# Siena-Pisa-Florence-Assisi-Rome, Italy

#### Dear Section V All-Star,

Congratulations on your well-deserved selection to the Section V European Select Soccer Team! Your outstanding skills on the field have earned you this prestigious opportunity, and we couldn't be more excited to have you represent Section V in Italy.

For three decades, EuroSports Network has been a bridge connecting young American soccer talents with the rich soccer heritage of Europe. We take pride in providing players like you the chance to immerse themselves in the thrill of representing the U.S.A. and New York State, both on and off the field. Our meticulously designed itineraries seamlessly blend soccer with cultural exploration, offering you a unique chance to learn from our elite coaching staff, engage in international matches, and discover new horizons.

Our past participants have consistently grown as players and individuals under the expert guidance of our coaches, returning home with enhanced skills and a broader worldview. EuroSports Network is dedicated to nurturing young soccer talents while fostering a deeper appreciation for our nation and the global community.

During this upcoming tour, you'll have the exciting opportunity to test your skills against top club teams across Italy and also partake in cultural activities, sightseeing, and various enriching experiences. Our spring tour is scheduled from April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and both boys' and girls' teams will embark on this adventure to the vibrant cities of Siena, Pisa, Florence, Assisi, and Rome, Italy.

In our previous tours, our teams have consistently left a lasting mark in competitions against formidable opponents from Germany, Spain, Russia, Denmark, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France, Sweden, England, Norway, Hungary, Belgium, Australia, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

For our senior players, this presents an excellent opportunity to conclude their high school careers alongside the area's finest talents, while underclassmen can use this experience to hone their skills against Europe's best, setting the stage for a promising season in the fall.

We are truly delighted to have you as a member of our team, and we eagerly anticipate your active participation. We look forward to sharing this incredible journey with you.

Once again, <u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> on your acceptance. We look forward to your participation, and we guarantee you will be pleased with YOUR choice of EuroSports Network.

Informational Meeting date: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 11 AM.

Place: McQuaid Jesuit HS Cafeteria

Direction 1800 South Clinton Ave Rochester, NY 14618

Please RSVP to the email below if you plan on attending this informational meeting. Also, if for some reason you or your parents are unable to attend and would like more information you can visit our website <a href="https://www.eurosportsnetwork.com">www.eurosportsnetwork.com</a> or please E-mail me at <a href="mailto:eurosoccertours@gmail.com">eurosoccertours@gmail.com</a>

(\*The trip tends to sell out fast; I do recommend bringing a deposit check/cash to hold your spot because space on the trip is limited.)

Yours in Soccer, Nino Pilato

## **EuroSports Network 2025 Section V All Stars Soccer Tour to Italy**

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Departure from Greece, NY to Toronto Airport for your direct flight on AirCanda to Rome Italy.

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Upon landing at Rome International Airport, you'll be warmly greeted by your bilingual tour manager. After collecting your luggage, you'll embark on a scenic drive to the medieval city of Siena for a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the stunning Duomo di Siena, a Gothic architectural masterpiece, and learn about the legendary Palio horse race that has thrilled locals for centuries. Next, journey to the spa town of Montecatini, nestled in the picturesque Tuscan hills. Check into your hotel.

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>,

2025

This Morning Wake up to a traditional Italian breakfast at our hotel. Today we Set off for Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. With your local guide, wander through the city's historic center Marvel at the iconic Florence Cathedral with its towering dome, and cross the famous Ponte Vecchio, lined with charming shops. The day's adventures continue as you travel to a local sports center. Here, the boys' teams will play their first friendly game, offering a unique cultural exchange through soccer.

#### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

This Morning Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before heading to Pisa. Today we will experience the wonder of Pisa with a guided tour that takes you beyond the Leaning Tower. Explore the Piazza dei Miracoli, where the Baptistery and Cathedral stand. Continue your journey along the picturesque Tyrrhenian coast to Pietrasanta, a town known for its artistic heritage and beautiful beaches. Here, the girls' teams will engage in their first friendly match, followed by a second game for the boys' teams, all set against the backdrop of the stunning Apuan Alps. After today's matches, we celebrate the day's games with a social dinner hosted by the local team at their clubhouse. Enjoy the warm hospitality and regional dishes before returning to your hotel

#### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

After breakfast, set out for Assisi, one of Italy's most spiritual and serene destinations. Today we will discover the charm of Assisi on a guided walking tour, where you'll explore the town's medieval streets and visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Franci the patron Saint of Italy, and soak in the peaceful atmosphere of this pilgrimage site. **After our visit, we will depart** for Rome, the Eternal City. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy a delightful dinner, reflecting on the day's journey.

#### Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before diving into Rome's endless wonders. Your guided walking tour will take you through the city's most iconic landmarks, starting with the Colosseum, continuing to the Roman Forum, the political and social heart of ancient Rome, and tossing a coin into the Trevi Fountain, ensuring your return to this enchanting city. **This Afternoon we will head** to a local sports center for the second friendly game for the girls' teams and the third for the boys' teams. The blend of history and sport creates a day full of dynamic contrasts. **This Evening e**njoy a post-game dinner at a local clubhouse *Saturday, April 19<sup>th, 2025*</sup>

**This Morning** after breakfast, journey to the Vatican City, the world's smallest independent state and the spiritual center of the Catholic Church. Your guided tour will lead you through the Vatican Museums, home to one of the most impressive art collections in the world. Stand in awe beneath the frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo, and visit St. Peter's Basilica, where Renaissance art meets religious devotion. **This** afternoon, the girls' teams will play their final friendly match.

**Tonight we c**elebrate your last night in Italy with a farewell pizza dinner at a local restaurant

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

This Morning enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel before checking out. Transfer to Rome Airport, where you'll board your flight back home, carrying with you memories of a truly unforgettable Italian adventure.

### **Arrivederci Italia!**

#### Sports Program, Assistance/Guide

All Friendly matches with Local Italian Sports Clubs. A Dream Team Italy representative will join your group at each destination. Your assistant will assist you during excursions and sports activities.

Accommodations and meals Tourist Class hotel in Montecatini and Rome, Italy in Double and Triple rooms.

#### The Tour includes

Round-trip transfer on a Private touring bus from Rochester to Toronto Airport

Round-trip Direct Flights on AirCanada to Rome, Italy, and All transfers by private European Touring bus.

Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary.

Tour guide assistance throughout the program with a Comprehensive Sightseeing program.