



## Europe 2012

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **What is the purpose of the trip and who organizes the trip?**

The trips are designed to educate, to develop, to improve and to open the eyes of our players to the world of soccer and indeed, the world itself. The trip is organized by Travel and Play, their owner Barry Walmsley has worked closely with Bruce Talbot, Rob Ferguson and other LSC coaches to design a tour for the Lonestar SC players and families.

#### **What expectations are there for players?**

Lonestar players will be expected to demonstrate exemplary behaviour and professionalism while on the trip. Players will be representing themselves, their families, their team and their club across international boundaries and we will accept nothing less than well mannered, well behaved, polite, hard working young people on this trip. Players are expected to be in Lonestar apparel at all times.

#### **What documents are players required to have?**

All players are required to have a Passport in order to travel (no exceptions). In addition, there will be a code of conduct and liability/medical waiver to be signed by both the player and parent. In some cases a VISA may be required. **If you have a question please ask Travel and Play.**

#### **Who travels with the team?**

A minimum of one Lonestar Coach per two teams, club appointed parent chaperones, Travel and Play Tour Guides.

#### **Can parents travel with the team?**

Yes, parents are allowed to come on this trip and be a part of the experience. However, there will be no opportunities to take you child away from the Lonestar trip itinerary.

#### **Transportation?**

Once at the departure airport, Travel and Play will organize all transportation until arrival back at the same airport. Charter Bus transfer from Austin to the Houston airport and the return from Houston to Austin is available for \$40/person each way. Charter buses will be used and will stay with the group the entire trip once in Europe.

#### **How long is the trip?**

The trip is approximately 16 to 20 hours each way including any layovers needed.

#### **What is the accommodation information?**

Actual accommodation information and contact numbers will be provided closer to the trip, an outline of the trip can be found online, <http://www.lonestar-sc.com/europe.php>

#### **How many players in a room and who decides roommates?**

3 Players per room; Coaches will assign rooming lists in coordination with Chaperones.



### **What happens to passports and documents?**

Players will need to keep all documents once through the Passport Control on arrival in Europe.

### **Will my child have to buy his/her meals and how much spending money should s/he bring?**

Breakfast & Dinner are included in price of trip; however, spending money for lunches/snacks/souvenirs is recommended. Last year all meals were served as a group/buffet style. It is suggested \$300 to \$500 be sent per player. Money will be used for lunches, extra snacks, gratuities, sightseeing, drinks and souvenirs.

### **What happens if my child gets sick?**

We hope to be travelling with Physicians that will help advise on any illness issues; regardless, the levels of medical care available in Scandinavia is comparable with those here in the US. In all places Travel and Play staff are aware of Hospital/Doctor Locations.

### **Will they have fresh water to drink?**

Tap water is perfectly safe to drink in Scandinavia. Every player needs to bring a small water bottle for practice/games.

### **What about dietary food allergies - how are they handled if someone requires special daily food?**

We need to be informed a head of time and can handle both on the flight and while on site. We had 2 players this past trip and things went very well.

### **Will the players be covered by my insurance?**

All personal family insurance should be verified before departure as to extent of coverage. STYSA liability insurance is in effect. Travel Insurance is available and recommended.

### **Will there be an itinerary for each day?**

Yes a very accurate schedule of events will be handed out as we get closer to departure. Players will have training sessions, games, stadium tours, shopping opportunities, live professional games, meetings, chalk board sessions, specific meal times and set curfews. A basic outline day by day is available online, <http://www.lonestar-sc.com/europe.php>

### **What happens during down time and can we call our kids?**

There will be very limited, if any, actual down time. Rooms may be set up to receive calls, depending upon the accommodation. Cell phones with international calling capabilities may be used but check with your individual provider. If you cannot reach your player, the Chaperone will be main point of contact for parents, not coaches.