



## **World Baseball Federation Italy Baseball Tour July 30-August 9, 2010**

The World Baseball Federation in partnership with United Sports Academies will be coordinating an international baseball tour for Florida's top U13 and U17 baseball players. Players will be selected based on exceptional ability and character. The tour will be under the coaching direction and leadership of Bob Pincus.

The 11-day baseball tour to Italy will be filled with international competition, both tournament and exhibition games, plenty of quality instruction and coaching, and sightseeing to some of Italy's most historic and famous sites. The goal of the tour is to provide selected players from across Florida with an excellent baseball playing experience and the opportunity to travel and compete in Italy. This tour is not meant to interfere with one's club team but to act as a supplemental program in providing players with a quality baseball experience in Europe.

### **GENERAL ITINERARY**

#### **Friday, July 30**

Excitement builds as the World Baseball Federation U13 and U17 Select Teams departs Miami International Airport (MIA) and Orlando International Airport (MCO) on an overnight flight to Rome, Italy for an 11-day baseball tour to Rome, Republic of San Marino, Parma, and Milan.

#### **Saturday, July 31**

Due to the time differences between the United States and Europe the teams will arrive in Italy in the morning. Upon arrival in Rome at Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) the teams will be met by their full-time bilingual tour manager and bus driver and will transfer via private motorcoach to a hotel in Rome. Following check-in at the hotel, the teams and group will have time to relax and freshen up prior to an afternoon guided tour of classic Rome and to such sights as the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forums, and the Colosseum. Evening dinner at the hotel followed by team meetings and activities. (Rome)



#### **Sunday, August 1**

Following breakfast at the hotel the group will visit Vatican City and take part in a guided tour of the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums, and St. Peter's Basilica. Following lunch in Rome the team and group will transfer to a local sports center in Nettuno, a city just south of Rome and

the birthplace of Italian baseball, for its first friendly game (1) and first taste of international baseball competition on this tour. Dinner at the hotel following the game. (Rome)



### **Monday, August 2**

Following breakfast, the team will depart for the Republic of San Marino, the world's oldest republic. The Republic of San Marino is located on the



Adriatic Sea coast and near the beautiful beaches of Rimini and Riccione. Mid-afternoon practice session in Riccione. Following practice the players will have time to visit beach in Rimini. Early evening check-in at the hotel in San Marino followed by dinner and team meetings and activities. (Republic of San Marino)

### **Tuesday, August 3**

In the morning the group will have a two-hour guided sightseeing tour of the world's oldest republic followed by lunch and free-time. In the late afternoon the teams will have second friendly game (2). Dinner at the hotel following the match and leisure time in San Marino. (Republic of San Marino)

### **Wednesday, August 4**

In the morning the group will depart for Parma and participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament. While en route to Parma the group will stop in Modena to visit the Ferrari Museum. In the late afternoon the teams and players will have tournament registration followed by Opening Ceremonies. The Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament is expecting teams from from Italy, Poland, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, and Canada for the 2010 tournament, each year the tournament draws over 40 teams from 6-7 different countries. (Parma/Sala Baganza)



### **Thursday, August 5**

Participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament with games being played in Sala Baganza, Collecchio, and Cipressi. When not playing in the tournament additional activities such as sightseeing, mission work, and team will activities will be planned for the players and group. (Parma/Sala Baganza)



### **Friday, August 6**

Participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament with games being played in Sala Baganza, Collecchio, and Cipressi. (Parma/Sala Baganza)

### **Saturday, August 7**

Participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament with games being played in Sala Baganza, Collecchio, and Cipressi. (Parma/Sala Baganza)

### **Sunday, August 8**

Participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament with games being played in Sala Baganza, Collecchio, and Cipressi. Finals and Trophy/Awards Presentation. Following the

tournament the group will transfer to Milan in preparation for departure back to the United States on Monday. Farewell dinner at the hotel. (Milan)

### **Monday, August 9**

Morning departure to Milan (MXP) for return flight back to the United States with same day arrival in Florida (Miami and Orlando).

## **INCLUSIONS**

- Round-trip international air transportation from Miami to Italy. Airline taxes and fuel fees are not included (taxes and fuel are estimated at \$355.30 as of November 2009).
- Price guaranteed in US dollars at time of deposit.
- Hotel accommodations (3 star superior/4-star hotels)
  - July 31 – August 1: Rome (tourist class hotel)
  - August 2 -7: Parma (tourist class hotel)
  - August 8: Milan (tourist class hotel)
- Meal Package
  - Breakfast and dinner throughout the tour
- Transportation: Fulltime motorcoach throughout the tour for all transfers and sightseeing.
- Full time bilingual tour manager will provide team and group with assistance throughout the tour and at each destination.
- Guided sightseeing tours of Rome, Republic San Marino, and Parma.
- Entry fee for the Coliseum and Vatican Museums.
- Baseball Program:
  - “Friendly” game versus Italian teams (2).
  - Participation in the Sala Baganza Baseball Tournament - all related fees. Minimum of five (5) games.
  - Tournament activities and events
  - Water for all matches
- Full service from United Sports Academies including pre-trip preparations, fundraising, administration, newsletters, and pre-trip meetings.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (estimated at \$372.65 as of November 2009)
- Entry fee – Ferrari Museum
- Lunches and drinks at meals (including water)
- Health Insurance
- Items of personal nature
- Passport

## **COSTS**

Cost per player, based on 50 full paying players/coaches/boosters: \$2,915.00 (triple occupancy)

## **BOOSTER PROGRAM**

The Booster Program is for parents and family members interested in participating on the tour. The program and itinerary is the same as it for the team and players. Accommodations for parents and family members are based on either triple, double or single occupancy.

Tour cost, per person:

\$2,915.00 (triple occupancy)
\$3,050.00 (double occupancy)
\$3,485.00 (single occupancy)

## **FUNDRAISING**



In conjunction with our fundraising partner, My Sports Dreams ([www.mysportsdreams.com](http://www.mysportsdreams.com)) will provide players and families with a fundraising program that can raise a large percentage of the tour costs. Interested players and families should contact Jordan Kern at My Sports Dreams at 914-241-0204 or via email at [jordan@mysportsdreams.com](mailto:jordan@mysportsdreams.com).

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE & TIME LINES**

Payment Schedule/Plan:

December 1, 2009:	\$300.00 deposit, per participant
February 1, 2010:	\$1,310.00 payment, per participants
June 11, 2010:	Balance due, per participant

Please note a monthly payment schedule can be arranged (January through June) as an option. Please contact the United Sports Academies offices for details.

Newsletters: Monthly newsletters will start in March 2010 featuring tour highlights, updates, city highlights, training tips, etc.

Tour Meeting: A tour meeting with all players, parents, and coaches will be scheduled for Spring 2010 to review the tour itinerary and answer any questions regarding the upcoming Italy Baseball Tour.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**Registration and Payment Terms:** The registration will be considered binding upon receipt of the Registration Form and a \$300.00 deposit. In accepting one's registration United Sports Academies agrees to carry out obligations listed in the World Baseball Federation Italy Baseball Tour itinerary to ensure for well coordinated, professionally managed baseball tour and experience. The deposit is non-refundable after two weeks of receipt. All participants are requested to follow the payment plan provided. Tour bookings and flights cannot be guaranteed without adhering to the payment schedule (per participant).

**Guaranteed Tour Price:** The tour price has been computed with all current tariffs, taxes, and exchange rates taken into account and is guaranteed in US dollars until the deposit due date in the Registration Conditions. If your deposit is received by this date, this is the price that you will pay based on the tour and tour inclusions/exclusions. If your deposit is not received by the deposit due date, United Sports Academies reserves the right to re-compute your tour costing based upon current tariffs, taxes, and exchange rates in effect on that day which may result in a different price.

**Group Size:** The tour cost is based upon a minimum of 50 full paying participants which must be met in order to maintain the guaranteed price. Falling below this minimum number could alter the tour price.

**Passports and Visas:** Please note the difference between a passport and a visa. A passport is issued by the government of citizen's nationality and must be shown upon request to airlines and immigration officials while out of the country of residence. A visa is issued by a government for temporary travel of a foreign national into that country. All travelers must possess a passport with at least six months validity after the scheduled return. For US citizens, a passport is all that required when traveling to most European countries. For non-US citizens, please check with the appropriate consulates of the countries to be visited for information on possible visa requirements. Please refer to the US Government website on passports at <http://www.travel.state.gov> for further information.

**Contracted Airfares:** Any deviation from the confirmed dates and flights of the World Baseball Federation Italy Baseball Tour could result in a different airfare. Those traveling on different days or flights from the group may be subject to individual contract airfares which might have different fares or different rules than the group. After the tickets are issued, name changes at least 48 hours prior to departure can be done for a fee of \$200.00 per change. Airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. Changes will be subject to a \$200.00 change fee plus any fare difference. Additional restrictions may apply.

**A Note on Pricing and Airline Taxes/Fuel:** The airline negotiated base fare is guaranteed. Taxes and any airline-related fee such as fuel surcharges are not included. Airline taxes and fuel are not included in the tour costs. The airline taxes and other fees can only be confirmed at the time of ticketing.

**Boosters:** Boosters are parents, siblings or family members that are participating on tour with the group.

**Travel Insurance:** United Sports Academies offers travel insurance through Travelex. Travel insurance needs to be booked at or around the time of deposit. Individual and group policies available. Travelex covers trip cancellation or interruption, cancellation due to terrorism, travel delay, baggage and travel document loss, baggage delay, medical expense, emergency medical transportation, and accidental death and dismemberment. For more details or to book travel insurance contact Connie Tompkins at 1-866-439-9457.

**Cancellation Policy:** Please be aware costs are incurred long before players and the group departs on the Italy Baseball Tour. Deposits and payments are paid to suppliers (airlines, hotels, motor coach companies, and tournaments) throughout the process and all suppliers are paid in full within 45-days of the trip departure. Therefore, we have strict guidelines regarding

cancellation based on our suppliers overseas. Please note that notification of cancellation must be in writing or by email and received by the dates mentioned below. Please note deposits are non-refundable after two weeks of receipt. The cancellation penalties outlined below are in addition to the \$300.00 non-refundable deposit. There are no exceptions to the terms and conditions regardless of reason including injuries and medical issues. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

- **From date of enrollment to until 90-days prior to departure:** Deposit is non-refundable. All monies paid in, less the non-refundable deposit, will be refunded in full.
- **Between 90-days to 45-days prior to departure:** 50% cancellation of monies paid in. The 50% cancellation is in addition to the \$300.00 non-refundable deposit.
- **Within 45-days to departure:** All funds paid into the traveler's account will be forfeited due to late cancellation.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

To reserve your spot on the World Baseball Federation Italy Baseball Tour please complete the Registration Form and return it with a \$300.00 deposit to United Sports Academies. Each participant needs a separate registration form. Make checks payable to: United Sports Academies.

Participant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Same name that appears on your passport)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Costs (please check appropriate boxes):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Players \$2,915.00 per person (triple occupancy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boosters \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,915.00 per person (triple occupancy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,050.00 per person (double occupancy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,485.00 per person (single occupancy)

- Gateway: \_\_\_\_\_ Miami (MIA)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Orlando (MCO)

I agree that all information provided herein is complete, true, and accurate. I acknowledge that I have read all terms, conditions and payment plans as outlined in Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by all terms, conditions, and payment plans.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (If participant is under 18 years old)

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