

European Soccer Tour 2024 Section IV All Stars



Barcelona, Spain

EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

The 2024 European Soccer Tour

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Introduction

Congratulations! You have been chosen to join the EuroSports Network Select Soccer program in Europe during Spring break 2024. This invitation is a testament to your dedication and immense potential as an athlete. As you may already know, the EuroSports Network Select Soccer Program handpicks the finest players to represent New York State West in Europe.

This upcoming trip marks the Thirty-First All-Star Trip to Europe. Over the years, our teams have left a lasting impact with their performances against teams from Germany, Russia, Italy, England, Australia, France, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

This tour will be much more than a series of games. You will be proudly representing both New York and the United States of America. It's an incredible opportunity to forge connections with European soccer enthusiasts, while also immersing yourself in the vibrant spirit of Europe.

Enclosed within this message, you will find all the necessary documentation about the tour. Please read the provided information meticulously and promptly return the required forms. If you require any additional details, feel free to text me at 607 7601860 or via email at bccwomenscoach@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,
Bill Rich

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THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP

"Since its inception in 1987, the EuroSports Network's select soccer program has been dedicated to providing America's soccer talent with an exceptional challenge, competing against top-level European teams.

Our upcoming tour in 2024 will take us to Spain, where participants will be immersed in the World of European Soccer. Through firsthand experiences, they will gain invaluable insights into diverse customs and habits and discover astonishing aspects of the game of Soccer.

In addition to engaging in exhilarating matches against esteemed Spanish Soccer Clubs, our players will embark on a remarkable journey, exploring the wonders of Spain's renowned landmarks and engaging in various cultural activities, fostering a truly enriching experience.

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The Organizers

Mike Balducci -The Founder of EuroSports Network - Rochester, NY

Mike Balducci was the head soccer coach at Greece Arcadia and Greece Athena High School. During his years in Greece, his teams won 12 league titles. Coach Balducci compiled a record of 274-52-43, winning seven Section V titles and four trips to the state finals with two state championships. Coach Balducci is a member of the New York State Soccer Hall of Fame. And with his roots originating in Italy, Mike Balducci knows the ins and outs of Europe and European Soccer. The All-County Soccer Team program started in 1987. Each year Mike has sent many young athletes to Europe in close cooperation with the European Soccer federations and Dream Team Italy.

Bill Rich / EuroSports Network - Vestal, New York

Coach of the National Championship Team

SUNY Broome Community College for 2007, 2008 and 2016

National Soccer Coach of the Year 2007!

Bill Rich has been the Head Women's Soccer coach at Broome Community College since 1997, where his teams have recorded a **353-88-14** record, **15** MSAC Conference Championships. **5** Regional Championships, and **3 National Championships!** Coach Rich's teams have also produced **34 All-Americans** in the last **25** years, plus numerous All-Region Players and many All-Conference Players, including the National Player of the Year in 2007.

Coach Rich was awarded our Nation's highest Soccer Award "NJCAA National Coach of the Year, in 2007." For the better part of his life, Bill has been training and coaching teams with great success. Recently he has been awarded Conference "Coach of the Year, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016, **2019, and 2021** Regional "Coach of the Year" 1998, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2018 **and 2022**. He has also been a New York State West ODP State Coach for U17 girls for four years and Binghamton District ODP Coach for seven years. Before becoming Head Coach at SUNY Broome, he coached in the Vestal High School System for seven years. He holds an NSCAA Regional Diploma, an NSCAA National Diploma, and a USSF "C" Lifetime license. Bill has been a EuroSports representative and has traveled to Europe with his Section IV teams for the past **27** years. **Bill was inducted into the "Greater Binghamton Sports Hall of Fame" in April 2023.**

Sport Contact International

"For the past 24 years, Sports Contact International has been organizing football tournaments and friendly matches for young players, mainly on the Costa Brava, just 50 minutes away from fashionable Barcelona. The tournaments are organized together with the local Football Clubs in the area of Costa Brava, Girona, and Barcelona, in cooperation with the Catalan Football Association and the Official Referees Association of Girona.

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EuroSports Network Select Soccer Tour

Friday March 29th, 2024

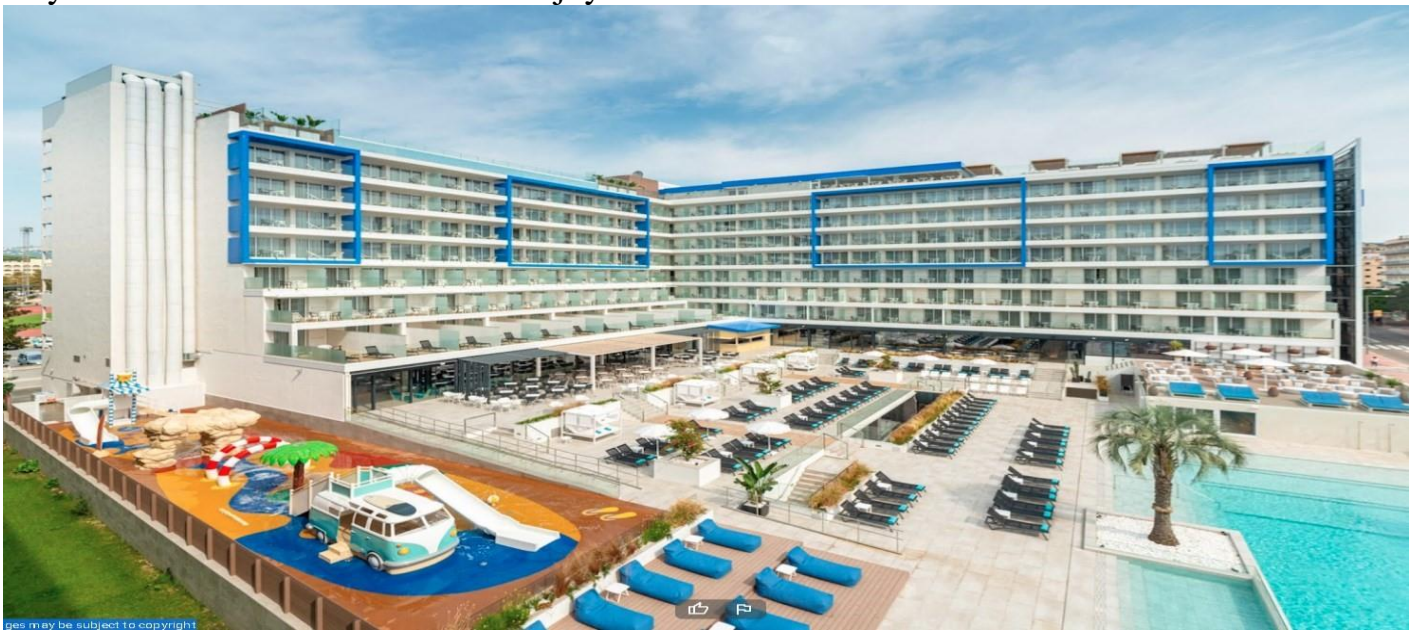
Depart from Vestal, NY on a Private Chartered Bus to J.F.K. Airport for your international flight to Barcelona, Spain. Your flight will Depart on American Airlines flight # AA 66N

Saturday, March 30th

This morning, you will arrive at the El Prat International Airport in Barcelona at 7:30 AM. Waiting for you at the gate will be your Sports Tour International representative who will take care of all your arrangements for the remainder of your European tour.

If the schedule allows, we will transfer to Noc Camp Stadium to watch either FC Barcelona or RCD Espanyol match. Depending on Spanish League Schedule.

After the match, we will then travel to our hotel by private charter bus to your Superior Class Hotel L'Azure 4* in Lloret De Mar. The hotel facilities include indoor and outdoor pools and only a short walk to the beach and enjoy the Mediterranean Sea.



L'Azure Hotel Carrer dels Esports, 17310 Lloret de Mar, Girona, Spain
Phone: +011034 972 36 46 58 <https://www.lazure-hotel.com/en/>

Sunday, March 31st

Breakfast at the Hotel

We will transfer to L'Estartit with your tour guide Boat trip Nautilus L'Estartit Boat Tour to the Isle of Medes



After our Boat Tour, we will Transfer to Girona for a Guided walking tour

the ancient town several thousand years old. We will walk through Girona's historical city center and visit the old Jewish quarter, which is one of the best, preserved in Europe, Saint Felix church, the Cathedral with its Tapestry of Creation and walk the paths around the old Roman city walls with its fantastic views of the city below.

The tour will also include a visit to the 13th Century Arabian Baths and Archaeological Museum.



After our tour, we will depart to the hotel for dinner.

Monday, April 1st

Breakfast at Hotel

Guided walking tour in Tossa de Mar



Today, we have a walking tour of Tossa De Mar beautifully restored and overlooking its sheltered horseshoe bay, Tossa de Mar is undoubtedly one of the prettiest resort towns on the entire coast. The Vila Vella (Old Town) - more than 800 years old and declared a National Historic Monument – walk through its perfectly preserved cobbled streets and stone and whitewashed houses. Protected by its 12th-century wall and seven towers, the Old Town is a maze of artists' galleries, and cafés and is smothered in dazzling flowers for much of the year.

Afternoon relax and prepare for today's Friendly Matches

Girls 2 match

Boys 1 match

After our Matches, we will transfer back to the hotel in Lloret de Mar for dinner.

Tuesday, April 2nd

Breakfast at Hotel

9.00 AM Departure to Banyoles and Besalú



Banyoles and Besalú are two charming towns located in the province of Girona in Catalonia, Spain. Both Banyoles and Besalú offer a unique blend of history, natural beauty, and cultural heritage. Old Town: Banyoles is a well-preserved medieval old town with narrow streets, historical buildings, and charming squares. The Plaça Major (Main Square) is the heart of the town and a great place to relax and soak in the atmosphere.

Besalú is a picturesque medieval town known for its well-preserved architecture and historical significance. It is famous for its medieval bridge, which is a symbol of the town's past and one of its most recognizable landmarks. Besalú also features arcaded streets and squares, a 12th-century river and also a restored, ritual Jewish bath dating from the eleventh century, and the church of Sant Pere, which was consecrated in 1003.

After our sightseeing tours, we will transfer to a Local Spanish Soccer Club for your friendly matches

Girls 1 match

Boys 1 match

Boys 2 match

Transfer back to the hotel Dinner at the hotel.

After dinner, we will go to a Flamenco Show at La Masia in Tordera



Wednesday, April 3rd

Breakfast at hotel

9.00 Departure to Barcelona.



Today we will discover Barcelona while walking along the Ramblas to the Boqueria and then to the medieval Barri Gothic, the original Gothic Quarter, where narrow streets and squares date back to the Middle Ages. Visit the 13th-century “La Seu” cathedral. Next, take in views of the Mediterranean Sea and the Barcelona Coast on the way to the Olympic Village, home to athletes during the 1992 Summer Olympics, and the Port Olympic then we will have a guided tour of the Most Famous Cathedral in Spain see Gaudi’s La Sagrada Familia Cathedral.

After all our sightseeing we will transfer to play our next friendly matches.

Girls 1 match

Girls 2 match

Boys 2 match

After the matches, we will transfer back to Lloret de Mar for dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, April 4th

9.00 AM Breakfast at Hotel

Today is a Free day to Spend at the Beach for a Beach Soccer Game.

Late afternoon we will transfer to a Local Soccer Soccer Club for our last matches.

Boys 1 match

Boys 2 match

Girls 1 match

Girls 2 match

Transfer back to Lloret de Mar to our hotel for dinner.

Friday, April 5th

Early Breakfast and Check out of the hotel to Barcelona Airport. 12:50 PM AM
Depart Spain for your American Airlines Flight 670 which arrives at JFK at 3:30 PM

Adiós España



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Arrangements 2024 Spring Break Tour

Air Transportation - American Airlines



Transportation - Land

Designated Area to Airport on a Privately chartered bus

In Europe, a Private Touring tour bus is equipped for long distances. The tour bus will also be available for local transportation.

Accommodation/Meals

Barcelona, Spain March 30th- April 5th 2024

Hotel A tourist class hotel, Double and Triple bedded rooms all with private facilities, T.V., and phone

Meals Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
Lunches and drinks during dinner are not included.



Sport Program

In Barcelona, the teams will play in friendly games versus top-level local Spanish clubs.

Sightseeing/Excursions

The tour will include visits to the cultural and tourist highlights of Barcelona, Tossa de Mar, Girona, Figueres, and L'Estartit.

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EuroSports Network has a special outfit for the Spring Tour.
Nike is our Official Players Outfit.... This outfit is included in the tour fee.

Red shirt Blue short Blue socks

If you wish, you can order the following accessories.

Extra **Nike Uniform** set (Jersey, shorts, socks)

Price: \$ 70.00 per set



EuroSports Network Select Soccer.... **Nike Academy Drill Top 19 Navy jacket**

Price: \$ 50.00



EuroSports Network Select Soccer... **Nike Academy Drill 19 Pant**

Price: \$ 35.00

EuroSports Network Soccer.... **Nike Brasilia 6 Travel Bag:**

Large Size (28x15x14) Price \$ 44.00

Medium Size (24x12x13) Price \$ 35.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Club Team Backpack**

Price \$ 44.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Pitch Soccer Ball**

Price \$ 18.00



Extra Socks.... Price \$8.00 per pair

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EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

Coaching Staff *(Present and Past)*

Michael Balducci	Greece Athena High School
Jen Bektas	Greece Odyssey
Nelson Cupelo	Monroe Community College
Nick Christou	Frontier High School
Tom Davieu	Chittenango High School
Phil De Nuncio	Buffalo State College
Larry Disatuels	Nichols School
Jennifer Debronski	Alfred University
Tracy Britton	Monroe Community College
Jerry Forton	University of Buffalo
Bill Garno	Rochester Institute of Technology
Betsy George	Gananda HS
Dan Gorham	Alfred State College
Chris Grafton	SUNY Broome CC
Ann Haggerty	William Smith College
Shane Cook	United F.C., B.C.C.
Steven Locker	Harvard University
Jill Mc Cabe	St. John Fisher University
Vince Lupinetti	West Virginia University
Tim Mc Nally	Broome Community College
Donny Ousterout	Broome Community College
Kathy Moss	SUNY Plattsburgh
Carlos Obiano	Canisius College
Mark Palma	Roberts Wesleyan College
Mike Pilger	University of Rochester
Nino Pilato	Hilton High School
Bill Rich	Broome Community College
Emily Rich	United F.C. Soccer Club
Jill Rich	Broome Community College
Paul Van Hooydonk	Misericordia College
Matt Vergamini	Greece Odyssey

I.7 SUPERVISION

The EuroSports Network group leader and coaches are in charge of supervision. The group leader is responsible for the proper administration of the program. The coaches will make sure everyone is doing his or her assigned job.

The following rules and regulations apply to all participants:

1. **The possession or use of any alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed drugs is forbidden.**
2. Players must get permission from the coaching staff before ever leaving the group.
3. All players must participate in the activities described in the program, including training, games, receptions, sightseeing, and excursions.
4. Each player is responsible for contributing to team spirit by exhibiting a positive attitude and loyalty toward teammates, coaches, and tour leaders.
5. Each player will respect the property of the other tour members and the suppliers providing the tour.

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TOUR COSTS

Tour fee **\$ 3,065.00**



Including

- Airfares
- Bus transportation
- Accommodations
- Meals
- Uniform
- Sightseeing Program
- Sports Program
- Tour Staff

Excluding

Lunches and Beverages during dinner

Payment schedule

Deposit **\$ 500.00** deposit (non-refundable)

January 22nd, 2024 **\$ 1,250.00**

February 26, 2024 **\$ 1,315.00 (Balance)**

The last check should include all monies owed as well as monies for extra Uniforms, travel bags, and Insurance. etc.

Payments by checks payable to: EuroSports Network

Please mail all Checks to

EuroSports Network

Bill Rich

2601 Purdue Drive

Vestal, NY 13850

bccwomenscoach@gmail.com



Passports

Everyone traveling in our group must have a valid passport from their country of citizenship. United States passport applications are available at U.S. post offices, clerical courts, local passport offices, and some D.M.V. offices. Application for a new passport must be made in person. The following documents are necessary:

Obtaining a new passport is a seven-step process:

1. **Complete the passport application** form DS-11. Passport applications can be acquired at the D.M.V. (Note: Do not sign the application until the clerk instructs you to do so.)
2. **Present proof of U.S. Citizenship.** You may prove citizenship by presenting one of the following:
 - Previous U.S. passport
 - Naturalization certificate
 - Birth certificate
 - Certificate of citizenship

Present proof of identity. You may verify your identity with the following documents:

- Previous U.S. passport
- Naturalization certificate
- Driver's license
- Military identification

Please note: Your Social Security card does not verify your identity.

3. **Provide two passport photos.** It is highly advised that passport photos be taken by a professional agency. You can also try an online service to save time and money <http://www.epassportphoto.com/>
4. **Pay the applicable fee.** Total fees are \$97 for applicants 16 years of age or older and \$82 for applicants under 16 years of age.
5. Provide your Social Security number.

If you are not an American citizen, then go to this website for further information:

Foreign Embassies websites in the U.S. for all the countries in the World

Passport and Visa information <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>

How to Get a Visa http://travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html



You must apply for your Passport Immediately. For the past year, it has been taking three to four months before the passport process is completed. Please start the process today.

The Town Clerk's office offers Passport Application services.

For more Information, call the Binghamton Clerks' Office at (607) 773-2162

For more Information, call the Rochester City Clerk's office at (585) 428-7129

Go to this link to get passport information from the U.S. State Department

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Click here to print out a passport application.

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

Or call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778

<http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

Go to this link for Information for your Passport Photo

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/photos.html>

Passport information center: **1-877-487-2778**

(At this Phone number, you can find out the status of your Passport and what Name you may use to place on your Passport) Or you can check on this website. You may find that the toll-free number is more up-to-date!

www.travel.state.gov

Go to this link to find the closest Passport Office in your area

<http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team Application Form

Herewith we declare that we agree with all terms and conditions as mentioned on pages 1.6 and the rest of this documentation for Your tour to Europe from March 29th to April 5th, 2024, organized by EuroSports Network. We fully understand the rules and conditions.

As parent/guardian, we certify that the participant has no physical and/or mental disability that might, with all reasonable consideration, indicate that participation is not appropriate.

We have enclosed a \$500.00 deposit check and the following Forms:
The Application form, The Letter of Agreement Form.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Cell # _____ Home # _____

Student E-mail _____

Parent E-Mail _____

(Signature parent/guardian)

(Signature parent/guardian)

Date _____

Embarking on a European Travel adventure offers an incredible opportunity to explore the world. Once we receive your application, we will promptly send you the necessary forms that are crucial for ensuring your child's seamless entry into and exit from Europe. To facilitate a hassle-free experience, we kindly ask you to exercise extreme care when filling out these forms and complete them as soon as possible.

We understand the significance of a smooth travel experience, and we aim to make the journey as enjoyable and trouble-free as possible for you and your child.

Letter of Agreement Affidavit of Parental Consent

For Travel Outside the United States of a Minor Child Without Parents Traveling

I _____ understand that my child
(Parent's Name)

_____ will be traveling to
(Child's Name)

Destination – **Barcelona, Spain**, on March 29th, 2024 (date of travel). Aboard American Airlines Flight # AA 0066, and on April 5th, American Airlines Flight # AA 0067. Flight # AA 0006 departs JFK Airport at 7:40 PM, and on April 5th, Flight # AA 0067 departs Barcelona at 12:50 PM arriving at JFK Airport at 2:30 PM with Coach Bill Rich, and other accompanying Coaches, adults'/parent chaperones. Their expected date of return is April 5th, 2024.

Signed: _____
Parent(s) Signature(s) Parent(s) Signature(s)

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Number # _____

Witness Name _____

Witness Signature _____

Notary Public Signature/Seal:

Subscribes and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Notary Public _____

Notary Public in and for the County of _____, And the State of _____.

My Commission Expires: _____. Affix the Notary Seal at the Bottom of This Page.

STUDENT TRAVEL PROTECTION



TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN FOR STUDENT GROUPS

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS AND OTHER NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Trip Cancellation**1	Up to 100% of Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption***1	Up to 150% of Trip Cost*
Trip Delay- 6 Hours	Up to \$2,500(\$250 per day)
Missed Trip Connection – 3 Hours	Up to \$500
Single Supplement	Included
Baggage and Personal Effects	Up to \$1000 (\$250 per article)
Baggage Delay – 24 Hours	Up to \$300.00
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	Up to \$250,000 Accident
& Sickness Medical Expense	Up to \$50,000
Political or Security Evacuation and Natural Disaster Evacuation	Up to \$150,000
Non-Insurance Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services	Included

The cost for this comprehensive insurance is \$125.00

There must be a minimum of 10 travelers signing up for this group insurance policy

*Up to the lesser of the Trip Cost paid or the limit of coverage on Your confirmation of coverage **Trip Cancellation is not applicable when \$0 Trip Cost is displayed on Your confirmation of coverage ***\$500 Return air ticket cost only if \$0 Trip Cost displayed for Trip Cancellation on Your confirmation of coverage ****CFAR is optional and available provided: 1. You purchase the Cancel for Any Reason Benefit within the Time Sensitive Period; and 2. You cancel Your Trip no later than 48 hours prior to the Scheduled Departure Date of Your Trip. This Cancel for Any Reason Benefit does not cover penalties associated with any Travel Arrangements not provided by the Retail Travel Supplier or the failure of the Retail Travel Supplier to provide the bargained-for Travel Arrangements due to cessation of operations for any reason. This benefit is not available to residents of NY State. Additional costs and terms apply ¹ Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption coverage only applies if the trip is canceled/interrupted by a covered peril.