

CHARLOTTE SOCCER ACADEMY
DA and Elite Team Tour of Spain 2019
Friday 19th to Sunday April 28th April
12U and 13U Boys and Girls Teams
14U, 15U and 16U Boys and Girls Teams

Dear players, parents and supporters,

Welcome to the Charlotte Soccer Academy Tour of Spain 2019 for our Elite and DA teams. We will once again be working with XL Sports Tours and we are thrilled to be taking our top DA and Elite players to Spain for not only an incredible week of soccer experiences but also some superb events off the field. We hope to take both boys and girls teams to represent the club in the following age groups, a combined 12 and 13U team and then a team of players aged 14U to 16U.

The purpose of this email is to give you a little further information about the proposed schedule of the tour and how you can check out even more information on XL Sports Tours. XL Sports Tours has been taking USA teams overseas since 2001 and the trips are always an enormous success. These tours are unique, educational and with a massive emphasis on enjoyment of the entire experience rather than just soccer. The players will be placed in a professional soccer environment, playing three games against top international competition and training with professional academy coaches at their private facilities.

During the tour we will be staying in top ranked hotels in the incredible soccer cities of Barcelona and Madrid! Our players will be placed in a professional soccer environment, playing games against some top local Spanish teams including the opportunity to play against Academy programs from top clubs. We will also have the players being coached by top professional academy coaches at their private facilities. One incredible experience the team and parents will have is to train at Ciudad Del Futbol the training home of the Spanish national teams with our very own CSA coaches.

In addition to events on the field we will also be attending a top-class Spanish league game and taking tours behind the scenes of two of the most famous soccer stadiums in the world. Our itinerary will include tours of the Bernabéu home to Real Madrid and the incredible Camp Nou home to FC Barcelona! And that's not all; we will also be touring some of the most famous sights of the great country including guided tours of Madrid, Toledo and Barcelona. We will also visit the stunning Montserrat Monastery outside of Barcelona and Parc Güell.

We feel this will be an incredible experience for players and their supporters and fully expect the tour to book up as there are a limited number of spaces available. To ensure that this experience is available to all XL Sports Tours has an incredible **FREE** fundraising program that allows every person the chance to cover the cost of their tour. The club will also be providing further fundraising options with more information to follow. We hope you are as excited about this event as we are and for more information on the next steps please read ahead.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Click on the following link <http://www.xltravel.com/csa-da-and-elite-teams-tour-of-spain-201> and when prompted for the password type in **csade19** in lower case. Alternatively go to www.xlsportstours.com then choose the "MY TOUR" tab at the top right and scroll down to **CSA DA and Elite Teams Tour of Spain 2019**. After you click on this link you will be prompted for the password which again is **csade19** in lower case. When you open the page, you will find information on the tour itinerary along with other notes including payment schedule and how to make a payment, fundraising options to cover the entire cost of your tour, insurance options and even flight options. To register for the tour, click on the BOOK NOW link to the left-hand side of the page and follow the steps listed. You can book your place on the trip using your [credit card](#) or by mailing in a check to: XL Sports Tours, 825 Courtland Street, Orlando, FL 32804

WHAT ARE THE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS?

Typically, players will share rooms together and any accompanying members of the group will automatically be placed together (same sex only). If you have a preferred roommate, you can specify this at [registration](#). If you did not do this at the point of registration, please email info@xlsportsworld.com with your request. Most hotels in Europe do not as a rule allow more than 2 people in a room and the price of the tour is based on a per head amount so there is no discount for having more people in a room.

WHAT IS THE COST OF MY TOUR AND WHAT WILL IT INCLUDE?

The cost of the program will be **\$2,499** per person based on **45 travelers**. Please note the cost **does not include your international flight** but does include the following;

- Train at top academy locations including Ciudad Del Futbol the home of the Spanish Football Association
- 3 friendly matches against hand selected opposition. We have links with top academy programs such as Getafe, Rayo Vallecano and RCD Espanyol to ensure top competition
- Fantastic tickets to two top class live games. We get the best seats in the best stadiums and have the option of adding even more live games. All fixtures based on league schedule with specific game requests, top tier or derby games subject to additional fees
- Private tour of the Bernabeu home of Real Madrid and Camp Nou, home to Barcelona
- Sightseeing and professionally guided tours of Toledo, Madrid and Barcelona.
- Visits to Montserrat Monastery and Park Güell
- 2 Meals per day, breakfast and dinner
- 8 nights' accommodation in top quality hotels in Madrid and Barcelona
- Internal transportation via luxury motor coach
- Training sessions at top facilities with equipment provided
- Live customer service via XL corporate office in Orlando, FL
- XL Tour Representative to take care of planning and maintenance
- XL Fundraising program to cover the cost of the entire tour
- Bi-lingual tour guide with party 24 hours a day and XL Sports Tours Director

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR PAYMENTS?

We fully expect this tour to completely fill up as we will be offering across two different age groups. To break down the cost of the tour travelers have the opportunity to pay through installments with the following timelines:

Initial payment to secure tour place (\$100): **on or before September 19th, 2018**

Second payment (\$500): **October 19th, 2018**

Third payment (\$500): **November 19th, 2018**

Fourth Payment (\$500): **January 19th, 2019**

Current balance (includes flight base if applicable): **February 19th, 2019**

Group Flights Balance: Subject to airline contract

DOES XL SOCCER TOURS OFFER ANY FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS?

Yes, we do. We offer a fantastic fundraising program involving a raffle [prize](#) draw for one of our "Soccer Fanatic Weekends". There is an additional document online with details of this program. Once you have paid your first \$500 payment simply email us at info@xlsportsworld.com to request your first book of 25 raffle tickets and we will then send them out to your home address, so you can immediately start raising money for the next installment payment. As you pay the remaining balance we will continue to send out tickets as you request them.

WHAT ARE THE FLIGHT PROGRAM OPTIONS?

At the time of registration, you will be given two options:

CSA DA and Elite Teams Tour of Spain 2019 with flight – package includes everything on the itinerary plus the group flight. This flight will be for the first day of the tour and return on the last day of the tour. We are not able to make changes to the contracted start & end dates for individuals, so we encourage you to review the Ground Only option if you are considering extending or shortening your stay. If you register for the **CSA DA and Elite Teams Tour of Spain 2019 with flight** package you will see a fee of **\$1,000** added to your total invoice when you register. This is an installment towards the flight costs. Once we have confirmed exact pricing with the airlines we will update your final balance accordingly.

CSA DA and Elite Teams Tour of Spain 2019 no Flight – package includes everything on the itinerary without flight. This gives you the option to book your own air transportation. This is recommended if you would like to book using air miles, deviate from the group travel dates or routing, or upgrade your flight.

When you register we will usually still be in the process of negotiating the best flight contract for your group and the final price will be unconfirmed at that stage, so a **\$1,000** installment is included in the initial package price. If you sign up for the package with the group flight you will receive the exact flight cost as soon as it is confirmed by the airline and there will then be a limited period of time for you to switch to Ground Only if preferred. After this time, we will place a deposit payment on the flights and any changes thereafter may incur a charge.

If you are booking a ground package, please ensure you land before the team so that you can meet the group in their arrival terminal and join the tour from there. If you arrive later than the team you are responsible for arranging transport to meet up with the group yourself. Please make sure you check all flight numbers and times for your flight as airlines may change your itinerary and it is your responsibility to ensure you connect with the group at the international location.

Please make sure you register for the correct package. If you are unsure which package to choose or if you have any questions, please email tara@xltravel.com or brittney@xlsportsworld.com

WHAT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

The XL Sports Tours website www.xlsportstours.com has a lot of information which you will find very useful for your trip including details on booking policies and [travel insurance](#). The website is full of useful details so that you can save time by simply looking online but if you cannot find the information you require please call them on **877-286-3809** or info@xlsportsworld.com and the XL staff will be glad to assist you.

Some of the things you will find on the website:

- Quotes and recommendations from previous travelers
- Photos from previous trips
- Information on other XL Travel products such as our “Soccer Fanatic Weekends”
- Addresses of our various global offices
- Downloadable booking forms
- Booking and Insurance Policies
- Information on travel insurance
- Online guide to traveling abroad with XL Travel, including information on currency, packing and watching live games!

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