

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOUR 2025 - ITINERARY

DALLAS ATHLETICS CLUB VOLLEYBALL



ROME - FLORENCE

ITALY



Dates, March 9 – March 17, 2025



Italy – Rome and Florence

ACCOMMODATION MARCH 10-14, 2025

HOLIDAY INN ROME – EUR PARCO DEI MEDICI
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WI-FI COSTS:

Free

MEALS:

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner March 10, 2025
Last meal: Breakfast March 14, 2025
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups are served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included at the breakfast buffet.



ACCOMMODATION MARCH 14-17, 2025

Hotel Ariston
Via Alessandro Manzoni, 30
51016 Montecatini Terme PT, Italy
Phone: +39 0572 79535

Wi-fi costs:

Free

MEALS:

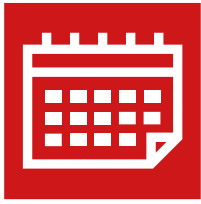
Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner March 14, 2025
Last meal: Breakfast March 17, 2025
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please note that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included at the breakfast buffet.



PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS REPRESENTATIVE:

Marco Stanisci - Tel. 00 39 (0) 328 105 8235



PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025

07:15pm Departure flight AA 240 from Dallas Fort Worth to Rome.

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2025

11:20am Arrival Rome Leonardo da Vinci International.

After passing through customs at Rome Airport your group will be met by Marco Stanisci recognizable by a Dallas Athletics Club Volleyball sign. Marco will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in Italy.

01:00pm Due to the early arrival and the Hotel rooms not being ready we would suggest doing some sightseeing in Rome. We would suggest visiting the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the seven hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated. Please note entry fees may/will incur at some of these sites.

05:00pm Transfer to your Hotel

06:00pm Arrival at your accommodation, followed by check-in.

Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary and game & excursion program with Marco.

07:30pm Evening dinner.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2025

09:00am Breakfast.

10:00am Further sightseeing in Rome – we would suggest visiting the Vatican and museum and tour Stadio Olimpico, home of pro teams Roma and Lazio. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc. if not seen the day before).

05:00pm Return to the Hotel.

07:00pm Evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2025

08:00am Breakfast.

09:30am Transfer to ASD Aurelio, for a complimentary training session with some of the students/players from Rome City Institute.

10:00am Start of your training session

12:00pm Lunch at leisure before departing to the Rome City Institute Campus for a show around of their Volleyball facilities.

04:30pm Transfer to the Lazio Pallavolo courts, followed by warm up prior to the friendly game.

06:00pm Start of your friendly game vs. Lazio Pallavolo, who play in Blue and White.

08:15pm Return to the Hotel

09:00pm Evening dinner at the Hotel.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2025

09:00am Breakfast.

10:00pm Day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d 'Este, and Hadrian's Villa.

04.45pm Departure back into Rome for your second friendly game of your tour.

05.30pm Arrival at Avogadro High School for your second friendly game of your tour.

06.30pm Start of your friendly game vs. Avogrado Parioli Volley, who play in Royal Blue.

08.30pm Return to the Hotel.

09:30pm Evening dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2025

09:00am Breakfast.

10:00am Transfer to your accommodation in **Montecatini, near Florence**, with a pit stop in Siena.

01:00pm Estimate arrival time in Siena, for lunch and sightseeing - distinguished by its medieval brick buildings. The fan shaped central square, Piazza del Campo, is the site of the Palazzo Pubblico, the Gothic town hall, and Torre del Mangia, a slender 14th century tower with sweeping views from its distinctive white crown. The city's 17 historic "contrade" (districts) extend outward from the piazza.

05:00pm Departure to Montecatini and your Hotel.

06:00pm Arrival at the Hotel followed by check-in.

07:00pm Evening dinner at the Hotel.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2025

- 08:00am Breakfast.
- 10:00am Day trip to Pisa - Although Pisa is known worldwide for its leaning tower, the city contains more than twenty other historic churches, several medieval palaces, and bridges across the Arno and is also a short distance away from the Tuscan Coast.
- 07:00pm Evening dinner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2025

- 08:00am Breakfast.
- 09:00am Morning at leisure with the option of exploring the town of Montecatini with its local shops, Roman Baths and/or the Funicular.
- 12:00pm Lunch in lieu of Dinner at the Hotel.
- 01:00pm Transfer into Florence for local sightseeing.
- 05:00pm Arrival at the Volleyball court for your 3rd and final friendly game.
- 06:00pm Start of your friendly game vs. Azzura Volley Firenze, who play in XXX
- 08:00pm Socializing with the Host Club
- 09:00pm Return to the Hotel.

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2025

- 04:45am Pick up breakfast bag, followed by check-out.
- 05:15am Transfer to Rome FCO Airport.
- 08:45am Arrival at Rome Airport.
- 11:45am Departure flight DL 067 from Rome to Atlanta.
- 05:50pm Arrival Atlanta Airport.
- 10:49pm Departure flight DL 818 from Atlanta to Dallas.
- 12:16am Arrival Dallas Fort Worth Airport.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

SKELETON ITINERARY:

This is a skeleton itinerary only. The definite day to day program will be discussed with you upon arrival. The organized playing times and dates of your games and/or clinics and receptions must be honored.

BANKS:

Please note that banks in Europe are usually closed at weekends. We strongly recommend that you do not utilize traveler checks but use any or all of the following – ATM / Debit Card, Euro pre-paid cards, Credit Cards and take cash. Please take enough funds to cover the first few days, as precious time is wasted if most of your group needs to access cash on arrival.



VERY IMPORTANT:

Most countries now require travelers to have a passport that is valid more than 90 days after your trip return date. If your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

COPIES PASSPORTS:

We also strongly recommend that your group's coach or team manager collects copies of all travelers' passports and, where applicable, paper airline tickets, prior to departure in case of theft or loss.



STUDENT ID:

If you are with a student group, please ensure all people in your party bring their Student ID as this will give access to many discounts on entry fees to various attractions.

ENTRANCE FEES:

Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

VOLLEYBALL BALLS:

Balls will only be provided for the games. Please bring your own volleyball balls for training sessions and/or clinic sessions.



CHECK YOUR TICKETS:

Please ensure that you cross-reference your airline tickets with your itinerary as departure times and flight numbers may have been amended since your itinerary was forwarded to you, and, if in doubt, check with your airline directly. Make sure the name on the ticket is exactly the same as on the passport.



DELAY:

In case of delay caused by flight or transport issues, please advise our Representative as soon as possible if any amendments are required, so they can adjust your arrangements wherever feasible. The contact information /phone number of this representative is included in the itinerary in this document.

AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS:

Most flights from the US to Europe will arrive between 6.00 – 11.00 a.m. European times. However, please note that most hotel bedrooms will only become available between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m., so it is not always possible to check into your hotel room as soon as you arrive at your destination. Your local Representative will suggest a light excursion to occupy your group until your rooms are prepared.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION AND TOUR PREPARATION:

Please review your [Team website](#) and our [Travel Guide](#) on our website. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

Some accommodations may require a small security deposit to be paid on arrival. The security deposit is to be held only in the event of damage by your team to any of the accommodation's property. Upon check out, your deposit will be returned.



SEAT BELTS:

All passengers, by law, must always wear seat belts on all bus transportation when in Europe. Premier International Tours, its partners and suppliers will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to anyone ignoring this regulation.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

During your entire stay in Europe a private bus will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 700 kilometers available.

BUS COMPANY

Casucci Coaches
Tel: 0039 (0) 575 048 652

RESTRICTIONS BUS TRANSPORTATION:

The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

- The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day. Twice a week the driver may use the bus for 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
- Each day the bus driver must have an 11-hour rest period between his transportation duties.
- During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

We kindly ask you to be aware of these rules. Please notice that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.



AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

Premier International Tours has partnered with Best Group Airfares, who makes all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations **prior** to the tour please contact Premier International Tours at (303) 768-0891. From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Best Group Airfares at (786) 232 0932. We request that only the group leader(s) call them (Cinnamon Sheffield) and use the group ID Dallas Athletics Club Volleyball.



CHECK-IN AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:

Groups have blocked seats made at the time when the deposit was paid. Seat requests are accepted, but passengers cannot access their reservation online to make any changes to their seat assignments since it is a group booking. Many times, travelers are not able to check-in online for their flight, check-in will have to be done as a group at the airport upon arrival. We will e-mail you detailed information about check-in once tickets are issued.

INFORMATION FOR FLIGHTS IN CASE OF FLIGHT CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS:

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times, we must go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines regarding any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause to miss the flight connection or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights.
- If any individual wants to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then that individual should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed at the weekends, so we have some limitations.



TOUR MANAGER:

A tour manager will be with your group throughout your stay. Your tour manager will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. **This tour manager is not a professional city tour guide** although he or she will have a general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas.

It is very important that the group leader sits down with the tour manager upon arrival to discuss the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the tour manager the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the tour manager can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the tour manager at the end of the trip if he or she has done a good job. We recommend collecting approx. **\$20.00-\$30.00** per person (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

BUS DRIVER:

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip.

We recommend approx. **\$10.00-\$15.00** per person.



LAUNDRY:

Please consult your tour manager about laundry services upon arrival. Hotels usually offer an outside company to provide their laundry services for them but be aware that these services can often be quite expensive. There will likely be a self-service Laundromat near your accommodation.



SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS:

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 90 days before departure. For groups participating in tournaments, sightseeing excursions and activities are included on the tournament information sheets, and we recommend you plan the sightseeing program once you know your tournament game schedule (tournament schedules usually known approx. 1-2 weeks out). Please also note that sightseeing entrance fees are **not included** unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

CARRY-ON LUGGAGE:

We recommend that you take medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a check suite-case.

WATER AND MEDICAL KIT DURING YOUR SPORT ACTIVITIES:

Please make sure all players bring their own water supply to games and clinics. Our tour manager will advise your group on the best places to buy this. We recommend that your group always has a medical kit with them.



PREMIER INTERNATIONAL TOURS 24/7 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In case of emergencies (mainly when you are dealing with issues within the USA or matters you cannot resolve with our local – at your destination – staff, please contact 303-522-5531.

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