

HAARLEM CUP

*PROPOSED ITINERARY – HOLLAND

Day One

- Depart on overnight flight to Holland

Day Two

- Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative and a private bus for the transfer to your accommodation.
- Arrive at your hotel and check in.
- Optional coaching session this afternoon.
- Team Coaches Meeting tonight.

Day Three

- Practice session this morning.
- Enjoy an afternoon relaxing at the beach or shopping.
- Registration & Coaches' Meeting for the Haarlem Cup tonight.



Day Four

- The Haarlem Cup starts this morning with Round 1. All teams play a minimum of 6 games.
- Haarlem Cup Opening Ceremony takes place tonight in the EDO Stadium, Haarlem. More than 10,000 spectators attend this spectacular event which features an Olympic Parade, a Soccer Game and a Fireworks Show.

Day Five



- Haarlem Cup Round 1 games continue today.
- In between the tournament games there is the opportunity for sightseeing. We suggest a visit into Amsterdam to see the canals and attractions - including Ann Frank's House and the Art Museums.
- Afternoon Mayor's Reception at Haarlem Town Hall for 2 representatives per team.
- Penalty Cup competition preliminary round and a player's Disco Party tonight.

Day Six

- Round 2 games of the Haarlem Cup commence today.
- More sightseeing this afternoon with possible visits to the beach or maybe to Hague, the capital of Holland, or to a Cheese Factory.
- Disco Party this evening for the players and official pub visit for adults.

Day Seven

- Haarlem Cup Quarter and Semi Finals are played today.
- More sightseeing in Amsterdam, visit the Royal Palace or the Van Gogh Museum.
- The Haarlem Cup Disco Party this evening.

Day Eight

- Haarlem Cup Finals' Day at the EDO Stadium with many spectators.
- Awards Ceremony this afternoon.
- Barbecue Party this evening as the climax of the Tournament.
- Evening free to enjoy your last night in Holland



Day Nine

- Depart on return flight home.

ABOUT HOLLAND

Amsterdam - Amsterdam, the hub of Holland, is unlike any other European city. It boasts a tradition formed by names such as Van Gogh, Rembrandt and Anne Frank, as well as canals and architecture dating back centuries. Amsterdam offers many possibilities for sightseeing, but it is the characteristic atmosphere of the city that makes it so worthwhile. This atmosphere is best experienced on a canal tour. These canals, and the buildings that line them, formed the heart of Holland's thriving trade for centuries.



Football is the Dutch national sport, and the country's best team, Ajax, based in Amsterdam. You can watch one of their games in the impressive Amsterdam Arena, which is also used for music concerts, presentations, theatre performances, ice-skating galas, and celebrations. When it opened in 1996, it was the only stadium in Europe to have a sliding, retractable roof, and the first stadium in the world with a road running underneath it.

TESTIMONIALS

"We were very pleased with the trip. Robbie was terrific. He immerse himself in the group and was extremely helpful. He made the difference, and I would certainly recommend this tour."

-- Edward Hyderkhan, Kirkwood Soccer, Haarlem Cup, 2008

"The trip exceeded my expectations. I would spend the money to do it again, and would recommend it to others. Having a knowledgeable tour guide is what made the trip so positive. I would not want to try a trip like this without a local tour guide."

-- Doug Taylor, Tour Manager, Kirkwood Soccer, Haarlem Cup, 2008