



# NCE SOCCER

## NCE ITALY TOUR 2025

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2025  
2011 to 2014 Boys  
2010 to 2013 Girls

Selected 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013 **NCE** players are invited to Italy and compete in one of the top international tournament events in the great soccer city of Milan. This amazing event provides players with an unparalleled cultural experience both on and off the field with training sessions from academy coaches of professional Italian teams, games against elite Italian clubs and even attending a live fixture from the Italian professional league.



**'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 2025 Italy Select Squad

**DEAR PARENT:**

I am delighted to invite your Son/Daughter to represent the National Center of Excellence program in the 2025 edition of the Milan Football Festival in Italy. This is selection based on performances in NCE programs over the previous 12 months and feedback by our coaching staff.

The annual Milan Tournament Tour is one of the highlights of the NCE calendar and provides selected players from the 2010 to 2014 age groups with a fantastic opportunity to test themselves against opponents from across Europe. In the Spring of 2024, our 2010 Boys Select Team won the tournament, and we are going back to Italy to defend our championship and maybe go one better and bring home boys & girls trophies in 2025.

In addition to the soccer, this tour also provides an amazing cultural experience for the players and their families, exposing them to some of the worlds most famous cities and historical landmarks.

In the following pages you will find further information on the tour itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, and even travel insurance details. Our 2024 tour was sold out so we would suggest if you are interested to go to your family portal and register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We hope that you, your player, and even your family will join us on this incredible experience.

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 USA on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> and return on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### WHO IS INVITED?:

Boys born between 2011 & 2014, girls born between 2010 & 2013

### SQUAD SIZES:

2011/12 Boys 11v11 18 player roster

2013/14 Boys 9v9 14 player roster

2010/11 Girls 9v9 14 Players

2012/13 Girls 9v9 14 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.

**Please note supporters who choose to travel independently to the group will not be included any transportation including airport transfers, tickets to games and excursions and can also not be guaranteed entry into all team game venues.**

### LAND COST PER PERSON:

**\$2,775** per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is also **\$2,775** per person.

There is a discount of \$250 for the 4th, 5th, 6th member from the same family.

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** any parents staying on their own will be charged an **additional \$500 single supplement**.

### 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 Europe. Any players not traveling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and sign a travel consent form.

## NCE ITALY TOUR 2025:

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



### SUNDAY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

Check in for group flight and head to departure lounge to then fly through the night to arrive in Italy on the following day. Supporters traveling independently to meet at Milan airport.

### MONDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

Arrival at Milan international airport and meet our our bilingual tour manager and board our private bus for the week. After collecting luggage depart to Lake Garda area for free time and visit some of the lakeside towns such as Sirmione or Peschiera del Garda. Transfer to our hotel in the Lake Garda area where the players will have a light training session after check in. Day ends with dinner at the hotel.

### TUESDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast players have an early transfer to Hellas Verona Youth headquarter for a training session with their qualified coaches. After training we depart to visit Venice with free time to stop for lunch on 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. Mid-afternoon we will return to our hotel for dinner.

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast players will participate in a practice session at the hotel fields with the NCE Coaching staff. Parents have free time to enjoy Lake Garda. 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. At the end of the games return to our hotel for dinner





## NCE BOYS SELECT ITALY TOUR 2024:

### THURSDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast early training session at the hotel fields then depart to Milan with a stop at Lake Garda for lunch. Arrival at our Milan hotel for check in and evening meal with team meetings for players and free time for parents and supporters.

### FRIDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast we transfer to the tournament fields to play in qualifications games. Lunch will be at the hotel or a local restaurant for the group. In the afternoon we may have more group games depending on our schedule. According to the tournament schedule, free time to enjoy Milan City Center. Dinner will be on your own at the hotel or Milan city center depending on schedule.

### SATURDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast, transfer to the sport center to see and to play our final group matches. Lunch will be at the hotel or a local restaurant then transfer to the San Siro stadium to attend a pro game involving AC Milan or FC Inter. Dinner on your own at San Siro Stadium or Milan city center based on schedule.

### SUNDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

After breakfast head to the tournament where we will hope to compete in the Finals! After award ceremonies transfer to the VIP Lake Como for free time to enjoy this wonderful setting before transfer back to the hotel for our final group dinner.

### MONDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

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

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



## PLAYER 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.

### Meals and Accommodations

- 3 nights in 4-star hotel in Verona/Lake Garda area and 4 nights in 4-star hotel in Milan/Como area.
- Dinner OR Lunch and breakfast daily.
- Players and parents may room together if preferred.
- Individual rooms are available for an **additional \$500 per person** for any parents and supporters who need a single room.

### Transportation and Assistance

- Full time experienced bi-lingual Tour Manager.
- Dedicated private luxury bus for the entire tour.

### Events

- Free time in Milan City Center.
- Excursions to Verona, Venice, Lake Garda.
- Tickets to a home game for either AC Milan or Inter Milan at the San Siro Stadium. (Please note an additional fee might be required based on final fixture list).

### Soccer Program

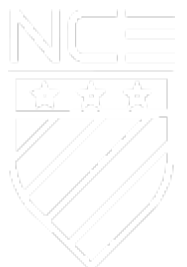
- Training sessions with coaches from professional clubs.
- Friendly matches to prepare for tournament.
- Milan Yes Cup Tournament Games
- Practice sessions with NCE Staff coaches at hotel fields or local sport center.

### 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.
- International Uniform Package Roughly \$300
- Spending money for souvenirs and lunch (note the tour includes 2 meals a day).
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancellation Insurance.
- Tips for driver.



## PAYMENT PLAN:

Cost is \$2,775 per player (Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2 or 3.) Additional Traveler Package is also \$2,775 per person. Prices are based on double occupancy with **individual rooms costing 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> 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	2nd payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	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.



## 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 traveling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the flight listed below with NCE Staff members and provide a travel consent form. Independent travelers may also secure their own seats on the same flight the group is traveling on by contacting the airline directly.

The group flight needs to be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Biber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option. Seats are limited to first come first served.

#### Departure from USA

- Flight AA198 on April 13th JFK to Milan Malpensa airport departs 7.00pm arrives 9.05am on April 14th

#### Return to USA

- Flight AA199 on April 21st from Milan Malpensa airport to JFK at 11.10am and arrives 2.10pm.

We have secured an initial block of 50 seats on this flight for a total cost with taxes and fees of **\$1,050.00 per person** which includes a checked bag. All seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please note the airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

\$100 deposit per person is due on registration by calling Consolidator Webfares

**August 1st 2024 - Book flight with Consolidator Webfares or risk losing group flight place.**

Dec 9th, 2024 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due.

Feb 7th, 2025 – Any seats still held and not cancelled on or after this date will result in the full fare being due or a penalty of \$1,050.00 per seat not released and not ticketed

Group flight pricing will only be available should a minimum of 10 passenger register. If there are less than 10 requested seats Consolidator Webfares will request seats at current market value. NCE Staff coaches will be flying on the above flight and any players traveling alone are required to take this flight

### 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 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](mailto:klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com)

**Phone:** 888.316.7514 x7

### 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.

## 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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**Congratulations on being selected for  
the 2025 Italy Select Squad.**