

# **EuroSports Network Select**

## **Section IV Soccer Team**

**2026**

**European Soccer Tour**



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

# EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

The 2026 European Soccer Tour

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## **Congratulations!**

You have been selected to join the prestigious *EuroSports Network Select Soccer Program* in Europe during Spring Break 2026—a true honor that reflects your talent, dedication, and potential as a rising soccer star.

As one of a select group of elite athletes, you will proudly represent *New York State* on an international stage. The EuroSports Network has a proud tradition of assembling outstanding players to compete abroad, and you are now part of that legacy.

This upcoming journey marks the **Thirty-Third All-Star Tour to Europe**. Over the years, our teams have made lasting impressions in matches against top clubs from Germany, Italy, England, France, Spain, Sweden, and many other soccer powerhouses across the continent.

But this tour is about more than just competition. It's about ambassadorship. You'll represent not only your school and region but also the spirit of American youth soccer. You'll forge friendships with players from different cultures, deepen your understanding of the global game, and create lifelong memories through the universal language of soccer.

Inside this message, you'll find important information about the program, travel details, and required forms. Please review everything carefully and return all documents promptly. If you have any questions, I welcome you to contact me directly by text at 607 7601860 or via email at [bccwomenscoach@gmail.com](mailto:bccwomenscoach@gmail.com)

I'm honored to have you join us on this remarkable adventure.

Warm regards,

**Bill Rich**

Director, EuroSports Network

### **1.1**

#### **The Spirit of International Sportsmanship**

Since 1987, the EuroSports Network Select Soccer Program has offered America's most promising athletes the unique opportunity to challenge themselves against elite European teams.

In 2026, we continue that legacy with an unforgettable tour to **Italy**, where our players will immerse themselves in the heart of European soccer. This journey promises not only thrilling competition but also an enriching cultural experience. Players will gain firsthand insight into the customs, lifestyles, and sporting values of one of the world's most passionate soccer nations.

Beyond the pitch, the team will explore Italy's iconic landmarks, enjoy authentic cuisine, and engage in activities designed to deepen their appreciation for global diversity and sportsmanship.

# EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

## 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.

**Bill Rich / EuroSports Network - Vestal, New York**  
**Coach of the National Championship Team**  
**SUNY Broome Community College for 2007, 2008, and 2016**  
**National Soccer Coach of the Year 2007!**  
**Soccer Hall of Fame National Junior College 2024**

Bill Rich has been the Head Women's Soccer coach at Broome Community College since 1997, where his teams have recorded a **353-88-14** record, **15** MSAC Conference Championships, **5** Regional Championships, and **3 National Championships!** Coach Rich's teams have also produced **34 All-Americans** in the last **25** years, plus numerous All-Region Players and many All-Conference Players, including the National Player of the Year in 2007.

**Coach Rich was awarded our Nation's highest Soccer Award, "NJCAA National Coach of the Year, in 2007."** For the better part of his life, Bill has been training and coaching teams with great success. Recently, he has been awarded the Conference "Coach of the Year, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, and 2021. **Regional "Coach of the Year"** 1998, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2018, and 2022. He has also been a New York State West ODP State Coach for U17 girls for four years and a Binghamton District ODP Coach for seven years. Before becoming Head Coach at SUNY Broome, he coached in the Vestal High School System for seven years. He holds an NSCAA Regional Diploma, an NSCAA National Diploma, and a USSF "C" Lifetime license. Bill has been a EuroSports representative and has traveled to Europe with his Section IV teams for the past 31 years. **Bill was inducted into the "Greater Binghamton Sports Hall of Fame" in April 2023.** "retired from SUNY Broome in 2022. **Coach Rich was inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Hall of Fame in 2025 and received the NJCAA Legacy Award in June 2026, an honor given to the nation's winningest coaches.**

### **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 clubs' national teams, college teams, associations, and federations.

## EuroSports Network Select Section V Soccer Tour to Italy

### *Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

Your Italian adventure begins! Today, we travel to Philadelphia Airport by bus to board an American Airlines Direct Flight # AA740 **to Rome and now** prepare for a journey filled with rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable experiences.

### *Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

**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 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, to your selected hotel in the Lucca region. We will check-in have dinner and rest.



### *Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

**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.



***Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

**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 Baptistry 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.



***Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

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.



*Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

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.

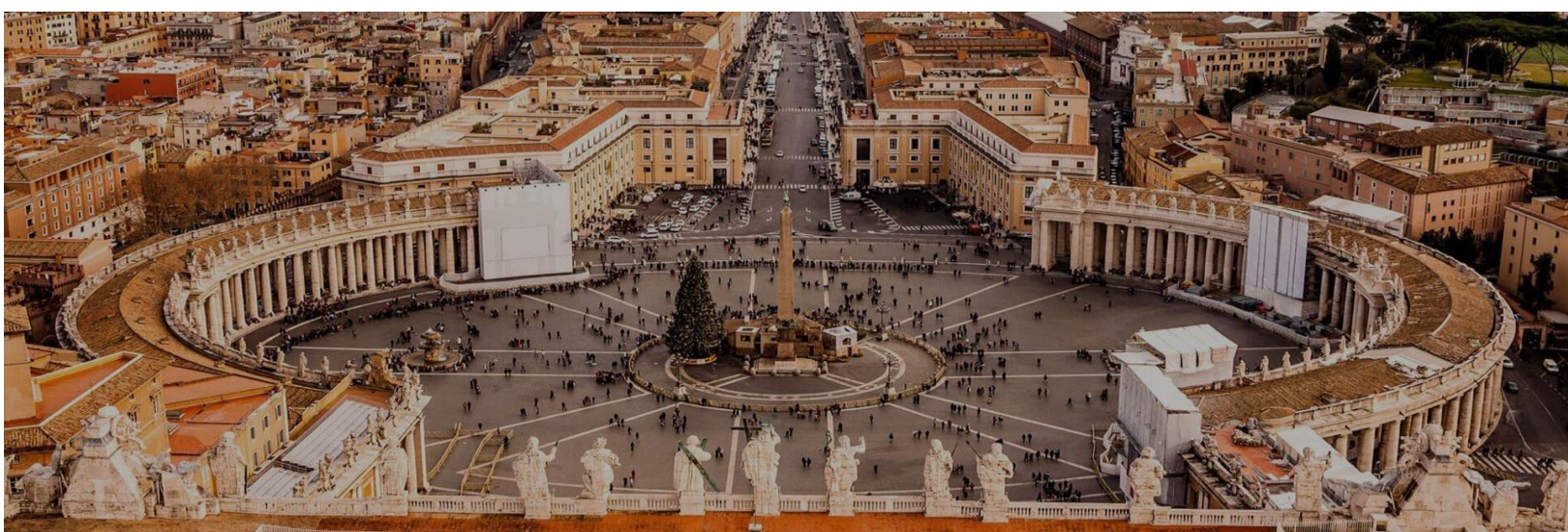
**This Afternoon**, we will head to a local sports center for the second friendly game for the girls' teams and the third for the boys' teams. The blend of history and sport creates a day full of dynamic contrasts.

**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.



*Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

**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.

***Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

**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 American Airlines flight AA0236 at 7:05 PM, arriving at JFK at 3:30 PM.

***Arrivederci Italia!***

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#### 1. 4

### EuroSports Network Select Soccer Tour

Arrangements 2026 Spring Break Tour

**Air Transportation – American Airlines**



#### **Transportation - Land**

Designated Area to JFK Airport on a privately chartered bus

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

#### **Accommodation/Meals**

Florence and Rome, Italy, April 4<sup>th</sup> - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Hotel** A tourist class hotel, with Double and Triple bedded rooms, all with private facilities, TV, 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, Lucca, Pisa, and Florence.

## EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

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 shorts, Red 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:**  
**Medium Size (24x12x13) Price \$ 35.00**



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Club Team Backpack**  
Price \$ 44.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Pitch Soccer Ball**  
Price \$ 21.00



EuroSports Network.... **Nike Brasilia Sackpack**  
Price \$ 20.00



EuroSports Network ..... **Extra Socks....**  
Price \$9.00 per pair

## 1.6

# 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

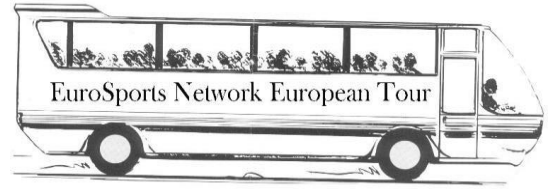
The EuroSports Network group leader and coaches are in charge of supervision. The group leader is responsible for the proper administration of the program. The coaches will make sure everyone is doing his or her assigned job.

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.

## EuroSports Network Select Soccer Team

### TOUR COSTS



**Tour fee                      \$ 3,610.00**

#### Including

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

#### Excluding

Lunches and Beverages during dinner,

#### Payment schedule

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

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026                      \$ 1,500.00**

**February 26, 2026                      \$ 1,610.00 (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**

**Bill Rich**

2601 Purdue Drive

Vestal, NY 13850

[bccwomenscoach@gmail.com](mailto:bccwomenscoach@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 DMV offices. An 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 DMV. (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](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](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](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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, organized by EuroSports Network. We fully understand the rules and conditions.

As a 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                   |
| Position _____              |                       | 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (date of travel). Aboard American Airlines Flight # AA0236, arriving at Rome Airport at 7:05 PM. The return is on American Airlines Flight# AA 0235 at 1:10 PM, arriving at JFK Airport at 4:40 PM with Coach Rich, other accompanying Coaches, and adult/parent chaperones. Their expected date of return is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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 INSURED  
INTERNATIONAL**

A CRUM & FORSTER COMPANY

## TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN FOR STUDENT GROUPS

### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS AND OTHER NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

| <b>Benefit</b>                                                   | <b>Maximum Benefit Amount</b>    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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. Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption coverage only applies if the trip is canceled/interrupted by a covered peril.