



NCE SOCCER

2008 and 2010 Boys

Italy 2022

Sunday 10th to Monday 18th April

The NCE Select Tour of Italy 2022



Play top clubs

Train at pro clubs

Watch live games

See the sights

Top hotels & travel

Measure yourselves against some of the best players and local teams from Northern Italy.

Experience what it is like to be trained at a top-level professional academy.

Watch live games and experience the atmosphere of a fan in the ground close to the action.

See some of the most famous and stunning locations in the world including Lake Garda, Venice and Verona.

We have our own luxury coach for the tour and will stay in a top-class city center hotel.

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NCE Tour Staff

John Curtis, Technical Director

Nick Dunbar, Chief Operating Officer

Gary Taylor-Fletcher, NCE Regional Director

Dan Salomao, NCE Operations Manager

Sunday April 10th

PPM - Depart New York JFK Airport with NCE Staff on Emirates airlines to Milan Malpensa leaving 11:00PM arr. 12:55PM on April 11th.

Need to be at airport 3 hours beforehand.

Monday April 11th - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda

PM - Arrival at Milan international airport and meet our bilingual tour directors then board our 2 private buses for the week. First stop is Lake Garda area for free time and visit some of the lakeside towns such as Sirmione or Peschiera del Garda.

PPM - At the end of the day transfer to our hotel in Verona/Lake Garda area for check in and dinner.

Tuesday April 12th - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda

AM - After breakfast players have an early transfer to Chievo Verona Serie A Youth headquarter for a training session with their qualified coaches.

PM - After the session we will travel to Verona city center for free time in the city of Romeo and Juliet. Lunch on your own then in the mid-afternoon we play our first friendly games against local opponents as preparation for the tournament.

PPM - At the end of the games return to our hotel for dinner.



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Wednesday April 13th - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda

AM – 2nd training session at Chievo Verona Serie A Youth headquarters.

PM - After training we depart to visit Venice with free time to stop for lunch on the way. After arrival at the bus parking area, we will transfer to the city center by private boat. Once there, free time to enjoy the beautiful city with its many canals and bridges.

PPM - Midafternoon we will return to our hotel for dinner.

Thursday April 14th - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda

AM - Hotel check out and depart to Milan. Stop at San Siro Stadium for a guided tour with a bilingual guide of the home to AC Milan and FC Internazionale.

PM - Lunch will be on you own then we will transfer to the Milan suburbs to play a friendly against local teams as preparation for the tournament.

PPM - After our games we will transfer to the tournament headquarters for dinner and participate in the opening ceremony (COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING). Then check in to our Milan hotel.

Friday April 15th – Una Hotel Expo Fiera Milano

AM - After breakfast we transfer to the tournament fields to play in qualification games.

PM - Lunch will be included at the tournament restaurant.

In the afternoon we may have more group games depending on our schedule. According to the tournament schedule you may have free time to enjoy Milan City Center including the famous Cathedral, the Gallery and the old Castle.

PPM - Dinner included at the tournament headquarter then overnight at our hotel.



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Saturday April 16th - Una Hotel Expo Fiera Milano

AM - After breakfast, transfer to the sport center to play our final group matches.

PM - Lunch included at the tournament headquarter then transfer to the San Siro stadium to attend a pro game involving AC Milan and Genoa FC.

PPM - Dinner included at the tournament headquarters then back to the hotel.

Sunday April 17th - Una Hotel Expo Fiera Milano

AM - After breakfast head to the tournament where we hope to compete in the Finals!

PM - Lunch included at the tournament headquarters. After prize ceremonies free time to enjoy your final night in Milan.

PPM - Dinner will be on your own then overnight at our hotel.

Monday April 18th

AM - Breakfast at our hotel then check out and transfer to Milan airport to return back to the USA.

MXP to JFK departs 4:10PM arrives 6:55PM



YES CUP 2022 – TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Tournament Details

The tournament in 2022 will be renamed the 'YES CUP' and will include various academies based around the Milan area. Registrations are still open until April 1st so we are awaiting final confirmation of all teams.

Tournament Format

The plan is to have 2 to 3 preliminary games and then a semifinal and final. You can catch up with the tournament on the following links.

<https://www.facebook.com/YES-Cup-108366874953059/>

https://www.instagram.com/yescup_italy/

The following boys' teams are confirmed;

Boys 2010

Mazzo Football, Cagliari Pro Youth from Sardinia, Albinoleffe Pro team, Preuwelxz from Belgium, Tiigrid of Estonia, Mosta FC of Malta, Academie Univers of France, and various other regional teams from Italy

Boys 2008

Mazzo Football, Cagliari pro youth sector (Sardinia), Albinoleffe Pro team, Real Trinacria from Sicily, Lombardy One Milan Academy, AC Milan youth academy, FC Como pro team and various other regional teams from Italy

Flight to Italy



NCE Group Flight Program

Group should plan to arrive at the airport 3 hours before departure time and meet NCE Staff coaches. Location TBC.



Independent Fliers

Independent travellers are responsible to meet up with the NCE group in Italy. Location TBC.



First day arrival

Once through customs and immigration, we will meet up and connect with our bus driver and follow itinerary.



Itinerary and check in

Hotel check in is usually 3.00pm but we will attempt to get an earlier check in.

COVID and General Travel Information

USEFUL INFORMATION SITE [COVID 19 Info for travelers to Italy](#)

DURING YOUR STAY IN ITALY

- Anyone 12 years old and over is required to follow COVID rules as they apply to an adult.
- Anyone 11 years old or younger is considered still a child when applying the COVID regulations.

WHAT DOES FULLY VACCINATED OR 'PROVIDE VACCINATION MEAN'?

- A person must have at least 2 shots or 1 recovery from COVID and 1 shot with last shot or recovery within the last 6 months.
- For example, if the person had the 2nd shot or the last recovery in June 2021 now the status of 'fully vaccinated' has expired because more than 6 months have passed, and you need either a booster or a recovery. If the person had the second shot or the last recovery from COVID in December 2021 the status is considered 'Fully Vaccinated' as it is within 6 months of our tour date.
- On the website you may also see reference to 6 to 9 months. This means that if you're last shot or recovery was over 6 months but before 9 months you can show a COVID test result and still be considered vaccinated. After 9 months you need a further vaccine or recovery.

UPDATES <https://it.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

ENTERING ITALY

- Beginning on March 1, 2022 and valid until March 31, 2022, travelers from the United States may enter Italy if they are asymptomatic AND present one of the following:
 - An Anti-COVID 19 vaccination certificate for an [European Medicines Agency \(EMA\)](#)-recognized vaccine. At present, EMA recognizes the following vaccines: Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, AstraZeneca and Novavax. The date of the last dose of the primary vaccination series must be at least 14 days prior to travel and no more than 270 days before arrival unless a booster shot was administered. Travelers vaccinated in the United States can prove this via the "white card" bearing the CDC logo.
 - A medical certificate confirming recovery from COVID valid for six months from recovery.
 - A negative molecular PCR test result carried out within 72 hours of arrival, or a rapid antigen test result carried out within 48 hours of arrival
- Passengers unable to present a valid vaccination, recovery certificate or negative test result will have to self-isolate on arrival for five days and undergo a molecular PCR or rapid antigen test at the end of the isolation

FORMS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENTERING ITALY

- Passengers are required to complete the online [EU Digital Passport Locator Form](#).
- When asked to enter the address for where the group are staying use the following information.
 - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda from 11th to 14th March - <https://www.poiano.com/it/>
 - Una Hotel Expo Fiera Milano in the area of Milan from 14th to 18th March - <https://www.gruppouna.it/unahotels/unahotels-expo-fiera-milano>

More COVID and General Travel Information

Do they still have the mask mandates in place and in particular the specific FFP mask?

- At the moment FFP masks are required for indoor places and are mandatory on public transportation. Note that rules may change before we travel. These specific FFP masks can be found across Italy in airports, train stations, shops and tourist locations as well as from our Tour partners.
- FFP stands for “filtering face piece” and is a European standard for mask efficiency, ranging from one, the lowest grade, to three, the highest. FFP2 masks filter at least 94% of all aerosols, including airborne viruses such as covid-19. America’s N95 and China’s KN95 masks provide similar levels of protection.
- From April 1st Stadium and Sport Center capacities will return to 100% outdoors and indoors
- From April 1st – hotels and restaurants may also require a lighter “Vaccination status” but not sure at 100%, maybe vaccination will no longer be needed but we are awaiting confirmation.

Booking COVID Tests to return to the USA

- All passengers, regardless of vaccination or citizenship status, **must show a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 1 day** before travel to the USA
- Our tour partner will arrange all this with medical staff at our hotel in Milan.
- The cost of this test will be 24 EURO’s and can be paid in cash.

What if I test positive?

- If a person tests positive, then a second test will be administered by our travel partner which is a PCR test.
- If this is also positive you are required to quarantine for 5 to 10 days depending on your vaccination history.
- You can remain in the same hotel
- A member of NCE staff will remain with any **unaccompanied player** who is forced to self isolate.
- Any isolation expense incurred will be responsibility of player. NCE staff expense will be covered by NCE
- Our tour partner will provide assistance with booking the hotel and support and isolating travelers.

Insurance for Positive Tests

- We strongly suggest you get travel insurance incase of COVID delays.
- Our travel partner provides an insurance plan for only \$14 per person which provides coverage for quarantine costs and many other associated expenses.
- We will send out further information about this insurance and if you want to purchase it then you will need to do so no more than 2 weeks before departure.

Some other Important Points

1. **We need a copy of everyone's passport Page to secure your ticket to the AC Milan game.**
2. **You will need your vaccination card, but we also suggest a copy of it with your passport picture on same page.**
3. **Communications, dietary and medical needs.**
 - a. We will set up a WhatsApp group to provide notification on tour and share details.
 - b. We will send an e mail out regarding any dietary and medical needs.
 - c. All locations that we use for meals will be informed of these needs.
4. **International Play and U.S. Soccer.**
 - a) Make sure that in your family portal you have a current picture which we can use for our roster.
 - b) We will require all players to complete a U.S. Soccer COVID 19 Attestation and Waiver Release form that will be sent out to you.
5. **What do I do if I have not received my NCE International Uniform?**
 - a) All players should now have ordered and received their international uniform with number or have a delivery date.
 - b) If you have not received the uniform or an expected delivery date, contact nick@ncesoccer.com
6. **Do I need health insurance?**
 - a) We recommend you consider health insurance for your travel.
 - b) Check with your current provider and even your credit card company as they may offer insurance.
7. **Frequently Asked Questions**
 - a) We suggest getting some EURO's before you travel for incidentals when you arrive.
 - b) Tell your bank about your upcoming travel so purchases are not declined, and you can use the ATM.
 - c) Contact your cell phone provider to check if they offer international plans.
8. **Where can I find updated information about the tour?**
 - a) We will continue to post updates about the itinerary, suggested packing list and all other information to the tour web page which can be reached at <https://ncesoccer.com/italian-tour-info-page/>



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