleled cultural experience both on and off the field with training sessions from academy coaches of professional Italian teams, games against elite Italian clubs and even attending a live fixture from the Italian professional league.



'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



National Center of Excellence

782 Johnnie Dodds Blvd

Suite E

Mount Pleasant SC 29464

www.ncesoccer.com

From: John Curtis

Re: NCE Boys 2024 Italy Select Squad

DEAR PARENT:

I am delighted to invite your player to represent the National Center of Excellence program in the 2024 edition of the Milan Football Festival in Italy. Your player has been selected based on his performances in NCE programs over the previous 12 months and feedback by our coaching staff.

The annual Milan Tournament Tour is one of the highlights of the NCE calendar and provides selected boys from the 2010 and 2012 age group with a fantastic opportunity to test themselves against opponents from across Europe. In the Spring of 2023, our 2009 Boys Select Team won the tournament, and we are going back to Italy to defend our championship and maybe go one better and bring home 2 trophies in 2024!

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.

In the following pages you will find further information on the tour itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, and even travel insurance details. Our 2023 tour was 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.

We hope that you, your player, and even your family will join us on this incredible experience.

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:

Depart USA on Sunday March 24th and return on Monday April 1st.

WHO IS INVITED?:

NCE Elite Players born in 2010 and 2012 birth years.

SQUAD SIZES:

The 2012 squad will play 9v9 and we intend to take 14 players whilst the 2010 age groups will play 11v11 and we will have 18 players.

Squad sizes will include up to 2 goalkeepers.

Once we reach the above numbers, we will form a waiting list.

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:

\$2,699 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,399** 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 other players. Supporter fees are based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of \$500.

FLIGHT BOOKING 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. Supporters who fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in England. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and sign a travel consent form.

NCE BOYS SELECT ITALY TOUR 2024:

Schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events.



SUNDAY MARCH 24TH

Check in for group flight and head to departure lounge to then fly through the night to arrive in Italy on the following day. Supporters travelling independently to meet at Milan airport.

MONDAY MARCH 25TH

Arrival at Milan international airport and meet our our bilingual tour manager and board our private bus for the week. After collecting luggage depart to Lake Garda area for free time and visit some of the lakeside towns such as Sirmione or Peschiera del Garda. Transfer to our hotel in the Lake Garda area where the players will have a light training session after check in. Day ends with dinner at the hotel.

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH

After breakfast players have an early transfer to Hellas Verona Youth headquarter for a training session with their qualified coaches. After training we depart to visit Venice with free time to stop for lunch on way. After arrival at the bus parking area, we will transfer to the city center by private boat. Once there, free time to enjoy the beautiful city with its many canals and bridges. Midafternoon we will return to our hotel for dinner.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH

After breakfast players will participate in a practice session at the hotel fields with the NCE Coaching staff. Parents have free time to enjoy Lake Garda. After the session we will travel to Verona city center for free time in the city of Romeo and Juliet. Lunch on your own then in the mid-afternoon we play our first friendly games against local opponents. At the end of the games return to our hotel for dinner





NCE BOYS SELECT ITALY TOUR 2024:

THURSDAY MARCH 28TH

After breakfast early training session at the hotel fields then depart to Milan with a stop at Lake Garda for lunch. Arrival at our Milan hotel for check in and evening meal with team meetings for players and free time for parents and supporters.

FRIDAY MARCH 29TH

After breakfast we transfer to the tournament fields to play in qualifications games. Lunch will be at the hotel or a local restaurant for the group. In the afternoon we may have more group games depending on our schedule. According to the tournament schedule, free time to enjoy Milan City Center. Dinner will be on your own at the hotel or Milan city center depending on schedule.

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH

After breakfast, transfer to the sport center to see and to play our final group matches. Lunch will be at the hotel or a local restaurant then transfer to the San Siro stadium to attend a pro game involving AC Milan or FC Inter. Dinner on your own at San Siro Stadium or Milan city center based on schedule.

SUNDAY MARCH 31ST

After breakfast head to the tournament where we will hope to compete in the Finals! After award ceremonies transfer to the VIP Lake Como for free time to enjoy this wonderful setting before transfer back to the hotel for our final group dinner.

MONDAY APRIL 1ST

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

(Schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events)



PLAYER TOUR INCLUSIONS:

We will receive our final schedule approximately 2 weeks prior to travel dates. All details on the confirmed itinerary will be communicated to travel group along with further information such as packing lists, FAQ's and general information.

Meals and Accommodations

- 3 nights in 4-star hotel in Verona/Lake Garda area and 4 nights in 4-star hotel in Milan/Como area.
- Dinner OR Lunch and breakfast daily.
- Players and parents may room together if preferred.
- Individual rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person for any parents and supporters who want their own room.

Transportation and Assistance

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

Events

- Free time in Milan City Center.
- Excursions to 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

- Training sessions with coaches from professional clubs.
- Friendly matches to prepare for tournament.
- Milan Yes Cup Tournament Games
- Practice sessions with NCE Staff coaches at hotel fields or local sport center.

Players Kit

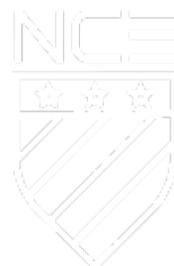
- Players will receive a gift voucher for soccer.com to purchase a complete NIKE team uniform of 2 shirts, 1 pair of shorts and socks.
- This gift voucher will also allow players to purchase an NCE Polo Shirt, warm up pants, jacket and other items for travel to games and training sessions.

General Expenses

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

NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- International Flight.
- Spending money for souvenirs and lunch (note the tour includes 2 meals a day).
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancelation Insurance.
- Tips for driver.



PAYMENT PLAN:

Cost is \$2,699 per player (Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2 or 3.) Additional Traveler Package is \$2,399 per person. Prices are based on double occupancy with individual rooms available for an additional fee of \$500.

*Please note your deposit is required per traveler to secure your roster place. Roster places are only confirmed with receipt of deposit payment.

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

DATE	PAYMENT	PLAYER \$'S	SUPPORTER \$'S
On registration	Deposit*	\$500.00	\$500.00
October 1 st 2023	1 st payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
November 1 st , 2023	2nd payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
December 1 st , 2023	3 rd payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
February 1 st , 2024	Balance	\$Balance	\$Balance

*\$500 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.

ITALY 2024 FLIGHT INFORMATION AND CONTACT



GROUP FLIGHT INFORMATION:

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. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the flight listed below with NCE Staff members and provide a travel consent form. Independent travelers may also secure their own seats on the same flight the group is travelling on by contacting the airline directly.

The group flight needs to be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Biber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option. Seats are limited to first come first served.

Group Flight Departure

Emirates Airlines Flight #206 on Sunday March 24th out of JFK at 10.20pm
Arrives Monday March 25th at 11.15am into Milan Malpensa Airport.

Group Flight Return

Emirates Airlines Flight #205 on Monday April 1st out of Milan Malpensa Airport at 4.10pm
Arrives Monday April 1st at 6.55pm into JFK airport.

Total for group flight option with taxes and fees is \$851.00 per person and includes a checked bag. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return

IMPORTANT DATES

\$100 deposit per person is due on registration by calling Consolidator Webfares
October 15th, 2023 - Confirm flight with Consolidator Webfares or risk losing group flight place.
Nov 1, 2023 – Deposit is refundable if seats reduced or cancelled on or before this date (less booking fee if cancelled in FULL)
Dec 18, 2023 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due.

Group flight pricing will only be available should a minimum of 10 passenger register. If there are less than 10 requested seats Consolidator Webfares will request seats at current market value. NCE Staff coaches will be flying on the above flight and any players traveling alone are required to take this flight

CONSOLIDATOR WEBFARES INC:

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

Please ensure you email names and dates of birth before calling with deposit payment AND inform Consolidated Webfares of your NCE tour group as they are working with multiple teams.

E mail: klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com

Phone: 888.316.7514 x7

PASSPORT INFO:

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 consider 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 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/>





NCE SELECT ITALY TOUR 2024

NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



Congratulations on being selected for the
Boys 2024 Italy Select Squad.