



European Tour FAQ's

What is our history in providing these opportunities?

Pete Kapsalis has been taking groups, teams and coaching groups, over seas since 1985. He has extensive familiarity and connections throughout Europe. Over the years, other companies have adapted Pete's methods and incorporated them into their own routine. Pete's groups have traveled to 20 different countries.

Is the trip limited to my son/daughter participating?

These trips are designed for all members of families to participate. Very often families use these trips as "family vacations". Grand parents, Aunts, Uncles and siblings and even friends of the family have frequently participated.

How safe is the local environment?

A major part of why we select where we travel to is based on our comfort level. We have developed tremendous familiarity with the regions we will travel in and more importantly have developed a trusting relationship with the host group. We trust them to help us when if in need.

What "rules" do you impose?

The rules we establish relate to behavior. Because not all parents travel with the group we feel it is imperative that we take extra care in ensuring the safety of the children and secure their environment. There are severe consequences if there is an abuse with; alcohol, curfew, tardiness and general poor behavior in public.

Can I adjust my trip different from the players?

James Furth, with our tour provider East-West team Travel, has created unique traveling experiences for travelers that cater to your specific needs as a family.

Airfare? James can work with your frequent flier coupons. He can cater to your specific needs, such as joining the group mid stream, or extending your stay and flying back home at a later date.

Land package? Some parents have gone off doing their own itinerary and met up with the group intermittently. James can help you find rental cars or other accommodations to meet your specific needs.

How is the trip location and itinerary determined?

These trips are identified using a very complicated matrix combining...not really. The main factors used in determining where we visit are:

- We want to make sure we are in a land where English is not the primary language.
- We want to visit sites that children see and read about in their history books.
- We want to visit places where passion is part of a life style.
- We want to visit a place we know is a safe and comfortable.
- We want to visit a place where we have familiarity with the area and the hosts.

Do we bring gifts to exchange with other players?

You should bring extra T-shirts with you in the event you meet up with a group that would like to exchange. Typically, players have never traded for more than 3. On some instances, trades were never made and others players ran out of things to trade. Three is as a good number. You do not want to haul more not knowing if you will need them, and we do not suggest you trade anything that you may need tomorrow for instance your JERSEY.

Are there fundraising opportunities?

Yes. The club offers three opportunities.

1. Car washes, to raise money for the player's incidentals and traveling cash.
2. Volunteer, through Deb Ku (Deborah.r.ku@delphi.com), to work at Verizon and/or Conesco.
3. Tournament program advertising campaign offered through Brent Paulson (bep@fcpride.org).