



NCE SOCCER

GOTHIA CUP 2023

Wednesday 12th to Sunday 23rd July
2010, 2009 and 2008 girls

NCE Soccer will be inviting selected players to attend the 2023 Gothia Cup in Sweden to compete in the largest youth soccer event in the world. This amazing tournament provides our best players with an unparalleled international soccer experience, playing games against some of the very best youth teams.



'NCE is committed to providing 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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From: John Curtis

Re: NCE Select Squad Invitation Gothia Cup 2023

DEAR PARENT:

I am delighted to extend the invitation to your daughter to participate in the 2023 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 and feedback from our coaching staff.

This tournament features some of the top international girls and boys' teams and is widely regarded as the best youth soccer event on the globe. The aim for our teams that attend Gothia Cup is to reach the finals at every age group with the group games being followed by a straight knock out that mirrors the same format as the World Cup.

In 2022 NCE competed across four age categories and finished their group games with a 100% record. After 3 days of intense group games our teams went on to record victories in the knockout stages but ultimately finished just short of the final game. For 2023 we have adapted the tour itinerary to give us what we feel will be the best possible opportunity to compete and have our teams bring home the trophy for every age group!

Players will participate with their team and coaching staff in a training camp atmosphere in the USA before we fly together as a group to Sweden to arrive in good time to prepare for the tournament. Parents and supporters will meet us in Sweden to cheer on our players as we head towards the finals.

Further information on the tour can be found on the following pages including the itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, group flight details and even travel insurance options. 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.

Kind Regards

John Curtis

CEO and Founder

National Center of Excellence



EVENT INFORMATION:

DATES:

Wednesday 12th to Sunday 23rd July

WHO IS INVITED?:

Players born in 2010, 2009 and 2008 birth years.

SQUAD SIZES:

2010 YOB is Girls13 – (9-a-side) - Roster of 16 Players

2009 YOB is Girls 14 – (11-a-side) – Roster of 18 Players

2008 YOB is Girls 15 – (11-a-side) – Roster of 18 Players

PLAYER'S COMMITMENT:

Roster spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the select pool of invited players. Players need to complete the online registration by clicking on the link in your family portal and making a deposit payment to secure their place on the tour.

HOW DO PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR?:

You will need to add any additional travelers to your family portal as 'FANS' which will then allow you to register for the respective 'PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TOUR' providing there is still space available. Please note that any siblings who might already be players within the NCE programs will need to be added as a FAN in your family portal to see the supporter tour option. We also welcome those supporters who choose to travel independently to the group and attend the matches our teams play but please note we can not provide tickets to live games, transportation or access to other events unless you are on the official NCE Supporters tour.

LAND COST PER PERSON:

\$2,649 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,199** per person with the tour starting on Saturday July 15th through Sunday July 23rd.

Discount of \$250 for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

Payment plans are outlined on the following pages.

Prices are based on players sharing rooms with up to 3 other players. Supporter fees are based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of \$600.

FLIGHT BOOKING AND PRICES:

Flights are NOT INCLUDED in the above prices. See page titled 'Flight Information'. Travelers are responsible for booking their own flights but must use Consolidator Webfares if you want to access our group flight. Supporters who fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in Sweden. For our 2023 Gothia Tour we require all players to travel on the group flight with NCE Coaching staff members. Players will be transported from DeSales University to the outbound international airport as part of the tour itinerary.



TOUR OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE FOR PLAYERS:

All players will meet at DeSales University on Wednesday July 12th to meet up with their team and NCE Staff coach. Our teams will then go through a training camp with NCE staff directed by the NCE Technical Director to ready them for the upcoming tournament. This training camp will feature training sessions as a team to work on shape, formations, tactics, set plays, game management and workshops on how best to prepare to compete in tournament play.

The training camp will run from Wednesday through Friday then players and coaching staff will be transported to our international airport to fly to Sweden. We will meet parents and supporters at the airport or when we arrive in Sweden on Saturday 15th to acclimatize and settle into our tournament hotel. After a team dinner on Saturday evening with players and supporters we will use Sunday July 16th for team meetings and final preparation to get ready for the tournament start date on Monday July 17th.

The Gothia Cup is the largest and most international youth soccer tournament in the world. 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.

SUPPORTERS TOUR OVERVIEW:

The supporters tour package will start on Saturday July 15th when we arrive in Sweden to join up with the players and NCE coaching staff. Supporters may have the option of joining the group flight if we have any availability left after securing seats for players and NCE Staff. The supporters tour package will include accommodation from Saturday July 15th with a departure date of Sunday July 23rd. We hope to secure a large enough hotel to accommodate all players, staff and supporters. If this is not possible then we will look to secure a hotel of same or similar standard as close to the players hotel as possible.



GOTHIA CUP TOUR ITINERARY 2023:

WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH – PLAYERS ONLY

- PM – Players check into DeSales University at Station Ave, Center Valley, PA 18034 to meet up with teammates and NCE Coaching Staff.
- PPM – Dinner at University then team training session with NCE coaching staff. Team meeting then relax in dorms before lights out.

THURSDAY JULY 13TH – PLAYERS ONLY

- AM – Breakfast at University then training session with NCE coaching staff.
- PM – Lunch at University then training sessions with NCE coaching staff.
- PPM – Dinner at University then games to prepare for tournament. Evening workshop to go over tournament schedule and team preparations.

FRIDAY JULY 14TH – PLAYERS ONLY

- AM – Breakfast at University then training session with NCE coaching staff.
- PM – Lunch at University then check out of University to catch bus to international departure airport with NCE players and coaching staff.
- PPM – Check in for flights and head to departure lounge to then fly through the night to arrive in Sweden on Saturday 15th. Supporters with group flight option to meet at the airport.

SATURDAY JULY 15TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Arrive in Sweden and transport to hotel.
- PM – Free time to relax and lunch on your own.
- PPM – Team dinner for players, staff and parents then meeting with all to go over expectations for the group and review of weekly schedule.





GOTHIA CUP TOUR ITINERARY 2023:

SUNDAY JULY 16TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Team training session with NCE staff coaches and/or classroom workshop.
- PM – Free time to relax and lunch on your own. Visit Gothia Cup village at Heden center.
- PPM – Team dinner for players, staff and parents and preparation for first round of group games.

MONDAY JULY 17TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Round 1 of Group Games
- PM – Free time to relax and lunch on your own.
- 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 18TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Round 2 of Group Games
- PM - Free time - 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. Free time for players and supporters.

WEDNESDAY JULY 19TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- AM – Final rounds 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 20TH – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

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

FRIDAY JULY 21ST – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Final rounds of knock out stages
- Opportunity to visit Liseberg Amusement park in the center of the city using your Gothia Card discount.

SATURDAY JULY 22ND – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Tournament Finals at Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg.

SUNDAY JULY 23RD – PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

- Transfer to airport for departure to United States.

COST AND INCLUSIONS:

MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

- 2 nights accommodation at DeSales University for players including 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 evening meals. Players room together in double occupancy in a group of 4 with a shared bathroom and toilet.
- 8 nights accommodation in Gothenburg tournament hotel for players and supporters in Gothenburg with daily breakfast and dinner. Players are expected to room together with up to 4 in a room. Supporters will room separately in double occupancy with single supplements available for an additional \$600.

TRANSPORTATION

- Transport provided for players to travel from DeSales University to outbound international airport.
- Bus transfer by Gothenburg Cup from Gothenburg airport on arrival and departure. Please note Gothenburg Cup will only provide one bus time which will be dictated by players arrival and departure.

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- Players will participate in training camp at DeSales University before departure to Gothenburg.
- All players will receive complete NCE International Tour uniform of NIKE shirt, shorts and socks, full NIKE tracksuit and polo shirt.
- All tournament games, participant and registration fee, all tournament events and activities including Gothenburg Cup Opening ceremony.

GOTHIA CARD

- A Gothenburg Card is included for everyone who is involved in the players and supporter's tour. This card provides access to the opening ceremony, finals and FREE use of Gothenburg's public transportations from Sunday July 16th to Saturday July 22nd (trams, buses and commuter train) within Västtrafik zone A and B. All pitches and schools are accessible by the public transportation system.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- Daily lunches in Sweden.
- International Flight.
- Travel and/or cancellation Insurance.
- Additional fees for single room accommodation.
- Spending money for incidentals.



PAYMENT PLAN:

The cost for players is **\$2,649** and includes everything listed in the tour itinerary. Players will be expected to room together in rooms with up to 3 other players.

The tour price for supporters is only **\$2,199** per person based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of **\$600**.

We also offer a discount of \$250 for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
On registration	Deposit*	\$500.00
November 1 st , 2022	1 st payment due	\$500.00
February 1 st , 2023	2 nd payment due	\$500.00
March 1 st , 2023	3 rd payment due	\$500.00
May 1 st , 2023	Balance	\$Balance

*\$500 deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.

REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION:

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

We encourage all tour participants to consider travel insurance to cover issues such as injury which means a player is unable to join the tour. You may also want to consider purchasing the CFAR (cancel for any reason) option through our Insurance partner TripMate with more details provided in the following pages.

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

*All refunds will be issued less \$250 per person, which will act as the service fee.
*Refunds will also be subject to any costs incurred if NCE uniform has been received.

FLIGHT INFORMATION AND CONTACT



GROUP FLIGHT INFORMATION:

NCE Soccer will look to source a group flight for all players to travel from the New York/New Jersey area on Friday July 14th to arrive in Sweden on Saturday July 15th then return on Sunday July 23rd. It is mandatory for all players to travel on the group flight who will travel with the coaching staff from DeSales University together and check in at the airport. Supporters have the option to join the group flight if there are available seats or meet up with the group in Sweden. Any families and supporters who are booking their own travel arrangements will be responsible for meeting the group in Sweden at our hotel or meet the players and staff on arrival at our airport in Sweden.

CONSOLIDATOR WEBFARES INC:

The group flight can only be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Biber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option. Please note that availability for parents and supporters on the group flight will be offered on a first come first served basis after all players have been allocated seats. 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.

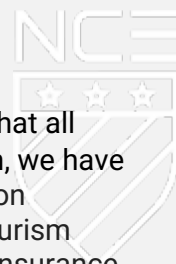
E mail: klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com

Phone: 888.316.7514 x7

PASSPORTS:

You must have a current passport which is valid for at least 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.





TRAVEL INSURANCE AND TRIP MATE:

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. For that reason, we have chosen to partner with TripMate who are an industry leader in providing high-quality travel protection products and services for the traveling public. They work with renowned organizations such as Tourism Cares, the United States Tour Operators Association and are a founding member of the US Travel Insurance Association.

In addition to offering industry leading travel protection plans, they provide administrative services for claims, product design and underwriting, while helping customers with our state-of-the-art claims handling.

They offer policies that include trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delays and even cancel for any reason. The coverage can include coverage for medical expenses, 24-hour travel assistance services as well as plans for issues with baggage and personal effects.

Please note that other insurance providers are available, and we recommend you review all opportunities but remember to confirm 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 and other expenses.

SIGN UP FOR TRIPMATE PLAN:

To register for the NCE approved plans and coverage please click on the following link ;

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/?welcome=SELE0324SC>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You can also find out more information on the various plans and what coverage can include by clicking on the following link:

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/our-plans/>





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Congratulations on being selected for the
Gothia Cup 2023 NCE Select Squad.