



# NCE SOCCER

## BRAZIL TOUR 2025

Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>  
2013, 2011, 2010 & 2009 Boys  
Rio De Janeiro

Brazil is not just a footballing nation; it is home to some of the world's greatest players. Soccer is deeply ingrained in its culture, known for creativity, flair, and technical skill. From the streets of Rio to the iconic Maracanã Stadium, football is celebrated at every level. Clubs like Flamengo, Fluminense, Botafogo, and Vasco da Gama are famous for developing top talent. Experiencing soccer in Brazil offers players a unique opportunity to learn from a country where the beautiful game is a way of life.



'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 Brazil Tour 2025

**DEAR PARENT:**

I am thrilled to invite your son to join the 2025 NCE Pro Academy Tour in Brazil, scheduled from August 5th to August 14th, 2025. Your son has been selected based on his performances in various NCE programs and recommendations from our coaching staff.

This tour offers an exceptional opportunity for four squads—the 2013, 2011, 2010 and 2009 boys—to train and compete in Brazil, a country renowned for producing some of the world's best soccer talent. Players will have the chance to face academy teams from prestigious clubs such as CR Flamengo, Fluminense FC, Botafogo, and CR Vasco da Gama. These experiences will provide a first-hand look at the Brazilian style of play, helping players develop their technical skills and tactical understanding.

During the 10-day trip, your son will take part in high-level training sessions with professional coaches and play in friendly matches against academy teams from across Rio De Janeiro. The focus of the tour will be on player development, learning from top professionals, and understanding the competitive nature of South American soccer.

Off the pitch, we'll also explore the rich culture and iconic landmarks of Brazil, offering a balanced experience of soccer and cultural enrichment.

To help players prepare for the tour, we highly recommend attending the Pro Pathway Residential Camp from July 20th to 25th, followed by the Summer Showcase. This will allow players to train and bond together before departing for Brazil.

Further details on the itinerary, payment schedule, group flight, and travel insurance can be found on the following pages. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for players and families to experience soccer in Brazil.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

We look forward to having your son join us for this unforgettable experience!

Kind Regards

*John Curtis*

CEO and Founder  
National Center of Excellence



## EVENT INFORMATION:

### DATES:

Tuesday August 5th to Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>

### WHO IS INVITED?:

Players born in 2009 and 2010 birth years.

### SQUAD SIZES:

Boys U12/2013 – (9-a-side) - Roster of up to 16 Players

Boys U14/2011 – (11-a-side) - Roster of up to 18 Players

Boys U15/2010 – (11-a-side) - Roster of up to 18 Players

Boys U16/2009 – (11-a-side) - Roster of up to 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. If you plan to travel independently please note we can not provide tickets to live games, transportation or access to other events. Access to professional training grounds to watch the games will also be restricted.

### LAND COST PER PERSON:

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

Additional travelers and supporters' price is **\$2,675** 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 document titled 'Flight Information' on the Tour page and on page 9 of this presentation.
- We have arranged a group flight option and players and supporters can be added on request.
- Any players not traveling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and have a notarized travel consent form.

## BRAZIL TOUR ITINERARY 2025:



### TUESDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

- PPM – Check in for group flight and head to departure lounge to then fly through the night to arrive in Brazil on following day. Supporters traveling independently to meet at Rio airport.

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Land in Rio and go through customs and immigration to meet transportation
- PM – Transfer to Hotel for Lunch, then head to light afternoon training
- PPM – Dinner and team meeting to go over the week's schedule.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then travel to Fluminense for training session.
- PM – Lunch at Fluminense and prepare for afternoon game.
- PPM – Dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant with the group

### FRIDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then head to Sugarloaf Mountain
- PM – Lunch at Club Monte Libano then 2nd game vs Madureira EC
- PPM – Dinner with the group & team meetings

### SATURDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then Beach Soccer Session
- PM – Visit Christ the Redeemer Statue
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out.

### SUNDAY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast the Futsal session and Club Monte Libano
- PM – Lunch then watch Pro Game at Maracana Stadium
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out.



## BRAZIL TOUR ITINERARY 2025:



### MONDAY AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then head to Vasco DeGamma Museum
- PM – Lunch then game vs Vasco DeGamma
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings.

### TUESDAY AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then depart for Botofogo
- PM – Lunch then game vs Botofogo
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

- AM - Breakfast then Beach Soccer Session
- PM - Lunch then transfer to airport for departure to United States.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

- AM - Arrive back in the United States.



## PLAYER TOUR INCLUSIONS:

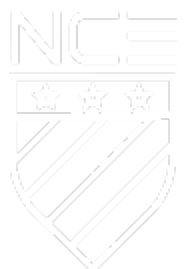
We will receive our final schedule approximately 2 weeks prior to travel dates. All details on the confirmed itinerary will be communicated to travel group along with further information such as packing lists, FAQ's and general information.

- 7 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro hotel based on twin, triple or quad rooms in the Barra da Tijuca or Copacabana area
- Breakfast and lunch daily
- 1 x Training session in Brazil at a Youth Academy
- 1 x Beach Training session with local coaches
- 1 x Futsal Training session in Brazil at Monte Libano
- 1 x field for session with own NCE Coaches (1.5 hours)
- 4 x Games in Brazil vs local competitive clubs including at least 2 of the top four clubs in Rio
- 1 x Admissions ticket to Professional Game (schedule permitting)
- Admission ticket to Christ the Redeemer
- Admission ticket to Sugar Loaf in Rio de Janeiro
- Transfer to and from all activities in Brazil
- Bi-lingual speaking tour Liaison Officer in permanent attendance



## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- International Flight.
- International Uniform Package (Approximately \$300)
- Spending money.
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancellation Insurance.



## PRO CLUB PARTNERSHIPS



NCE Soccer is proud to partner with professional clubs around the world to provide pathways and opportunities for our players. Two of our key partnerships in Brazil are Cruzeiro Esporte Clube and Fluminense FC.

Both clubs compete in the prestigious Campeonato Brasileiro Série A and have exceptional academy programs, which, between them, have developed some of the world's most iconic players, including Ronaldo, Marcelo, Maicon, Dida, Fabinho, Thiago Silva, Jairzinho, Richarlison, and Rivaldo.

These clubs offer residential academy programs that provide talented young players the chance to immerse themselves in a professional soccer environment. Through a rigorous training and match schedule, selected players gain firsthand experience of life as academy athletes, with the potential to capture the attention of scouts. These programs are led by the clubs' elite academy coaches and provide participants with a unique opportunity to sharpen their skills and further their soccer careers.

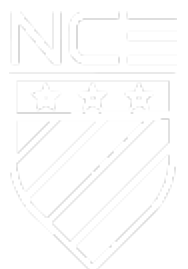
As part of our partnerships, NCE Soccer players can access these exceptional residential academy programs after joining this year's NCE Soccer tour to Brazil. This is a rare chance for our players to enhance their development and take the next step toward a professional career.

If your son is interested in pursuing one of these amazing opportunities, please let me know and we can discuss it in more detail.

Kind Regards

*John*

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## SUPPORTERS TOUR DETAILS:

**COST: \$2,675pp** Based on two people sharing. Single rooms are available for an additional **\$500** per person. There may also be a limited number of family rooms with an additional charge based on availability.

### What's Included

- 7 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro hotel based on twin, triple or quad rooms in the Barra da Tijuca or Copacabana area
- Breakfast and lunch daily
- Private bus for all airport transfers & travel while in Brazil.
- 1 x Admissions ticket to Professional Game (schedule permitting)
- Admission ticket to Christ the Redeemer
- Admission ticket to Sugar Loaf in Rio de Janeiro
- Transfer to and from all activities in Brazil
- Bi-lingual speaking tour Liaison Officer in permanent attendance

In addition to the above we are more than happy to use our local contact to help arrange other excursions. Examples include Rain forest, waterfall and beach excursions,

Please note that our group has only a limited number of rooms at the group hotel. We encourage supporters to secure their place early to avoid disappointment.

## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

- International Flights.
- Evening meals.
- Alcoholic Beverages.
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancellation Insurance.

## 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 group flight with NCE Staff and sign 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 will be booked through our partners in Brazil. Anyone looking to join the group flight must contact John Curtis at [john@ncesoccer.com](mailto:john@ncesoccer.com) requesting to be added to the flight.

#### Group Flight Departure

American Airlines Flight #1095 departs Tuesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> out of JFK at 5.00pm

Arrives Tuesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.14pm into Miami Airport.

American Airlines Flight #0905 departs Tuesday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> out of Miami at 9.45pm

Arrives Wednesday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.20am into Galeao International Airport in Rio (GIG).

#### Group Flight Return

American Airlines Flight #0904 departs Tuesday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> out of Galeao International Airport at 11.00pm

Arrives Wednesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.45am into Miami Airport.

American Airlines Flight #0309 departs Wednesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> out of Miami at 9.29am

Arrives Wednesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 12.29pm am into JFK.

#### IMPORTANT INFO

- Total for group flight option with taxes and fees is **\$1,300.00** per person and includes a checked bag.
- Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return
- NCE Staff coaches will be flying on the above flight and all players traveling alone will be required to take this flight
- Once added to the group flight, **\$1300** fee will be added to your Tour payment plan schedule.

### 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.

## PAYMENT PLAN:

The cost for players is **\$2,775** and includes everything listed in the tour itinerary. Players will be expected to room together in rooms with other players.

The tour price for supporters is only **\$2,675** per person based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of **\$500**.

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*	\$600.00	\$600.00
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$600.00
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Balance	\$375.00	\$275.00

\*\$600 deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.

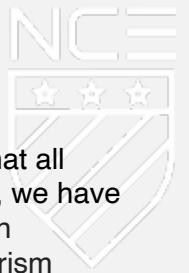
## REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION:

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 with more details provided once you complete the registration.

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 **\$500** per person, which will act as the service fee.



## 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://atc.tripassure.com/main/?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://atc.tripassure.com/main/what-is-travel-protection/>





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Congratulations on being selected for  
the Brazil 2025 NCE Select Squad.