

Italy '23 - 19U-HS US Select Team Tour



American Football Worldwide

JB Sports Enterprises, Inc.

Full Tour* Includes:

- Flight to Rome and Return Flight from Milan (Select Cities)
- All OVN Accommodations
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily (one exception), Three Lunches
- All Transportation Between Tour Destinations
- Multiple/Daily Guided Sight-Seeing Tours (English)
- Full-time Tour Manager
- US Football Ops Coordinator
- AFW *ELITE TEAM* Practices
- Travel Apparel for Players
- Game Uniforms & Souvenir USA AFW *ELITE* Jersey
- Outstanding Coaching & Football Development
- **REPRESENT USA vs. ITALIAN NATIONAL 19U TEAM**
- Student Medical Insurance

* Land Only Rate Available

ATHLETE Registration Procedure & Payment Schedule

- ✓ Determine if you **meet the Selection Criteria** listed below. Note roster positions for the USA-AFW *ELITE TEAM* will be established and may close by positions on a first-to-deposit basis.
- ✓ Pricing based on US departure location and if trans-Atlantic flight or Land Only (see below)
- ✓ To register go to [USA-AFW *ELITE TEAM* Italy Tour '23](#) website **and complete registration** with deposit of \$375 which goes toward tour cost (see Cancellation Policies and Penalties)
- ✓ **Future Payments are as follows** (reduced if 'land only'). We will work with registrants as best we can:
 - November 13 - \$500
 - December 11 - \$600
 - January 8 - \$1100
 - February 12 - Remaining Balance
- ✓ **Fund-raising streamlined** through website "Contributions" feature. All donated funds go directly to student-athlete's account and toward meeting payment deadlines. Other fundraising ideas available upon request.

Student-Athlete Selection/Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ If 19 years of age (or younger) at any point in 2023 a player is eligible for this international game. Can be a 1st year college player or a starter for your HS varsity program on O, D or as a specialist
- ✓ Juniors should secure future HS eligibility clearance from their AD
- ✓ Must not have been subject to formal school or team discipline
- ✓ HS coach may be asked to submit a recommendation form/statement verifying the qualifying criteria and commenting on your character to be part of an international tour

***Student-Athletes Traveling Alone Must Fly With AFW Groups out of New York, Chicago or LA**

Any athlete traveling without a family member must fly with AFW and our coach-chaperones out of cities listed above. For those traveling in this manner, from the time you step on the plane and return from Italy practically every essential cost is taken care of except for a few 'your choice' meals. **The cost of the tour package and all inclusions listed above depends on your departure location.** You are financially responsible to get to these airports to meet the coach-chaperone and AFW *ELITE* tour group.

Land Only Tour Option: Travel with Family and Book Your Own Flights from More Convenient City

- As an option players can meet us in Rome (and return from Milan) *if at least one adult family member is accompanying the player on the trip and joining our tour.* It is your responsibility to meet us at the Rome airport on our arrival day during a specified time frame or at our hotel later that first day.
- Land-only ("LO") cost package available. LO travelers will receive all inclusions except airfare.

Parent/Family Member Tour Participation - Registration Procedure & Payment Schedule

- ✓ Register at the same website. You can register on same account as your student-athlete son or register him then create your own family account. All deposited funds applied to costs for the tour.
- ✓ Meet the payment dates listed above for student-athletes.

Family members can have some additional free time to explore when players are practicing. Travelers should be in good health. Please note that this tour requires the ability to walk fair distances, at times on uneven ground and up stairs.

Tour Pricing Clarifications*

- **Tour pricing is per person in double occupancy** and based on current airfare, land costs and rate of exchange. Single accommodations may be available, but travelers there is an additional single supplement fee that in Europe can be expensive (\$350 for the week).
- Pricing is based on a 1US\$ to 1 Euro rate (currently very favorable). If the US\$ rises to 1.02 or greater at the date of January 22, 2023 a supplement for the change in exchange rate may be expected.
- Prices are valid until reserved spacing is booked. Afterward we will attempt to book additional travelers at best rates at that time. Updated pricing will be communicated before booking.
- Pricing includes estimated air taxes and fees *but are subject to change if increased or surcharges are raised greater than 5% above current rates* (this has not happened in years and is not anticipated).

*****FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES*****

Once a player registers and deposits for this trip, they can use the website's 'Contributions' feature to raise funds in a streamlined fashion whereby donations go directly to their account. They could create a page introducing this special opportunity representing the USA in international competition followed by the other information on the website - then politely seek financial donations supporting their participation. Student-athletes could then post this opportunity on their social media or email this information to family members, relatives, supporters in their life (teachers/coaches), high school boosters, members of their church community, professional friends of parents, local businesses that their family frequents, etc. This is a very effective fundraising tool.

AFW can also provide an 'AFW Italy Competition Tour Sponsorship Form'. Address and distribute this document to those who would possibly support you or direct them to contact AFW where they can make a contribution to your tour costs.

In addition, local Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs have been known to support these ventures.

All of these opportunities can significantly reduce a player's tour costs.

***Get excited to represent the USA in international competition – a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!
Put these fund-raising opportunities to work to have a dream come true!***

NCAA Eligibility: A game of this nature and the tour does not compromise your NCAA or NAIA eligibility. Not all, but approximately three-quarters of our former AFW ELITE players amounting to hundreds of players, have gone on to play college football. Please visit the website (www.americanfootballworldwide.com) or contact AFW for further clarification.

Football Equipment/Supplies, Position and Medical Coverage:

- ***We will supply practice shorts, practice jersey, game jersey, game pants and an AFW ELITE water bottle. Please see your high school coach to secure hard gear (helmet, shoulder pads, hip/leg pads) for the trip and game.*** You will also need a travel bag that can hold your gear and other clothing items. We ask you to supply and bring socks, cleats and a mouthpiece.
- AFW limits its team roster to '2-deep' at each position grouping. Our rosters have run from 28-35 players so everyone plays a great deal in this special international game. We will do all that we can to have you play a position with which you are most familiar. Wherever you play we know you will perform like a football player trained in the USA – Play Quick, Play Decisive, Play Physical & Finish!
- A certified athletic trainer will be on tour with us and attend all practices and the game. In addition, the game will be staffed with a licensed Italian physician and appropriate emergency medical crew.

Additional Preparation & Potential Expenses

- **Passports** – If you do not have one, ***please secure this document as soon as possible.*** Every traveler should be in possession of the appropriate documentation by mid-to-late January *at the latest.* A passport is a great investment in your personal education and your future.
- **4 'Free-Time' Lunches, one Dinner, Souvenirs & Tips** – All but four lunches and a dinner are covered in your tour fee. During touring on a couple of occasions free time is allowed for you to dine and sample local fare that may be of interest to you. In addition, your second evening in Rome allows time for you and teammates or family to enjoy the bountiful variety of restaurants and pizzerias. In addition, you may wish to budget for souvenirs you wish to purchase. Lastly, tipping at group meals

should not take place. However, tipping for services offered by tour guides and your motor coach driver is customary and travelers should contribute. Tipping guidance will be offered.

- **Additional Baggage Information:** You will be informed of a typical travel 'packing list' and how to bring all that you need with one checked bag (athletic duffle bag for player) and allowable carry-on items which are covered in your flight fees. Going outside this allowance – which is not at all necessary - may cause extra charges that will be incurred at traveler's expense.

Limited Medical and Travel Insurance:

- **Student-Athletes:** included in their tour price, student-athlete travelers have some insurance coverage for limited medical, lost baggage, and travel inconvenience. Total trip refunds are available under this policy for very defined, specific cancellation circumstances. See policy information provided to you or under Traveler Information on the website.
- **Adult, Family and Coaches:** AFW provides a very limited travel insurance that can be of assistance for lost baggage and things of that nature. However, medical insurance and 'travel insurance' are NOT a part of your tour price. It is highly recommended that you research the applicability and procedures for your own personal insurance when overseas. Also, based on your individual circumstances and interests you may want to give consideration to purchasing travel and or medical insurance with your insurance agent or on-line.

Cancellation Policy & Penalties*:

- First, if a team is not adequately secured and the tour cancels due to this reason all funds on account will be returned to registered travelers. The tour will stay 'alive' until at least December 1 with a determination being made shortly thereafter. Note AFW has had their *ELITE TEAMS* come together every year attempted. However, all registered travelers must stay with the payment plan until a final determination is made (in December).
- Again, note that roster positions will be largely determined on a first-to-register basis.
- Note that if the roster comes together and the tour takes place, after registration funds on account will be considered non-refundable per the terms below. To fill this roster for a USA team to represent against the National 19U Team of Italy we need student-athletes to stay with their roster commitment. Personal Cancellation terms are as such:
 - Beginning November 13, 2022 the \$375 deposit will be non-refundable.
 - Beginning December 12, 2022 \$950 will become non-refundable due to increasing deposits for air and land services.
 - Beginning January 9, 2023 all funds on account are non-refundable due to impending airfare payment and increasing land services deposits.
- A registered family member who cancels can attempt to substitute a traveler for a 'replacement fee' (TBD) and if one is secured part of the funds on account may be refunded.
- To qualify for a 'refundable' cancellation, a written/e-mail request must be made in accordance with the terms above to Jim Barnes prior to January 28, 2023 by dated email or postmarked letter.

** If the trip does not occur because of insufficient enrollment (see above), ALL funds will be refunded to payees and donors.*

Contact Info

Jim Barnes, American Football Worldwide; jb@americanfootballworldwide.com; 309-781-7274