

International Basketball Tour 2023 Itinerary

SCIAC Women's Basketball

Spain – Barcelona

Travel dates:

May 27-June 3, 2023.

Itinerary:

- May 27 Departure from LAX airport on Iberia Airlines on the following flight:
IB2624 LAX-BCN 755P 440P (arrival May 28)
- May 28 Arrival Barcelona airport. Transfer to your accommodation. En-route sightseeing Barcelona by bus.
- May 29 Bus or boat tour Tossa de Mar: visit the beautiful old fishing town made famous in the 1950's by Ava Gardner and James Mason in the film Pandora and the Flying Dutchman and explore one of the towns along the Costa Brava, known for its ancient fishing villages and high mountain hamlets, Romanesque churches and Greco-Roman ruins, medieval fortresses and Dali's surrealist legacy. Evening game vs. a local team.
- May 30 Sightseeing in Barcelona – head to las Ramblas Ramblas with its human statues and street artists and visit and eat lunch at La Boqueria Food Market, followed by an optional guided bike tour of Barcelona. Visit Montjuic, a prominent hill overlooking Barcelona with amazing views of the city and visit the Olympic facilities. At night visit the Magic Fountain of Monjuic. The magic fountain is a spectacular display of color, light, motion, music and water acrobatics.
- May 31 More sightseeing in Barcelona – visit the Palau de la Musica, Barrio Gotico with its maze of narrow streets, Plaza Real and the Cathedral. Evening game vs. a local team.
- June 1 Free day to enjoy at one of the beaches along the Costa Brava. Playing home to 133 miles of coastline, Costa Brava, dubbed 'the Wild Coast' has myriad places to lay your beach towel. Largely rugged, unspoilt, and bordered by the Mediterranean Sea, you'll find everything from upbeat, family-friendly beach resorts to private and secluded coves. Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- June 2 Enjoy the day exploring another one of the towns along the Costa Brava, or, more sightseeing in Barcelona – optional visit to Park Guell, one of the most impressive public parks in the world. The park is located in Barcelona and was designed by famous architect Antonio Gaudi and then see the Sagrada Familia. Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- June 3 Transfer to Barcelona airport and return flight on Iberia Airines on the following flights:
IB3009 BCN-MAD 905A 1030A
IB6171 MAD-LAX 1235P 400P

* 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.



Wartburg College



Camp Nou



University of Mary



La Sagrada Família

Price per person: \$3,845.00

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.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.
- Daily breakfast at the hotel plus 1 group dinner (at hotel or nearby restaurant).
- One of the following: Guided bike tour of Barcelona or entrance/admission fee to Park Guell or Boat Tour Tossa de Mar

Sport program included:

We will arrange four games for the team.

Accommodation and meals included:

4-star Hotel accommodation in the Costa Brava region in a seaside town like Santa Susanna, Calella, etc.

- Daily breakfast and 1 group dinner included.
- The accommodation is situated near the town center and/or beach.
- Distance to Barcelona is approx. 30-35 miles. All rooms (3 bedded rooms) have a private bathroom as well as air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge, reception and an outdoor swimming pool.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$ 15.00 per person per night.

Ground transportation included:

Airport transfers and game transfers are included (all by motorcoach bus). A lot of sightseeing you can do by walking as the hotel is within walking distance of many sights and the famous beaches of the Costa Brava. Barcelona is accessible by bus, train or taxi from the Costa Brava and takes about an hour to get to/from Barcelona.

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)

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a 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.
- Admission fees to attractions unless otherwise specified in “Price inclusions” above.
- 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 Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain, as well as the country's second most populous municipality, with a population of 1.6 million within city limits. It is the largest metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea. Barcelona has a rich cultural heritage and is today an important cultural center and a major tourist destination. Particularly renowned are the architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner, which have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

CAMP NOU: Visit the Home of FC Barcelona, the away team changing room and the players' tunnel, the dugouts, the press room, commentators box and of course the Museum. The Museum is the most modern football museum thanks to its interactive wall spaces, large scale audiovisual displays and an extensive display of objects to explain the history of FC Barcelona and understand the values that make Barça "més que un club" -- "more than a club".

SAGRADA FAMILIA: The unfinished Cathedral by Gaudi, The expiatory church of La Sagrada Família is a work on a grand scale which was begun on 19 March 1882 from a project by the diocesan architect, Francisco de Paula del Villar (1828-1901). At the end of 1883 Gaudí was commissioned to carry on the works, a task which he did not abandon until his death in 1926. Since then different architects have continued the work after his original idea.

MONTSERRAT: Montserrat is a multi-peaked mountain located near the city of Barcelona. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which hosts the Virgin of Montserrat sanctuary and which is identified by some with the location of the Holy Grail in Arthurian myth. The mountain is composed of strikingly pink conglomerate, a form of sedimentary rock. Montserrat is Spain's first National Park.

CASTELL DE MONTJUIC: Barcelona's Montjuïc is a broad shallow hill to the southwest of the city center. The eastern side of the hill is almost a sheer cliff, giving it a commanding view over the city's harbor immediately below. The top of the hill (a height of 184,8 m) was the site of several fortifications, the latest of which the Castle of Montjuïc remains today. The fortress largely dates from the 17th century, with 18th-century additions. It served as a prison, often holding political prisoners, until the time of General Franco. The castle was also the site of numerous executions. On different occasions during the Spanish Civil War, both Nationalists and Republicans were executed there, each at the time when the site was held by their opponents. The Catalan nationalist leader Lluís Companys i Jover was also executed there in 1940, having been extradited to the Franco government by the Nazis.

LA RAMBLA & BOQUERIA MARKET: This busy street is just for pedestrians and is lined with outdoor markets, shops, restaurants and cafes. La Boqueria is a large public market in the Ciutat Vella district of Barcelona, and one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks, with an entrance from La Rambla, not far from the Liceu, Barcelona's opera house. The market has a very diverse selection of goods.