

European Soccer Tour

2024

Section V 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 (585) 354-6225 or via email at eurosoccertours@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,
Nino Pilato

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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.

EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

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.

Nino Pilato

Tour Director and Head Coach – Rochester, NY

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Coach Pilato is currently the Head Women's coach at Hilton High School. He previously coached at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY. Over his 6 seasons at McQuaid, he compiled a record of 90-7-4, with 3 Section V titles and 2 NY State Championship appearances with a championship in 2017. For the previous 17 years, he was the Girls' Varsity Head Coach at Odyssey Academy in Greece, having Won Sectional Titles 8 times, in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. His teams have made four trips to the State Finals, winning it all in 2012. His dedication to his player's overall development has been rewarded by his being selected as coach of the year in Monroe County Division III 6 times, Section V Class AA, CC once, CCC once and Class B 3 times, and Section V All-Greater Rochester Coach of the Year in 2005, 2012 and 2017. He was a four-year college starter and an All-American sweeper at Canisius College. After his college career ended he played four years of professional soccer both in Europe and the USA. Deciding it was time to settle down he began his teaching career as a physical education instructor in the Rochester City School District. He is married and has two children.

Dream Team Italy International Sport Contact

Dream Team Italy is the largest tour operator in Italy that specializes in sporting events. Based in Como, very close to Switzerland and close to Milan, the economic capital of Italy. As founding partners of Dream Team Italy have more than 18 years of experience in the sport-travel sector, working closely with amateur clubs, semi-professional and professional club's national teams, college teams, associations, and federations.

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EuroSports Network Select Section V Soccer Tour to Barcelona, Spain

Day 1 – SUNDAY, March 31st 2024

Departure from Greece, NY to **JFK International Airport**. We will have a direct flight on American Airlines Flight # AA0066 departing at 6:45 PM.

Day 2 – Monday, April 01st 2024

We will arrive at Barcelona's *El Prat Intl.* airport at 6:45 AM. You will be greeted by your bilingual tour manager. This morning we will transfer to the city center of Barcelona for a view of the city by bus. We will see the city of Barcelona at the top of Mountjuic. Next, take in views of the Mediterranean Sea and the Barcelona Coast on the way to the Olympic Village (Vila Olimpica), home to athletes during the 1992 Summer Olympics, and the Port Olympics. Then we will stop and see Casa Batlò on the way and La Pedrera which have been created by the famous Architect Gaudì.

After our tour, we will transfer to our 4* Hotel Aquamarina in Santa Susanna on the Costa Brava. We will check in and have dinner.



Carrer del Pla de la Torre, 24, 08398 Santa Susanna, Barcelona, Spain
Phone: 001 34 937 67 80 60

Day 3 – Tuesday, April 02nd 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to **Girona** for a **guided visit** to the ancient town in Catalonia. After lunch transfer to **Lloret de Mar** to **play your friendly game #1** vs. local boys and girls club teams. At the end of the games return to the Hotel Aquamarina in Santa Susanna for dinner and overnight



Day 4 – Wednesday, April 03rd 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and early departure at 7.45 to **Barcelona**. At 9.00 a.m. continue the discovery of Barcelona with the **visit of the Barrio Gótico**, We will walk 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. Then we will **visit to the Sagrada Familia**. **After our tour, we will transfer** to a local sports center to play your **friendly game #2** vs. local boys and girls club teams. We will have dinner at the club with the **local club teams**. **After dinner, we will** return to the Hotel Aquamarina in Santa Susanna.

Day 5 – Thursday, April 04th 2024

Breakfast at the hotel and then we will travel to **Besalù** a wonderful medieval town in the comarca of Garrotxa in Catalonia. The town features arcaded streets and squares a 12th-century Romanesque bridge over the Fluvià River and also a restored mikveh, a ritual Jewish bath dating from the eleventh or twelfth century, and the church of Sant Pere, which was consecrated in 1003. Guided visit of the town. In the afternoon return to Santa Susanna and stop on the way in **Banyoles** for a free visit to the enchanting city.



This evening we will have dinner at La Masia – Tordera and Flamenco Show. After dinner, we will return to the Hotel Aquamarina.



Day 6 – Friday, April 05th 2024

Following breakfast, **transfer to Barcelona.**

In the morning enjoy a **visit to Park Guell and time for last shopping in Barcelona.**

In the afternoon we will transfer to a local sports center to play your **friendly game #3** vs. local boys and girls club teams. After the games return to Santa Susanna: for dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 7 – Saturday, April 06th 2024

This morning we will have Breakfast at the hotel and then travel to **Figueres** for a visit to the **Dali Museum.** After our visit, we will travel to the fishing village of Cadaques a magnificent remote fishing village situated in the **Cap de Creus peninsula on the famous Spanish Costa Brava,** recognized by the narrow cobblestone streets with their charming whitewashed houses overlooking incredible views of the Mediterranean Sea. Later in the afternoon, we will transfer to the **Isle of Medes** where we will have a boat tour around the island. After our tour return to the hotel Aquamarina in Santa Susanna for dinner.



Day 8 –Sunday, April 07th 2024

Breakfast at your hotel and early transfer to the airport of Barcelona El Prat in time to take your flight back home. You will be on a direct flight on American Airlines Flight AA0067 departing at 12:50 AM and arriving at 3:30 PM.

Adiós España



EuroSports Network Select Soccer Tour

Arrangements 2024 Spring Break Tour

Air Transportation - American Airlines



Transportation - Land

Designated Area to JFK 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 31st - April 7th 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



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

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

Price \$ 18.00



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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 **\$ 3,070.00**



Including

- Airfares
- Bus transportation
- Accommodations
- Meals
- Uniform
- Sightseeing 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 **\$ 1,320.00 (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

Nino Pilato

700 Whistlers Cove

Rochester, NY 14612

eurosoccertours@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 to find the closest Passport Office in your area!

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 31st to April 7th, 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 31st, 2024 (date of travel). Aboard American Airlines Flight # AA 0066, and on April 7th departs JFK Airport at 6:40 PM, and on April 7th. Flight # AA 0067 departs Barcelona at 12:50 PM arriving at JFK Airport at 3:30 PM with Coach XXXXXX, and other accompanying Coaches, adults'/parent chaperones. Their expected date of return is April 7th 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 INSURED
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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.