

EuroSports Network Select

Soccer Team

2025

European Soccer Tour



**Siena, Florence, Assisi, Pisa and
Rome, Italy**

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Introduction

Congratulations! You have been chosen to join the EuroSports Network Select Soccer program in Europe during Spring break 2025. This invitation is a testament to your dedication and immense potential as an athlete. As you may already know, the EuroSports Network Select Soccer Program handpicks the finest players to represent New York State West in Europe.

This upcoming trip marks the Thirty-Second All-Star Trip to Europe. Over the years, our teams have left a lasting impact with their performances against teams from Germany, Russia, Italy, England, Australia, France, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

This tour will be much more than a series of games. You will be proudly representing both New York and the United States of America. It's an incredible opportunity to forge connections with European soccer enthusiasts, while also immersing yourself in the vibrant spirit of Europe.

Enclosed within this message, you will find all the necessary documentation about the tour. Please read the provided information meticulously and promptly return the required forms. If you require any additional details, feel free to text me at (585) 354-6225 or via email at eurosoccertours@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,
Nino Pilato

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THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP

"Since its inception in 1987, the EuroSports Network's select soccer program has been dedicated to providing America's soccer talent with an exceptional challenge, competing against top-level European teams.

Our upcoming tour in 2025 will take us to Italy, where participants will be immersed in the World of European Soccer. Through firsthand experiences, they will gain invaluable insights into diverse customs and habits and discover astonishing aspects of the game of Soccer.

In addition to engaging in exhilarating matches against esteemed Italian Soccer Clubs, our players will embark on a remarkable journey, exploring the wonders of Italy's renowned landmarks and engaging in various cultural activities, fostering a truly enriching experience.

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The Organizers

Mike Balducci -The Founder of EuroSports Network - Rochester, NY

Mike Balducci was the head soccer coach at Greece Arcadia and Greece Athena High School. During his years in Greece, his teams won 12 league titles. Coach Balducci compiled a record of 274-52-43, winning seven Section V titles and four trips to the state finals with two state championships. Coach Balducci is a member of the New York State Soccer Hall of Fame. And with his roots originating in Italy, Mike Balducci knows the ins and outs of Europe and European Soccer. The All-County Soccer Team program started in 1987. Each year Mike has sent many young athletes to Europe in close cooperation with the European Soccer federations and Dream Team Italy.

Nino Pilato

Tour Director and Head Coach – Rochester, NY

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Coach Pilato is currently the Head Women's coach at Hilton High School. He previously coached at McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY. Over his 6 seasons at McQuaid, he compiled a record of 90-7-4, with 3 Section V titles and 2 NY State Championship appearances with a championship in 2017. For the previous 17 years, he was the Girls' Varsity Head Coach at Odyssey Academy in Greece, having Won Sectional Titles 8 times, in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. His teams have made four trips to the State Finals, winning it all in 2012. His dedication to his player's overall development has been rewarded by his being selected as coach of the year in Monroe County Division III 6 times, Section V Class AA, CC once, CCC once and Class B 3 times, and Section V All-Greater Rochester Coach of the Year in 2005, 2012 and 2017. He was a four-year college starter and an All-American sweeper at Canisius College. After his college career ended he played four years of professional soccer both in Europe and the USA. Deciding it was time to settle down he began his teaching career as a physical education instructor in the Rochester City School District. He is married and has two children.

Dream Team Italy International Sport Contact

Dream Team Italy is the largest tour operator in Italy that specializes in sporting events. Based in Como, very close to Switzerland and close to Milan, the economic capital of Italy. As founding partners of Dream Team Italy have more than 18 years of experience in the sport-travel sector, working closely with amateur clubs, semi-professional and professional club's national teams, college teams, associations, and federations.

EuroSports Network Select Section V Soccer Tour to Italy

Sunday, April 13th 2025

Your Italian adventure begins! Today we travel to Toronto by bus to board a ***Direct AirCanda Flight# 890 to Rome and now*** prepare for a journey filled with rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable experiences.

Monday, April 14th 2025

Arrival in Rome: Upon landing at Rome International Airport at 11:15 AM, 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. Immerse yourself in Siena's rich history with 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. Known for its thermal waters and elegant spas, Montecatini offers a perfect blend of relaxation and charm. Check into your selected hotel and Unwind with a delicious dinner featuring local Tuscan cuisine before settling in for the night.

Tuesday, April 15th 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, a UNESCO World Heritage site. 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. **After the matches we all** return to Montecatini for a relaxing dinner, sharing stories of the day's sights and experiences.

Wednesday, April 16th, 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 as monuments to medieval engineering and artistic prowess.

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 for a restful night.



Thursday, April 17th 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. Francis 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 spiritual journey.

Friday, April 18th 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, where gladiators once fought for glory. Continue to the Roman Forum, the political and social heart of ancient Rome, and toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain, ensuring your return to this enchanting city.

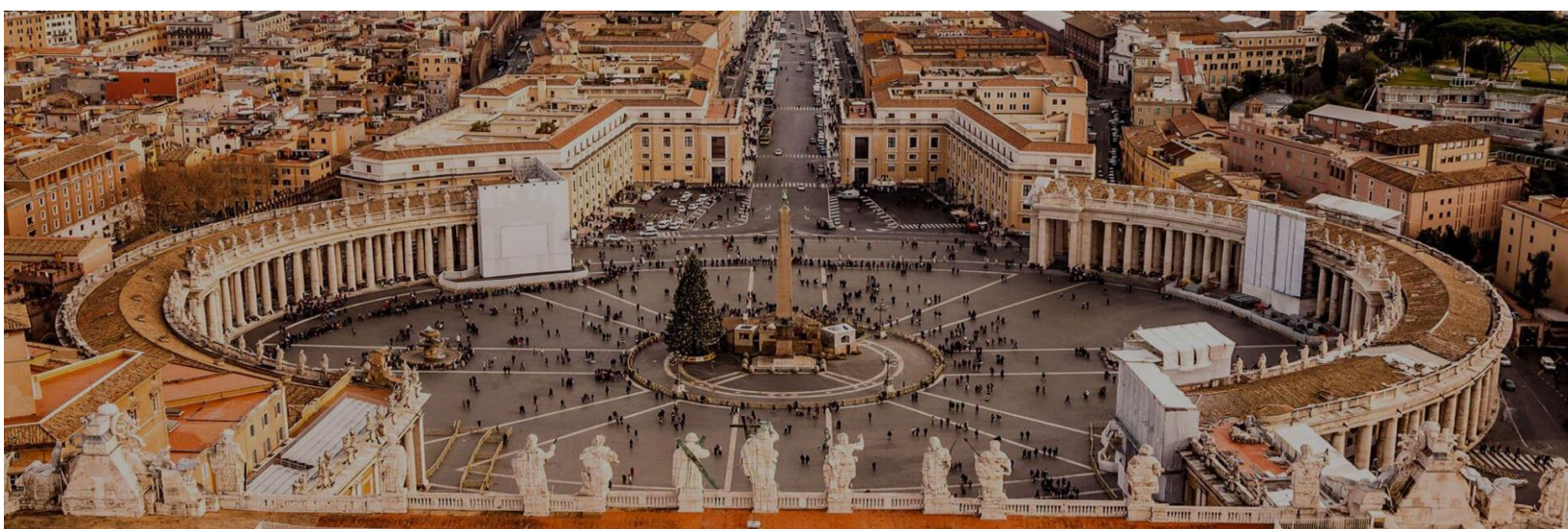
This Afternoon we will head to a local sports center for the second friendly game for the girls' teams and the third for the boys' teams. The blend of history and sport creates a day full of dynamic contrasts.

This Evening enjoy a post-game dinner at a local clubhouse, where you'll savor Roman specialties and share the day's highlights with your teammates.



Saturday, April 19th 2025

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, a fitting conclusion to their athletic journey in Italy.

Tonight we celebrate your last night in Italy with a farewell pizza dinner at a local restaurant, where you'll indulge in authentic Roman cuisine and toast to the incredible experiences shared on this journey. Return to the hotel for your final overnight stay.

Sunday, April 20th 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. You will be departing on AirCanada flight Number 891 at 2:30 PM arriving in Toronto at 6:05 PM.

Arrivederci Italia!

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EuroSports Network Select Soccer Tour

Arrangements 2025 Spring Break Tour

Air Transportation – Air Canada Airlines



Transportation - Land

Designated Area to JFK Airport on a Privately chartered bus

In Europe, a Private Touring tour bus is equipped for long distances. The tour bus will also be available for local transportation.

Accommodation/Meals

Florence and Rome, Italy April 14 - April 20th, 2025

Hotel A tourist class hotel, Double and Triple bedded rooms all with private facilities, T.V., and phone

Meals Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
Lunches and drinks during dinner are not included.



Sport Program

In Italy, the teams will play in friendly games versus top-level local Italian clubs.

Sightseeing/Excursions

The tour will include visits to the cultural and tourist highlights of Rome, Siena, Assisi, Pisa, and Florence.

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EuroSports Network has a special outfit for the Spring Tour.
Nike is our Official Players Outfit.... This outfit is included in the tour fee.

Red Shirt **Blue short** **Blue socks**

If you wish, you can order the following accessories.

Extra **Nike Uniform** set (Jersey, shorts, socks)

Price: \$ 70.00 per set



EuroSports Network Select Soccer.... **Nike Academy Drill Top 19 Navy jacket**

Price: \$ 50.00



EuroSports Network Select Soccer... **Nike Academy Drill 19 Pant**

Price: \$ 35.00

EuroSports Network Soccer.... **Nike Brasilia 6 Travel Bag:**

Large Size (28x15x14) Price \$ 44.00

Medium Size (24x12x13) Price \$ 35.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Club Team Backpack**

Price \$ 44.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Pitch Soccer Ball**

Price \$ 18.00



Extra Socks....

Price \$8.00 per pair

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EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

Coaching Staff (Present and Past)

Michael Balducci	Greece Athena High School
Jen Bektas	Greece Odyssey
Nelson Cupelo	Monroe Community College
Nick Christou	Frontier High School
Tom Davieu	Chittenango High School
Phil De Nuncio	Buffalo State College
Larry Disatuels	Nichols School
Jennifer Debronski	Alfred University
Tracy Britton	Monroe Community College
Jerry Forton	University of Buffalo
Bill Garno	Rochester Institute of Technology
Betsy George	Gananda HS
Dan Gorham	Alfred State College
Chris Grafton	SUNY Broome CC
Ann Haggerty	William Smith College
Shane Cook	United F.C., B.C.C.
Steven Locker	Harvard University
Jill Mc Cabe	St. John Fisher University
Vince Lupinetti	West Virginia University
Tim Mc Nally	Broome Community College
Donny Ousterout	Broome Community College
Kathy Moss	SUNY Plattsburgh
Carlos Obiano	Canisius College
Mark Palma	Roberts Wesleyan College
Mike Pilger	University of Rochester
Nino Pilato	Hilton High School
Bill Rich	Broome Community College
Emily Rich	United F.C. Soccer Club
Jill Rich	Broome Community College
Paul Van Hooydonk	Misericordia College
Matt Vergamini	Greece Odyssey

I.7 SUPERVISION

The EuroSports Network group leader and coaches are in charge of supervision. The group leader is responsible for the proper administration of the program. The coaches will make sure everyone is doing his or her assigned job.

The following rules and regulations apply to all participants:

1. **The possession or use of any alcoholic beverages and non-prescribed drugs is forbidden.**
2. Players must get permission from the coaching staff before ever leaving the group.
3. All players must participate in the activities described in the program, including training, games, receptions, sightseeing, and excursions.
4. Each player is responsible for contributing to team spirit by exhibiting a positive attitude and loyalty toward teammates, coaches, and tour leaders.
5. Each player will respect the property of the other tour members and the suppliers providing the tour.

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TOUR COSTS



Tour fee **\$ 3,480.00**

Including

- Airfares
- Bus transportation
- Accommodations
- Meals
- Uniform
- Sightseeing Program
- Tour Staff

Excluding

Lunches and Beverages during dinner

Payment schedule

Deposit **\$ 500.00** deposit (non-refundable)

January 22nd, 2025 **\$ 1,500.00**

February 26, 2025 **\$ 1,480.00 (Balance)**

The last check should include all monies owed as well as monies for extra Uniforms, travel bags, and Insurance. Etc.

Payments by checks payable to: EuroSports Network

**Please mail all Checks to EuroSports Network
Nino Pilato
PO Box 16201
Rochester, NY 14612**

eurosoccertours@gmail.com



Passports

Everyone traveling in our group must have a valid passport from their country of citizenship. United States passport applications are available at U.S. post offices, clerical courts, local passport offices, and some D.M.V. offices. Application for a new passport must be made in person. The following documents are necessary:

Obtaining a new passport is a seven-step process:

1. **Complete the passport application** form DS-11. Passport applications can be acquired at the D.M.V. (Note: Do not sign the application until the clerk instructs you to do so.)
2. **Present proof of U.S. Citizenship.** You may prove citizenship by presenting one of the following:
 - Previous U.S. passport
 - Naturalization certificate
 - Birth certificate
 - Certificate of citizenship

Present proof of identity. You may verify your identity with the following documents:

- Previous U.S. passport
- Naturalization certificate
- Driver's license
- Military identification

Please note: Your Social Security card does not verify your identity.

3. **Provide two passport photos.** It is highly advised that passport photos be taken by a professional agency. You can also try an online service to save time and money <http://www.epassportphoto.com/>
4. **Pay the applicable fee.** Total fees are \$97 for applicants 16 years of age or older and \$82 for applicants under 16 years of age.
5. Provide your Social Security number.

If you are not an American citizen, then go to this website for further Information:

Foreign Embassies websites in the U.S. for all the countries in the World

Passport and Visa information <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>

How to Get a Visa http://travel.state.gov/visa/americans/americans_1252.html



You must apply for your Passport Immediately. For the past year, it has been taking three to four months before the passport process is completed.

Please start the process today!

The Town Clerk's office offers Passport Application services.

For more Information, call the Rochester City Clerk's office at (585) 428-7129

Go to this link to get passport information from the U.S. State Department

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Click here to print out a passport application.

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

Or call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778

<http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

Go to this link to find the closest Passport Office in your area!

Passport information center: **1-877-487-2778**

(At this Phone number, you can find out the status of your Passport and what Name you may use to place on your Passport) Or you can check on this website. You may find that the toll-free number is more up-to-date!

www.travel.state.gov

Go to this link to find the closest Passport Office in your area

<http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team Application Form

Herewith we declare that we agree with all terms and conditions as mentioned on pages 1.6 and the rest of this documentation for Your tour to Europe from April 13th to April 20th, 2025, organized by EuroSports Network. We fully understand the rules and conditions.

As parent/guardian, we certify that the participant has no physical and/or mental disability that might, with all reasonable consideration, indicate that participation is not appropriate.

We have enclosed a \$500.00 deposit check and the following Forms:
The Application form, The Letter of Agreement Form.

_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Postion _____		Gender _____
Players Cell # _____		Parent's Cell # _____
Student E-mail _____		
Parent E-Mail _____		
_____		_____
(Signature parent/guardian)		(Signature parent/guardian)

Players Signature		
Date _____		

Embarking on a European Travel adventure offers an incredible opportunity to explore the world. Once we receive your application, we will promptly send you the necessary forms that are crucial for ensuring your child's seamless entry into and exit from Europe. To facilitate a hassle-free experience, we kindly ask you to exercise extreme care when filling out these forms and complete them as soon as possible.

We understand the significance of a smooth travel experience, and we aim to make the journey as enjoyable and trouble-free as possible for you and your child.

Letter of Agreement Affidavit of Parental Consent

For Travel Outside the United States of a Minor Child Without Parents Traveling

I _____ understand that my child

(Parent's Name)

_____ will be traveling to

(Child's Name)

Destination – Rome, Italy, on April 13th, 2025 (date of travel). Aboard AirCanada Flight # 890, and on April 20th depart Rome Airport Flight # 891 at 2:30 PM arriving at Toronot Airport at 6:05 PM with Coach Pilato, and other accompanying Coaches, adults'/parent chaperones. Their expected date of return is April 20th, 2025.

Signed: _____

Parent(s) Signature(s)

Parent(s) Signature(s)

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Number # _____

Witness Name _____

Witness Signature _____

Notary Public Signature/Seal:

Subscribes and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Notary Public _____

Notary Public in and for the County of _____, And the State of _____.

My Commission Expires: _____. Affix the Notary Seal at the Bottom of This Page.

STUDENT TRAVEL PROTECTION



TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN FOR STUDENT GROUPS

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS AND OTHER NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount
Trip Cancellation**1	Up to 100% of Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption***1	Up to 150% of Trip Cost*
Trip Delay- 6 Hours	Up to \$2,500(\$250 per day)
Missed Trip Connection – 3 Hours	Up to \$500
Single Supplement	Included
Baggage and Personal Effects	Up to \$1000 (\$250 per article)
Baggage Delay – 24 Hours	Up to \$300.00
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	Up to \$250,000 Accident
& Sickness Medical Expense	Up to \$50,000
Political or Security Evacuation and Natural Disaster Evacuation	Up to \$150,000
Non-Insurance Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services	Included

The cost for this comprehensive insurance is \$145.00

There must be a minimum of 10 travelers signing up for this group insurance policy

*Up to the lesser of the Trip Cost paid or the limit of coverage on Your confirmation of coverage **Trip Cancellation is not applicable when \$0 Trip Cost is displayed on Your confirmation of coverage ***\$500 Return air ticket cost only if \$0 Trip Cost displayed for Trip Cancellation on Your confirmation of coverage ****CFAR is optional and available provided: 1. You purchase the Cancel for Any Reason Benefit within the Time Sensitive Period; and 2. You cancel Your Trip no later than 48 hours before the Scheduled Departure Date of Your Trip. This Cancel for Any Reason Benefit does not cover penalties associated with any Travel Arrangements not provided by the Retail Travel Supplier or the failure of the Retail Travel Supplier to provide the bargained-for Travel Arrangements due to cessation of operations for any reason. This benefit is not available to residents of NY State. Additional costs and terms apply ¹ Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption coverage only applies if the trip is canceled/interrupted by a covered peril.