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Date: 8/01/2021 From: John Curtis

**Re:** NCE Select Squad Invitation Gothia Cup 2022

#### Dear Parent:

I am delighted to invite your daughter to participate in the 2022 edition of the Gothia Cup taking place in Sweden next July. Your daughter has been selected based on her performances in NCE programs and after recommendations from our coaching staff.

### **Trip Particulars:**

**Dates:** Depart USA Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> return Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Registration:** Please use the link provided in the email invitation to secure your spot.

Further information on the tour can be found in the following pages including basic itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, and travel insurance information.

We hope that you, your daughter, and your family will join us on this opportunity of a lifetime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For a flavor of the Gothia Cup experience click here Gothia Cup Aftermovie

Kind Regards

John Curtis

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Technical Director and Founder
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# TRIP INFORMATION

#### Who is invited:

Select Squad players from the 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 age groups. Family members and supporters who would like to join the tour and enjoy the experience are also welcome to attend.

#### **Squad Sizes:**

2009 - 16 Players

2008 - 16 Players

2007 - 18 players

2006 - 18 Players

**Player's commitment deadline:** Roster spots will be filled on a first come first served basis. If places remain on November 30th, 2021, additional invitations will be sent to selected players based on NCE staff recommendations.

**How do you commit:** Complete the online registration, by clicking on the link in the invitation email and making the \$250 deposit payment. Please also send an email to Nick Dunbar, Chief Operating Officer at <a href="mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com">nick@ncesoccer.com</a> letting him know if you have any additional travelers who will be traveling with your daughter. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Nick directly.

Land cost per person: \$2,599 per player & \$2,399 per family member based on double occupancy and in certain cases triple rooms for the players. These prices do not include flights. For those wishing to upgrade to a single room there will be an additional cost of \$500pp.

Payment Plan: Outlined on the next page.

Location of the events: Copenhagen & Gothenburg

Flight bookings and prices: See page titled 'Flight Information'. We will use Consolidator Webfares to provide an NCE flight option that travelers will need to use if they want to travel with the group.

**Extra Training:** Due to our club commitments additional squad training will be limited but we hope to have the opportunity to play together as a group before we travel.

# TRIP SCHEDULE

### **Copenhagen Portion**

For 2022 we will be flying from New York to Copenhagen for two days to prepare for the tournament.

We plan to depart on a red eye the night of Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> arriving in Denmark the morning of Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. After arriving and meeting our local tour guide, we will transfer to the hotel and then take a light training session to shake off the jet lag before dinner that evening.

Saturday morning the girls will either train or scrimmage in preparation for the tournament the following lunch, we take a guided tour of 'wonderful Copenhagen'.

Saturday night we will look to do something as group, whether this be an activity, like bowling, or a group dinner. On Sunday we will travel to Gothenburg to check into our tournament hotel and register for the competition.

### **Gothenburg Portion**

The Gothia Cup is the largest and most international youth soccer tournament in the world. The event will be returning in the summer of 2022 after two years away due to the COVID pandemic. This event hosts over 1,700 teams from more than 80 nations and the opening ceremony rivals the Olympics for atmosphere and excitement. More information on the schedule and events can be found at the Gothia Cup webpage by following the link below.

Gothia Cup 2022: <a href="https://gothiacup.se/en">https://gothiacup.se/en</a>

# **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

### The payment schedule is as follows:

Cost is \$2,599 for the players, and \$2,399 for supporters, for the land package only. This is based upon 2 or more persons to a room. You can upgrade to a single room for \$500pp. Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2, 3 or 4.

Families traveling with more than three individuals can also benefit from a \$250 discount for the 4th, 5th & 6th traveler.

Our refund policy is outlined in the pages to come. However, please note that \$250 of the deposit is non-refundable under any circumstances as this acts as a service fee.

### PLAYER PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
Now	Deposit Due	\$250pp
Nov 1	2nd payment due	\$500pp
Feb 1	3rd payment due	\$500pp
Mar 1	4th payment due	\$500pp
May 1	5th payment due	\$500pp
Jun 1	6th payment due	\$Balance

### SUPPORTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
Now	Deposit Due	\$250pp
Nov 1	2nd payment due	\$500pp
Feb 1	3rd payment due	\$500pp
Mar 1	4th payment due	\$500pp
May 1	5th payment due	\$500pp
Jun 1	6th payment due	\$Balance

# **REFUND POLICY**

## What happens if our plans change and we need to cancel?

We understand that situations may change, so we offer a generous refund policy for the land package. These refund dates only apply to the land portion of the tour. Flights are booked separately and the responsibility of the player or supporter.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND AMOUNT OWED	
150+ days out	100% refund*	
90-149 days prior to departure	75% refund*	
60-89 days prior to departure	50% refund*	
less than 60 days prior to departure	0% refund*	

<sup>\*</sup>Any refunds will be issued less a \$250 per person service fee.

# WHATS INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE

#### **PACKAGE DETAILS**

#### What's Included:

9 Night Land Package: July 15th – July 25th

#### Meals & Accommodation

- Breakfast and dinner in Copenhagen
- Breakfast and 6 Dinners at our tournament hotel in Gothenburg;
- 2 nights in quality 3/4 stars hotel in Copenhagen
- 7 nights at Gothia Cup tournament hotel

#### Transportation

- Private bus in Copenhagen.
- > Transport from airport to hotel and return.
- > Public transportation at the tournament included in your Gothia Card.

#### **Excursions**

- > Time at leisure in Denmark and Sweden.
- > Half day guided tour of Copenhagen.
- > Free time in Gothenburg during the tournament.

#### Soccer

- 2 training sessions with NCE coaches.
- Tournament games.
- > Tournament registration fee.
- Gothia Card.
- All tournament events and activities, including Gothia Cup opening ceremony.

#### General Expenses

- All your Tour Manager expenses.
- ➤ All your Driver, Bus & Transportation expenses as per your itinerary.
- > All taxes & VAT included.

We will get our final schedule 2 weeks prior to travel dates.

#### Not included:

- Soft drinks at meals not included.
- > Travel and/or cancellation Insurance.
- Entry tickets to events not listed above.
- > Fliahts.
- > Tips for guide and driver.
- Additional fees for single room accommodation

# **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

#### **TEAM FLIGHT**

We are looking to secure the best possible price for our team flight from NY/NJ area into Scandinavia. Once this flight is secured, we will notify all travelers with details on how to book.

We will depart the NY/NJ area on Thursday July 14th and return on Sunday July 24th.

Travelers have the option to travel on the team flight or can make their own arrangements. All independent travelers are required to meet up with the group at their own expense and need to confirm travel details as soon as possible with the NCE team. The group flight will be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Bieber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

#### Consolidator Webfares, Inc.

Klaus Bieber klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com 888.316.7514 x7

#### **CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR PLAYERS**

Space is limited to those who register first. All invited players can confirm participation, by logging into their NCE Family Portal, clicking 'Program Signup' under the players name and selecting 'NCE Gothia Cup Tour 2022'. Once the \$250 deposit is paid the players roster place is secure.

#### CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR SUPPORTERS

If supporters want to join the tour you will need to go into your family portal and add the details of the respective individual. Please then e-mail Nick Dunbar at <a href="mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com">nick@ncesoccer.com</a> with the name of the supporters and we will register you for the Supporters portion of the tour. You will then be required to confirm your registration for this event by paying the deposit.

#### **PASSPORTS**

You must have a current passport which must be valid for 6 months after your return date. If your passport expires within 6 months of our return date you should immediately look into securing a renewal as there is a current backlog on passports. If you are traveling on a non-U.S. passport you must check with the destination country to clarify if you require a special travel visa.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE

We do not provide individual travel insurance coverage as part of the fee. It is strongly suggested that all travelers investigate the various options and consider purchasing travel insurance.

When investigating the many companies that offer travel insurance, we suggest that you ask questions regarding what is specifically included. The cost for coverage can vary based on reasons such as the cost of the trip and the level of coverage for expenses related to:

Trip cancellation
Travel delays or interruption Lost
Stolen or delayed luggage
Medical or dental coverage
Emergency services or expenses

.... and much more.

While we don't endorse any company listed below are links to some of the major company's previous travelers have used for insurance.

AIG Travelguard <u>www.travelguard.com</u>

Allianz Global Assistance <u>www.allianztravelinsurance.com</u>

CSA Travel Protection <u>www.csatravelprotection.com</u>

There are also many websites that compare rates and coverage, or your local travel agent might be able to offer further suggestions. It may also be worthwhile checking with your credit card company to see if they offer travel insurance when you make payment using your card.



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CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE GOTHIA CUP 2022 SELECT SQUAD