



## Italy Soccer Tour Como/Milan • Florence • Rome



Since 1988 United Soccer Academy has been providing youth players and teams from across the United States with quality opportunities and experiences to travel and compete internationally. The Italy Soccer Tour is specially designed for international soccer travel and competition.

The goal of the Italy Soccer Tour is to provide players with an excellent soccer playing experience and opportunity to travel and compete in Italy. This program will provide players with a magnificent experience, both on and off the soccer field, from playing highly competitive friendly matches to a training session with professional coaches to attending a Serie A match, all while experiencing the history and culture of Italy first hand.



### GENERAL ITINERARY



#### Day 1

Excitement builds as players, coaches, and boosters (family members) depart from a US Gateway on an overnight flight to Milan, Italy for participation in a 9-day/8-night soccer tour to Italy. Due to the time differences between the United States and Europe the group will arrive in Italy the following morning.

#### Day 2

Upon arrival in Milan at Malpensa International Airport (MXP) the group will be met by their full-time bilingual tour manager. Prior to transferring to Como, which is located just north of Milan on the Italian-Swiss border the group will have a guided visit and tour of the famous San Siro Stadium, home to AC Milan and Inter Milan. Following the San Siro Stadium tour and lunch the group will have a short transfer to Como. Light training session in the late afternoon prior to the welcome dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure. (Como)



San Siro Stadium



Lake Como

#### Day 3

Following breakfast at the hotel the players and group will have time in Como to sightsee and enjoy the majestic Lake Como from taking a ferry to Bellagio or a tram (funicular) to the mountain top of Brunate that overlooks Como and Lake Como. Following lunch the group will depart to San Siro Stadium to attend a Serie A match ( AC Milan or Inter Milan). Dinner at the hotel following the match and evening set aside for team activities. (Como)

#### **Day 4**

Morning training session with an Italian professional coach. Following the session and lunch the group will have a guided tour of Milan, the main city in Lombardy and the capital of the fashion world. The tour will include the famous Gothic Duomo, the world's second largest church, the Galleria, and Sforza Castle. Late afternoon free in Milan for sightseeing and shopping. Dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure. (Como)

#### **Day 5**

Following breakfast the group will visit Lugano, Switzerland for sightseeing and free time in the picturesque city, which is surrounded by the mountains of the Lugano Prealps. Following lunch transfer back to Como for a pre-game meal at the hotel. Evening match where the team will get their first game (1) and taste of international competition versus a club in Como. (Como)



Coverciano - FIGC

#### **Day 6**

In the morning the group will transfer south to the region of Tuscany, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Upon arrival, the team will have a training session at Coverciano, the technical headquarters of the Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (FIGC), with a FIGC staff coach. Following the session a short drive to Montecatini Terme, a spa town located between Florence and Pisa. Diner at the hotel and evening free to explore Montecatini. (Montecatini Terme)

#### **Day 7**

The day will begin with a guided tour of Florence that will include such sights as the Gothic Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, and Signoria Square. Lunch and free time in Florence. Evening transfer to a local sports centre for a pre-game meal. Evening games (2) versus a Florentine professional youth club. (Montecatini Terme)



Florence

#### **Day 8**

After breakfast players and coaches will depart for Rome, the "Eternal City", and capital of Italy. Upon arrival in Rome the group will have lunch prior to a guided tour of "classic Rome" to such sites as the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Coliseum, and Roman Forums. Dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure. (Rome)

#### **Day 9**

The day will begin with a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, which includes the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Following the tour and lunch, the team will have their final games (3) versus a club in Rome in the late afternoon. Farewell dinner at the hotel. (Rome)



Vatican City

#### **Day 10**

Following breakfast the players, staff, and boosters will transfer to Leonardo de Vinci International Airport (FCO) in Rome for the return flight back to the United States with same day arrival in Miami.



## TOUR INCLUSIONS



- Tour price guaranteed in US Dollars at time of deposit.
- One (1) free spots for staff based on 15 full paying participants (players, staff, boosters).
- Round trip international air transportation/flights from US gateway city to Italy. Airline taxes and fuel (yq) are not included.
- Meal package: Two meals per day, breakfast and dinner. Dinners will be at the hotels and local restaurants. Pre-game dinners will be arranged according to game times.
- Accommodations:
  - 4-nights - Como (3-star superior/4-star hotel)
  - 2-nights - Montecatini Terme (3-star superior/4-star hotel)
  - 2-nights - Rome (3-star superior/4-star hotel)
- Transportation: Full time motor coach throughout the tour.
- Guided sightseeing tours of Milan, Florence, & Rome.
- Admission to and guided tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Soccer program:
  - Guided tour of San Siro Stadium
  - Three (3) friendly matches (per team) against Italian youth/professional clubs
  - Two (2) training sessions with Italian professional/FIGC coaches
  - One (1) training session with your own coaches
  - One (1) Serie A game – AC Milan or Inter Milan
- Fulltime, bilingual Italian tour manager.
- All land fees and taxes as related to the land program.
- Extensive pre-trip assistance including fundraising, newsletters, packing details, detailed final itinerary, and travel details.



## TOUR EXCLUSIONS



- Meals as noted in the meal package (lunches)
- Passport fees
- Travel Insurance
- Health insurance
- Items of personal nature



## TOUR COSTS



Tour costs are based on the overall number of participants (players, staff, family members) traveling on tour and the originating US gateway city. Contact United Soccer Academy for an exact tour proposal and price for your team.



## PROGRAM FOR BOOSTERS (Parents & Family Members)



The “Booster Program” is for parents and family members interested in participating on the tour. The program and itinerary is the same for parents and family members. Additional tour inclusions can be added such as wine and food tastings, golf outings, and in-depth sightseeing excursions. Exact tour costs are based on the overall number of participants (players, staff, family members) traveling on tour and the originating US gateway city. Tour prices are based on single, double, or triple occupancy.



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## FUNDRAISING

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In conjunction with our fundraising partner, Reaching Our Goal ([www.reachingourgoal.org](http://www.reachingourgoal.org)) will provide players with a fundraising program that can raise a large percentage of the tour costs. Interested players and families should contact Jon Goldman at Reaching Our Goal at 914-364-4311 or via email at [jon@reachingourgoal.org](mailto:jon@reachingourgoal.org).



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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United Soccer Academy can customize tours that fit within the needs and desires of your team. The tour proposal will include a detailed itinerary, terms and conditions, and registration information. Also, please contact United Soccer Academy if you are interested in a group meeting where one of our representatives can meet with your coaches, players, and team parents to review and discuss the tour and international soccer travel and competition.

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