



NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

GOTHIA CUP 2022

Thursday 14th to Sunday 24th July

2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 girls



Selected players are invited to attend the Gothia Cup in Sweden. This amazing event provides selected players with an unparalleled international soccer experience, playing a number of games against high level teams from across the world.

The logo consists of the letters 'CO' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by three horizontal yellow bars of varying lengths, resembling a stylized 'E' or a flag.

"NCE is committed to provide the best possible development opportunities for our players and we hope that the experience of competing at the international level will provide selected players with the inspiration necessary to greatly accelerate their own development." John Curtis, Founder



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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 14th return Sunday July 24th 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

John Curtis
Technical Director and Founder
National Center of Excellence



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 YOB is Girls 13 - 16 Players (9-a-side)
2008 YOB is Girls 14 - 18 Players (11-a-side)
2007 YOB is Girls 15 - 18 Players (11-a-side)
2006 YOB is Girls 16 - 18 Players (11-a-side)

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 nick@ncesoccer.com 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 OVERVIEW AND 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 14th arriving in Denmark the morning of Friday, July 15th. 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: <https://gothiacup.se/en>

Tour Schedule

Thursday July 14th

Depart New York/New Jersey area airport.

Friday July 15th - Copenhagen

- Arrive at Copenhagen airport and meet our bilingual tour manager and private bus.
- Transfer to hotel for parent check in, players will transfer to the soccer field for a light training session with NCE staff coaches to shake off jet lag.
- Dinner for everyone around 8.00 pm

Saturday July 16th - Copenhagen

- After breakfast teams will transfer to a local field for training session with NCE staff coaches.
- Transfer to the city center around 11.30. Lunch on own then around 2.00 pm till 5.00 pm take a bus tour of the city with a local guide.
- Free time to enjoy the city, then return to your hotel around 5.30pm for dinner at 7.00.

Sunday July 17th - Gothenburg

- After breakfast check out of hotel to leave to Gothia Cup!
- Bus will depart at approximately 10.00am for a 4hour journey to Gothenburg. Stop along the way for lunch on your own.
- Arrival and check-in at our new hotel for the Gothia Cup.

TOUR OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

Monday July 18th – Gothenburg

- AM: Round 1 of the group games
- PM: Free time to relax
- PPM: Gothia Cup Opening Ceremony - Enjoy the atmosphere of this Olympic style opening ceremony with 40,000 other participants and supporters with live music, visual effects, on-stage performers and a spectacular fireworks display

Tuesday July 19th – Gothenburg

- AM: Round 2 of the group games
- PM: Free time to relax and discover Gothenburg by foot, shopping down the fine Avenyn and checking out the live Feskekorka (fish market)
- PPM: Gothia Leaders party for coaching staff

Wednesday July 20th – Gothenburg

- AM: Final round of group games.
- PM: Free time Wander through the narrow-cobbled streets of Haga in the shadow of the old fort, and then climb up to the top to enjoy panoramic views of the city
- PPM: Gothia Cup Social Event for all teams

Thursday July 21st – Gothenburg

- 1st and 2nd Elimination rounds of knock out stages

Friday July 22nd - Gothenburg

- Final rounds of knock out stages

Saturday July 23rd – Gothenburg

- Tournament finals at Ullevi Stadium

Sunday July 24th

- Transfer to airport for departure to United States.

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
Apr 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
Apr 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*
90-140 days prior to departure	75% refund*
60- 89 days prior to departure	50% refund*
less than 60 days prior to departure	0% refund*

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

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE

9 Night Land Package: July 14th – July 24th

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.
- Flights.
- Tips for guide and driver.
- Additional fees for single room accommodation

FLIGHT INFORMATION

TEAM FLIGHT

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

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. Players travelling alone will be required to travel with the NCE staff coaches. All travelers may secure their own seats on the same flight the group is travelling on by contacting the airline directly. This option is worth considering especially if the initial 50 seats have been confirmed.

CONTACT

The group flight can only be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Bieber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

Please ensure you email names and dates of birth before calling with deposit payment AND inform Consolidated Webfares of your NCE tour group as they are working with multiple teams.

E mail: klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com

Phone: 888.316.7514 x7

GROUP FLIGHT DETAILS WITH SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

Departure from USA

- Flight SK 910K on 14th JULY Newark to Copenhagen
- Flight departs 5.35PM and arrives 7.15AM on July 15th

Return to USA

- Flight SK 140K on 24th JULY Gothenburg to Stockholm-Arlanda departs 8.00AM and lands 8.55AM
- Flight SK 903K on 24th JULY Stockholm-Arlanda to Newark departs 10.25AM and lands 12.55PM

We have secured an initial block of 50 seats on this flight for a total cost with taxes and fees of \$1,097.00 per person which includes a checked bag. The additional seats we have secured are priced at \$1,598.00 per person with a checked bag. All seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 6, 2021 - \$100 deposit per person is due or immediately upon registration.
- Mar 1st, 2022 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due.

CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION

Space is limited to those who register first and to guarantee the roster position players should complete the online registration and pay the deposit as soon as possible with a using the registration link within the body of the original e mail from John Curtis.

If additional travelers and supporters want to join the flight, please e-mail Nick Dunbar directly at nick@ncesoccer.com with the name of the individuals so we can determine if there is available space.

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 or 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

www.travelguard.com

Allianz Global Assistance

www.allianztravelinsurance.com

CSA Travel Protection

www.csatravelprotection.com

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
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