

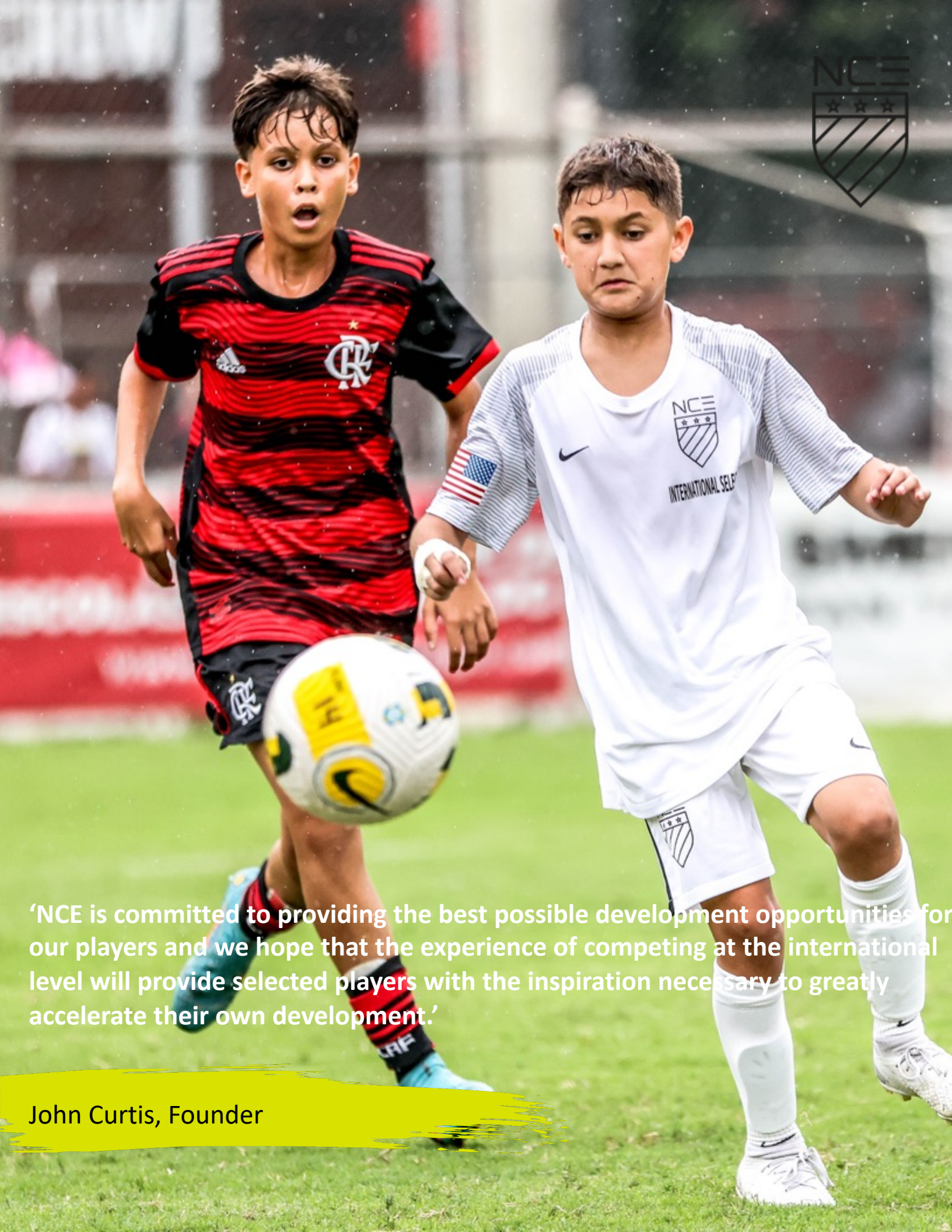


# NCE SOCCER

2024 NCE Pro Academy Tour of Brazil

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
2008/09 and 2010/11 Boys

Selected 2008/09 and 2011/12 **NCE** Boys are invited to travel to Brazil and experience what it takes to be a top youth player in one of the world's most successful soccer countries. This amazing event provides top NCE players with an unparalleled international soccer experience. Playing against and training with top Professional Academies in Brazil, watching live professional games and touring some of the most spectacular locations in the world



‘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:** Pro Academy Pathway – Brazil Tour 2024

**DEAR PARENT:**

I am delighted to announce that again in 2024 we will be offering our players the chance to travel to one of the most famous soccer countries in the world. Our tour to Brazil is for players identified by NCE coaching staff, based on their performance and attitude at scouted events. We are delighted to extend an invitation to your son to join this exceptional group of players to represent NCE IN Brazil.

This event has been established to take the best of our 2008/09 and 2010/11 boys to play against and train with, top professional club's academy programs, including some of our international partners.

During our tour we will play and train against top academy programs, attend live professional games, stay in top class hotels and see some of the most famous sights this incredible country has to offer. This promises to be a great event for our players and the opportunity to truly experience a world-famous soccer culture.

### **Trip Particulars**

**Dates:** Our plan is to depart on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> and return on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Registration:** We expect this tour to be sold out with massive interest across our programs so we would suggest if you are interested to go to your family portal and register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

In the following pages you will find additional information on the itinerary for the tour, payment schedule, refund policy, and travel insurance information. We hope that you, your player, and even 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:

Depart on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> and return on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### WHO IS INVITED?:

Selected players with the 2008/09 and 2010/11 birth year and their respective supporters.

### SQUAD SIZES:

2010/11 – 18 Players

2008/09 – 18 Players

Squads will be developed based on a consideration to have 2 goalkeepers and 16 outfield players. Once we reach the above numbers, we will form a waiting list.

### 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:

**\$2,750** per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,450** per person.

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 other players. Supporter fees are based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of \$500.

### 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 following the process listed. If you want to fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in Brazil. We ask that any players travelling by themselves travel on the group flight with NCE Coaching staff members.

## NCE BOYS' PRO ACADEMY TOUR OF BRAZIL 2024:



Schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events.

### THURSDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

PPM - Depart New York/New Jersey airport and fly to Rio de Janeiro

### FRIDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

AM - Arrive at Rio de Janeiro airport and transfer to hotel for lunch.

PM – Training Session at the ZICO training center with NCE staff and Free time for parents to explore the beaches of Rio de Janeiro and shake off the jetlag.

### SATURDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

AM – Visit the world-famous Sugar Loaf Mountain then lunch at the Monte Libano Club in the Lagoon area.

PM - Watch a Professional Game at Maracanã Stadium, home of the 2014 World Cup Finals

### SUNDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Professional Training Session #1 at Fluminense FC followed by lunch.

PM - Game #1 Vs. Fluminense FC Academy.

### MONDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Visit the CBF Museum, home of Brazilian football

PM - Game #2 Vs. Madureia EC Academy.





## NCE BOYS' PRO ACADEMY TOUR OF BRAZIL 2024:

### TUESDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Free morning then transfer to Botafogo Youth Complex.  
PM - Game #3 Vs. Botafogo Academy.

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Transfer to tour the famous Christ the Redeemer statue.  
PM – Visit to tarin and play Futsal at the Monte Libano Academy.

### THURSDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Visit the incredible new home of C.R. Flamengo and take a behind the scenes tour.  
PM - Game #4 Vs. C.R. Flamengo

### FRIDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

AM - Free morning to relax at the Beach before checking out hotel.  
PM – Depart to airport for your return flight home.

### SATURDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

AM – Arrive in the USA.

(Schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events)



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

We will receive our final schedule approximately 2 weeks prior to travel dates. All details on the confirmed itinerary will be communicated to travel group along with further information such as packing lists, FAQ's and general information. Following inclusions apply to all except where stated as PLAYERS ONLY.

### Meals and Accommodations

- 7 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro hotel based on twin, triple or quad rooms in the Barra da Tijuca or Copacabana area.
- 2 meals per day - Breakfast and lunch OR Dinner daily.
- Players will be assigned a room mate and will be in double occupancy with other players or with their respective supporters.
- Individual rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person for parents and supporters.

### Transportation and Assistance

- Transfer to and from all activities in Brazil.
- Full time experienced NCE Staff and Bi-lingual speaking tour Liaison Officer in permanent attendance.

### Events

- 1 x Admission ticket to CBF Museum Tour.
- 1 x Admission tickets to Professional Games with option to add more.
- Admission ticket to Christ the Redeemer and Sugar Loaf Mountain in Rio de Janeiro

### Soccer Program for PLAYERS ONLY

- 1 x Training session in Brazil at a Youth Academy
- 4 x Games in Brazil vs local competitive clubs including at least 2 of the top four clubs
- 1 x beach training session with local coaches
- 1 x Field Session with NCE Coaching Staff
- 1 x FUTSAL Training session at Monte Libano

### Kit for PLAYERS ONLY

- Players will receive a gift voucher for soccer.com to purchase a complete NIKE team uniform of 2 shirts, 1 pair of shorts and socks. This gift voucher will also allow players to purchase an NCE Polo Shirt, warm up pants and jacket for travel to games and training sessions.
- We recommend purchasing additional kit in case of bad weather.

### General Expenses

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

## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- International Flight.
- Spending money for souvenirs and lunch (note the tour includes 2 meals a day).
- Travel Insurance.
- Laundry
- Visa Fees if applicable
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancelation Insurance.
- Tips for driver.



## PAYMENT PLAN:

Cost is \$2,750 per player (Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2 or 3.) Additional Traveler Package is \$2,450 per person. Prices are based on double occupancy with individual rooms available for an additional fee of \$500.

\*Please note your deposit is required per traveler to secure your roster place. Roster places are only confirmed with receipt of deposit payment.

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

DATE	PAYMENT	PLAYER \$'S	SUPPORTER \$'S
On registration	Deposit*	\$500.00	\$500.00
October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	2nd payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Balance	\$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:

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. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the flight listed below with NCE Staff members and provide a travel consent form. Those players and supporters who are on the NCE tour package will have first refusal to take the group flight option. Independent travelers who are not part of the tour package may have opportunity to travel on group option if there is availability.

#### GROUP FLIGHT DETAILS

NCE will be managing the group flight option to Brazil so you will need to e-mail Nick Dunbar [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) with the names of the individuals as they appear in the passport following the dates outlined below. Group flights are available on a first come first served basis with a limited number available. If you choose to take the group option, this cost will be added to your tour registration fee.

#### Group Flight Departure

American Airlines AA0973 departs JFK Airport on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.55pm from Terminal 8 Arrives at Galeao International in Rio de Janeiro Terminal 2 at 8.35am on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Group Flight Return

American Airlines 0974 departs Galeao International on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00pm Terminal 2. Arrives at JFK airport on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.10am. Into Terminal 8.

Total with taxes and fees are \$1,100 per person and includes checked bag. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return.

#### Important Dates and Flight Provider Information

\$100 deposit per person is due on registration

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - last chance to cancel or join group flight providing available seats.

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – All required passenger information and full payment are due or deposit will be lost and seat cancelled.

To request a seat on the group option contact Nick Dunbar at [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) with names and passport information of individuals.

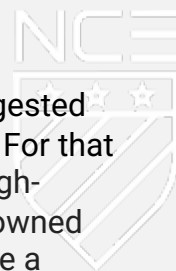
### FANS AND ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS :

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### PASSPORT INFO:

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 consider 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.

Travelers are responsible for securing travel visas should these be required.



## 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. Follow the prompts to find the best solutions for your needs. When going through the booking process if you are asked to provide a booking number, please enter 111.

<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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