

MAY 31 - JUNE 8, 2010

ELMHURST COLLEGE TOUR OF BERLIN & PRAGUE

BERLIN, GERMANY & PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



Tour Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- Seven (7) nights hotel accommodations
- Ground transportation
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time tour director
- On-site football coordinator
- Guided sight-seeing tours
- Entrance fees to attractions (indicated on itinerary)
- Games and Practice(s)
- Post-game party
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell awards banquet
- Commemorative souvenir

Tour Highlights:

- Checkpoint Charlie Museum
- Potsdamer Platz
- Berlin Wall
- Brandenburg Gate
- Victory Column
- Third Reich Walking Tour
- Mala Strana
- Charles Bridge
- Prague Castle
- St Vitus Cathedral

Day 1 - Fly overnight to Germany

Day 2 - Berlin Sight-Seeing

Join a professional, licensed tour guide as the group discovers one of the most historical cities in Germany. View the famed Brandenburg Gate, known for celebratory dancing on its flat top during the reunification. Travel to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, the most famous border-crossing point between East and West Berlin. Follow the guide as they lead the group through the museum's accounts of the most ingenious of these escape attempts—even a few by hot air balloon.

Day 3 - Third Reich Walking Tour

Uncover the heart of darkness that transformed a WWI scarred country into the near victors of WWII. During the three hour walking tour, see Hitler's bunker, the Nazi Air Force headquarters, Goebbel's propaganda ministry, the SS and Gestapo headquarters and the Soviet Memorial.


Day 4 - Free Day in Berlin

Time for some independent exploration today! Meander through Alexanderplatz, heart of Weimar-era Berlin, before visiting the Berliner Dom (Berlin Cathedral), a stunning multi-domed church.

Day 5 - Transfer to Prague

Feel the inspiration for Franz Kafka's novels as the group strolls the medieval streets of the Mala Strana (Little Quarter). Cross the Charles Bridge to 13th-century Old Town to see the 15th-century astronomical clock in Market Square. Stop in Josefov (Jewish Quarter), to view Europe's oldest synagogue, dating from 1270.

Day 6 - Game Day

Today, compete against your host team in front of a home crowd. After the game, relax and enjoy some post-game hospitality with new friends. 

Day 7 - Prague Sight-seeing

Follow a licensed tour guide on a sight-seeing adventure through the most prized city in Eastern Europe. Prague was built on beauty and decadence from a wide array of architectural styles, including Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau. Visit Hradcany (Prague Castle) and wander into the castle's courtyard to view the richly textured flying buttresses of St. Vitus Cathedral. End your exploration among the brightly colored houses in Golden Lane, the short, narrow street named after the artisans who practiced gold working there.

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Day 8 - Awards Dinner River Cruise

During free time today, you can check out the Kafka Museum, take in some chamber music at a local cathedral or enjoy a day of shopping and leisure. We will spend this evening on our private river cruiser watching the beautiful Prague sunset during our awards dinner cruise.

Day 9 - Return home

Transfer to the airport this morning and board your flight home with memories of an unforgettable experience.

Please note: The order of sight-seeing and game day destination may be altered depending on final game confirmation. This itinerary is based on a previous Global Football tour of Berlin & Prague and should be used as a guide only. All efforts will be made to include items listed above but adjustments may be necessary depending upon the game site. The official day-to-day itinerary will be confirmed six weeks prior to departure.

BERLIN

Of strategic importance since it first straddled the Spree River in the 13th century, Berlin took center stage in the turbulent 20th century. Today the city, restored as the nation's capital, is the focus of a mammoth reunification project.

Berlin is a veritable hub for lovers of art, architecture and artefacts. Its great clusters of museums will keep the most dedicated culture addict happy. Layers of the city's history, from war and violence to imperial fancy, exist in fascinating proximity to its dynamic present.

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PRAGUE

Matička Praha - 'little mother Prague' - was largely undamaged by WWII and the resulting cityscape is stunning. Its compact medieval centre remains an evocative maze of cobbled lanes, ancient courtyards, dark passages and churches beyond number, all watched over by an 1,100-year-old castle.

Sight-seeing in Prague means wandering through a beautiful diversity of neighborhoods amidst old fortifications, historically resplendent squares, majestic church-fronts, green open-air cuttings, and countless museums.



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