

BARCELONA SOCCER TOUR



Day One

- Depart on an overnight flight to Barcelona Airport.

Day Two

- Arrive at Barcelona Airport where you are met by your Excel International Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to Santa Susanna – a pleasant seaside resort about 50 minutes to the north of Barcelona.
- Check-into your 3* hotel where you will be staying for the following seven nights.
- Welcome meeting and orientation.
- Afternoon free to explore Santa Susanna's beautiful beaches.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

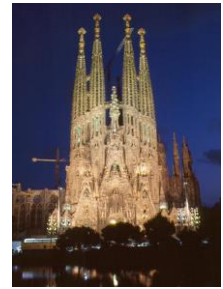


Day Three

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Free afternoon to explore the town of Santa Susanna. Wander the Old Town Walls or visit the Ancient Watchtowers. There are always the gorgeous beaches of the Costa Brava Region or relax at a local restaurant and watch the splendor that is Spain.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening, participate in your first friendly game against a Spanish side.

Day Four

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on deluxe coach to Barcelona (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- Enjoy a two hour guided walking tour of Barcelona. Among the main attractions are the unfinished Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's amazing unfinished temple, the lively central street called Las Ramblas, the gothic cathedral, the Picasso museum, the old port, and excellent shopping in the labyrinth of streets in the historic gothic quarter.
- Afternoon free for sightseeing on own in Barcelona.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.



Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on deluxe coach to Girona (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- Girona is located midway between the sea and the mountains, Girona boasts a privileged position. The Old Town is one of the most evocative historical centres in Catalonia, with certain elements that are unique in Europe: the Carolingian wall, an exceptionally well conserved Jewish quarter, and the grandeur of the Cathedral's Gothic nave, the widest in the world.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your second international friendly game vs. a Spanish side.

Day Six

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Depart on deluxe coach for FC Barcelona (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- This afternoon tour the Camp Nou Stadium, home of FC Barcelona, one of the biggest soccer clubs in the world with a capacity for 98,000 spectators. The club has its own museum and mega store.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your third international friendly game vs. a Spanish side.



Day Seven

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, optional pro-game visit to FC Barcelona or Espanyol (dependent on schedule).
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Eight

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Free morning at your leisure to enjoy the beach and the hotel pool. Free time for last minute sightseeing and shopping as well.
- This afternoon play your fourth international friendly game vs. a Spanish side.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Nine

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart Barcelona Airport on your return flight.

ABOUT SPAIN

Barcelona - If you only visit one city in Spain, it should be Barcelona. After Barcelona hosted the 1992 Olympics, it became well known as a sporting city. Sporting developments have sprung up all over the city, with the epicenter the slopes of Montjuïc. Barcelona is sophisticated, elegant and romantic, but boasts the energy and raffishness of a port city. There is a fascinating old quarter, the Barri Gòtic, and a night scene to rival any in the country. Barcelona is also well known because of CF de Barcelona. A visit to their home stadium, the impressive Camp Nou, is highly recommended.



Santa Susanna - is located in the Spanish region of Catalonia on the Costa Maresme. The old town of Santa Susanna, set back from the beachfront, retains much of its original charm with narrow cobbled streets, ancient buildings and monuments and traditional way of life. Down at the seafront you'll find all the trappings of modern tourism with international bars and restaurants, ice cream parlours and a wealth of water sports to serve the seasonal influx of summer visitors. The resort is sandwiched between the Mediterranean and the mountainous wooded hinterland of the Massif Montnegre, a beautiful national park which attracts nature lovers, hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders.

TESTIMONIALS

"The trip to Barcelona was the experience of a lifetime for our U13 boys' soccer team - a perfect mix of sport and cultural activities. The training Excel arranged was excellent with high caliber coaches from the Espanyol and Barcelona youth teams. The matches against local Spanish teams were challenging and a great learning experience. The skills and style of play learned on the trip remain a continual reference point. In between all the playing time, we had a chance to watch a top La Liga game, visit Camp Nou and also see the spectacular sites of Barcelona and the surrounding area. Our team's focus was soccer, soccer, soccer and Excel obliged, but I have no doubt that they would arrange an equally memorable trip for those who are looking for a different emphasis. Given the chance, we would all do it again!"

Gloucester Impact Boys, Spain

"Simply Outstanding. The entire experience. From pre-trip planning, Excel International Sports did a fantastic job covering all the details, to the trip itself - was truly exceptional."

Rich Ruiz, Board member, Maryland ODP, Spain