

International Basketball Tour 2023 Itinerary

Caltech Men's Basketball

Germany and Italy – Munich area and Venice

Travel dates:

September of 2023 – Exact dates TBD.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Departure from LAX airport.
- Day 2 Arrival Munich airport and transfer to your accommodation in the Munich area.
- Day 3 Make a bus tour past all of Munich's famous sights such as: the Peterskirche; the Marienplatz, with the Old and New Town Hall; the Residenz, the Royal Palace; the Deutsches Museum; the Munich Municipal Museum; the Frauenkirche and the St. Michaelskirche. A trip to the Olympic village, built for the 1972 Olympic Games, will be included as well. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 4 Morning optional practice session with your own coaching staff. Day excursion to Dachau. The name has been a symbol of horror and despair since the first Nazi concentration camp was built here in 1933. There is now a museum that houses an exhibition to document this grim piece of history.
- Day 5 Day trip to Esslingen, or excursion to Schloss (Castle) Nymphenburg. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 6 Transfer to your accommodation in Venice.
- Day 7 Day trip Venice. The famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto Bridge and the San Marco church and its vibrant plaza. Possible evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 8 Visit Verona. The stunning medieval historical center encircles the Roman Arena, which is the second largest amphitheatre after Rome's Colosseum. Above all, Verona is known as the city of love, as it is the famous setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.
- Day 9 More sightseeing in Venice. Options include the Grand Canal, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Day 10 Transfer to Venice or Bologna airport and return flight.



Vatican City



Wartburg College



Milan



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*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

Price per person:

Number of people traveling	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44
Participant prices	\$4,369	\$3,975	\$3,736	\$3,577	\$3,465	\$3,377

* Prices are based on contracted airline fares for 2021. We will know more about fares for 2022 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish flights and fares, and can confirm pricing then.

Price inclusions:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Prices subject to availability of accommodations at time of booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

Sport program included:

Munich area: We will arrange 2 games total per team.

Venice: We will arrange 2 games total per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Munich area: 4-star Hotel accommodation in the Augsburg area, about 50 miles northwest of Munich.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel in the heart of Königsbrunn just outside the city of Augsburg.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar/lounge, fitness center and spa.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people). All rooms have TV, telephone, private bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms (2 people) available at a supplement of \$10.00 per person per night.

Venice: 3-star Hotel accommodation in Venice.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Approx. 5-10 kilometers from the center of Venice.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet and TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant and bar.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

Local guide services included:

A local bi-lingual tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

Options available (not included in prices)

Sport program options:

- Visit to a pro basketball or soccer game. Ticket prices are between \$50.00-\$120.00 or more per person depending on the game.
- A 2-hour practice session with your own coaching staff – costs approx. \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with academy coaches from a German pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including Cancel for Any Reason coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.

Touristic information Munich

Munich is the capital and largest city of the German state of Bavaria, on the banks of River Isar north of the Bavarian Alps. Munich is the third largest city in Germany, after Berlin and Hamburg, and the 12th biggest city of the European Union, with a population of above 1.5 million. The city is a major center of art, advanced technologies, finance, publishing, culture, innovation, education, business, and tourism in Germany and Europe and enjoys a very high standard and quality of living, reaching #1 in Germany and #4 worldwide.

Nymphenburg Palace: The Nymphenburg Palace or, "Castle of the Nymph(s)", is a Baroque palace in Munich, Bavaria, southern Germany. The palace was the main summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria of the House of Wittelsbach.

Dachau Concentration Camp: Dachau concentration camp was the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany, intended to hold political prisoners. It is located on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory near the medieval town of Dachau, about 16 km (9.9 mi) northwest of Munich in the state of Bavaria, in southern Germany. Opened in 1933 by Heinrich Himmler, its purpose was enlarged to include forced labor, and eventually, the imprisonment of Jews, ordinary German and Austrian criminals, and eventually foreign nationals from countries that Germany occupied or invaded. It was finally liberated in 1945.

Olympic Park of Munich: The Olympiapark in Munich, Germany, is an Olympic Park which was constructed for the 1972 Summer Olympics. The Park continues to serve as a venue for cultural, social, and religious events such as events of worship.

Neuschwanstein Castle

Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life – now vast numbers of people came to view his private refuge. Today Neuschwanstein is one of the most popular of all the palaces and castles in Europe. Every year 1.4 million people visit "the castle of the fairy-tale king". In the summer around 6,000 visitors a day stream through rooms that were intended for a single inhabitant. The setting of Neuschwanstein could not be more idyllic. However, movement in the foundation area has to be continuously monitored, and the sheer rock walls must be repeatedly secured.

Marienplatz: Marienplatz is a central square in the city centre of Munich, Germany. It has been the city's main square since 1158. In the Middle Ages markets and tournaments were held in this city square. Marienplatz was named after the Mariensäule, a Marian column erected in its centre in 1638 to celebrate the end of Swedish occupation. Today the Marienplatz is dominated by the New City Hall (Neues Rathaus) on the north side. The Glockenspiel in the tower of the new city hall was inspired by these tournaments, and draws millions of tourists a year. At the east side Munich's Old City Hall (Altes Rathaus) is located. It's a gothic council hall and ballroom and tower, which have been reconstructed. The pedestrian zone between Karlsplatz and Marienplatz is a crowded area with numerous shops and restaurants.

Touristic information Venice

Venice is the capital of the Veneto region in Italy. It is situated across a group of 117 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by bridges. These are located in the shallow Venetian Lagoon, an enclosed bay that lies between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. Parts of Venice are renowned for the beauty of their settings, their architecture, and artwork. The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a World Heritage Site.

Basilica di San Marco (Saint Mark's Church): This elaborate church sits on the popular piazza by the same name. The church was built in honor of Saint Mark the evangelist, whose remains were stolen from their home in Alexandria, Egypt, and hidden in barrels of pork by a couple crafty Venetians, intent on bringing him to rest in Venice.

Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square): St. Mark's Square, or Piazza San Marco, is considered by many to be the heart of Venice. As the largest square in Venice, St. Mark's Square is the only "piazza" in the city. All other squares are campis or campielli. Lining the square are multiple historical sites including St. Mark's Basilica, St. Mark's Campanile and Doge's Palace, as well as a number of restaurants, making it the perfect spot for leisurely people-watching and wine sipping. Along with intricate architecture and hearty plates of spaghetti carbonara, visitors will also be met with throngs of tourists, pigeons and vendors selling souvenirs. If you hoped to pick up a gondola hat or a carnival mask during your trip, this is the place you will find them.

Rialto Bridge (Ponte di Rialto): Several centuries ago, if you wanted to cross the Grand Canal, the Rialto Bridge was the only way. Now there are other options, including the Accademia Bridge. The bridge's current incarnation is the handiwork of Antonio da Ponte, whose name translates to "Anthony of the Bridge," is built entirely of marble after collapsing multiple times from previous wooden designs. Predicted to fail by critics, the bridge still stands and is considered an engineering marvel.

Grand Canal: Considered to be the main street of Venice, the 2-mile-long Grand Canal is one of the city's most popular and highly photographed attractions. Recent travelers recommend hiring a gondolier for a romantic (but expensive) row along the canal.

Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale): Views from the Venetian Lagoon give the Doge's Palace an ethereal look — almost like it's floating on top of water. But it's fitting, as the Doge's Palace (or Palazzo Ducale) has witnessed an intriguing history in its role as the residence of the doge (leader), the seat of government and the palace of justice. Everything from execution orders to the affairs of Venetian leaders was carried out here; and a web of secret passageways and hidden doors reveals a decidedly mysterious past.