

TEAM TOURS TO PORTUGAL

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Joint statement from Francisco Marcos founder and president of www.USLsoccer.com and David Caetano, Portugal based USL associate and founder of Caetano Pro Soccer School:

“Any player or coach needs to have a one time Europe traveling experience with a team. The best coach for a player is to have passion in what they are doing. This is created in a European tour. After attending a derby game, European competition, or national team game the spectator becomes a soccer addict. The vibrant atmosphere along with a spectacle of an event, is outstanding and attractive to anyone present, particularly a coach or player.

Quote: David Caetano

“After I attended the Euro 2004 European national team finals in Portugal (see library for article). I acquired a renewed teenage interest in THE game. In our site is a writing on the tier system that demonstrates another fundamental importance of youth development by emulating older teams and players. During training, skill and tactics will have so much more of an importance to that the player and this will modify their training habits which will become more meaningful”.

Potential professional teams to visit (Site in English):

SL Benfica - <http://www.slbenfica.pt/English/homepage.asp>

Sporting Club of Portugal - http://www.sporting.pt/English/index_eng.asp

The Sporting academy is where world player of the year Figo and youth world player of the year Cristiano Ronaldo competed as youth players.

The times of the year best suited for traveling are towards the end of May and first two weeks of August and the 2nd week is preferable.

In May the teams here are having postseason games and the cup final is played at this time.

The 1st two weeks of August is pre-season and teams are more readily available for games. Also, there are some top club pre-season games. At

this time on occasion there is a UEFA elimination round for the European competitions.

There are various options for teams to stay.

The Rio Maior national training complex is used for all the countries various national teams with exception of the men's World Cup team. This includes room and board, grass and turf field, 4,000 seat stadium, weight room, TV room, and more.

Negotiations with the Sporting Lisbon Academy are being conducted (http://www.sporting.pt/Info/Academia/Ingles/Academia_ING.asp). The academy includes room and board, grass and turf fields, etc.

Hotel Cristal with ocean view balconies is an option. Particularly, for a few days to acquire a different sense of culture and soccer training.

Quinta do Pinheiro (<http://www.quintapinheiro-nazare.com/ing/index.htm>) is a transformed farm to a rustic hotel with two soccer fields. It has all the modern conveniences including privacy as it sits away from the main road. Many teams in the first division stay and train at this facility.

The cost of flights would be your responsibility.

For 10 days it would cost an average of about 75euros per person per day. Cost could vary slightly depending on travel dates.

This cost would include:

- arrangements will be made to have your team do a field session with Portuguese federation national team staff such as u20 and u23 coaches at Rio Maior. At the Sporting academy there is the youth development staff to conduct a session
- Full room and board
- training facilities where pro teams train
- few days at a beach hotel if requested
- washing of all training gear

For a 42 passenger bus to be available on a daily basis there is an extra 250euros – 300euros. With 30 travelers it would be an extra 100euros per person.

Add for services and organizational fee it.