



Mountain District Union
France World Cup Tour 2019

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Daily itinerary

Day 1 - Wednesday June 19

Departure to France

08:30pm: Departure from Washington Dulles on overnight flight Iceland Air #644 to Keflavik.

Day 2 - Thursday June 20

Arrival in France, transfer to Normandy and attendance to USA-Sweden!

AM: Arrival at Keflavik, Iceland at 06:20am. Connecting flight Iceland Air 542 to Paris at 07:35am.

12:55pm: Arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport. Bus transfer towards Normandy.

PM: Possible stop at Monet's Gardens in Giverny on the way to Le Havre for lunch and visit.

PM: Arrival in Le Havre and dinner in the city center.

09:00pm: **Attendance to World Cup match USA - Sweden at Stade Océane in Le Havre.**

12:00am: Late check-in at [Hotel Ibis Deauville Centre](#). *There is also the possibility to go from the airport directly to the Hotel for some rest/downtime/dinner before departing for the match in Le Havre.*

Day 3 - Friday June 21

Relax at the beach in Deauville and transfer to Caen.

AM: Training in the morning.

AM/PM: Lunch then free-time at the beach of the renowned seaside resort of Deauville.

PM: Departure for [Hotel Ibis Caen Centre](#). Dinner at the Hotel.

Day 4 - Saturday June 22

First friendly and excursion to Mont Saint-Michel.

AM: Excursion to the third most visited site in France, the Mont Saint-Michel. For centuries one of Europe's major pilgrimage destinations, this holy mount in now a

UNESCO World Heritage site, as is its breathtaking bay. Lunch at Mont-Saint Michel.

PM: If time permits, visit the Caen World War II Museum and memorial, the largest and most modern museum World War II museum with comprehensive displays of the battle of Normandy and Nazi occupation.

PM: Match vs. FC Bayeux.

PM: Dinner at the Hotel.

Day 5 - Sunday June 23

Visit of D-Day sights and World Cup Round of 16 match

AM/PM: The 50 miles of Atlantic Coast, North of Bayeux, are filled with Museums, monuments and remains in tribute to the courage of the Allies who set foot on Nazi-occupied Europe on June 6, 1944. Take a guided tour of the most visited sights! Lunch will be taken during the visit.

PM: Training in the afternoon.

PM: Possible dinner in Honfleur before departing to Le Havre for World Cup match.

09:00pm: **Attendance to World Cup Round of 16 A1 match in Le Havre.**

Day 6 - Monday June 24

Transfer to Paris area and World Cup round of 16 match

AM: Training in the morning.

PM: Check-out and departure to Paris area. Stop on the way for lunch. Check-in at [Hotel Abbaye du Golf](#) in Lésigny, Paris area.

06:00pm: **Attendance to World Cup Round of 16 F1 match in Reims.**

PM: Dinner at the stadium, *to be decided.*

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Day 7 - Tuesday June 25

Second friendly and visit of Reims.

AM: Visit the city of Reims and learn more about the city's landmark, the Cathedral of Reims, where the kings of France were coronated. Lunch in the Old quarter.

03:30pm: Reims is the beating heart of France's Champagne industry. Take a tour of Pommery Champagne house and its underground cellars.

PM: Match vs. EFSA Reims.

PM: Dinner at Hotel Abbaye du Golf.

Day 8 - Wednesday June 26

Sightseeing in Paris.

AM: Light training in the morning.

PM: Have lunch at Montecarlo restaurant on the world's most famous avenue, the Champs Élysées. Free-time for shopping after lunch.

PM: Boat cruise on the Seine river from Notre Dame to the Eiffel Tower. See the world's most visited monument from the Trocadéro.

PM: Dinner at Hotel Abbaye du Golf.

Day 9 - Thursday June 27

Third friendly and visit of the Louvre.

AM: Visit of the Louvre and head for a stroll to the quaint neighbourhood of Le Marais..

PM: Visit the colourful streets of Montmartre in the Bohemian quarter and the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur overlooking Paris.

PM: Match vs. Paris FC.

PM: Dinner at Restaurant 05 in Paris.

Day 10 - Friday June 28

Transfer to Paris City center and World Cup Quarter Finals.

AM: Recovery training in the morning.

AM: Check-out of Hotel Abbaye du Golf in Lésigny and bus transfer to Paris city center.

PM: Have lunch near the World Cup Fan Zone in Châtelet les Halles.

PM: Check-in at [Hotel Mercure Montparnasse](#). Free-time to discover the hotel surroundings.

09:00pm: **Attendance to World Cup quarter-finals in Paris.**

PM: Dinner at the stadium, *to be decided*.

Day 11 - Saturday June 29

Visit of Versailles.

AM: Visit of the Château de Versailles, the extravagant Palace of Sun-King Louis XIV. Lunch in Versailles.

PM: Possible team building activity or other activity to be determined.

PM: Dinner in a typical Parisian Brasserie restaurant in the evening.

Day 12 - Sunday June 30

Return to USA.

AM: Free-time in the morning. Lunch at the Hotel before departure to airport.

05:40pm: Return flight Iceland Air 547 to Keflavik.

08:20pm: Flight Iceland Air 649 from Keflavik to IAD.

10:35pm: Arrival at Washington Dulles airport.

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Flight itinerary

Wednesday June 19

Washington Dulles - 08:30pm
Keflavik, Iceland - 06:20am am + 1 day
Iceland Air #644

Thursday June 20

Keflavik - 07:35am
Paris CDG - 12:55pm
Iceland Air #542



Sunday June 30

Paris CDG - 05:40pm
Keflavik - 07:30pm
Iceland Air #547

Sunday June 30

Keflavik - 08:20pm
Washington Dulles - 10:35pm
Iceland Air #649



Hotels

From June 20 to June 21 (1 night)

HOTEL IBIS DEAUVILLE CENTRE ***

9 Quai de la Marine, 14800 Deauville, France

www.booking.com

Three-star Hotel Ibis Deauville Centre is located in the centre of the internationally renowned seaside resort of Deauville, just in front of the Marina and less than a 10 minutes walk to the beach. The Hotel is a 35-minute drive to World Cup stadium in Le Havre and less than an hour drive to Caen.

From June 21 to June 24 (3 nights)

HOTEL IBIS CAEN CENTRE ***

1 Rue de Courtonne, 14018 Caen, France

www.booking.com

Three-star Hotel Ibis Caen is located in the center of Caen, in Normandy, at a 30-minute drive from the main D-Day sights and an hour from WWC host City Le Havre. The hotel is in the heart of the city, at just a 5-minute walk to the Château.

From June 24 to June 28 (4 nights)

ABBAYE DU GOLF ***

Ferme des Hyverneaux, 77150 Lésigny, France

www.booking.com

Three-star Hotel Abbaye du Golf de Lésigny is located in a 12th-century Abbey overlooking the Lésigny Golf Course, 45 minutes south of Paris.

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From June 28 to June 30 (2 nights)

HOTEL MERCURE MONTPARNASSE ****

20 Rue De La Gaîté, 75014 Paris, France

www.booking.com

Four-star Mercure Hotel is located in the centre of Paris, in a small street filled with cafés and shops. The hotel is just a 5-minute walk to the Montparnasse hi-speed train station and a 2-minute walk to Gaité metro stations connecting many of the major attractions in less than 15 minutes (Champs Élysées, Le Louvre, Notre Dame...). Free Wi-Fi Internet connection is available in the rooms.

Items to address prior to departure

Passports and check-in at airport.

Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months after the date you travel back home. Keep your passport in your hotel's safe when you are sure it is not needed. We suggest scanning a copy of your passport and emailing it to yourself in case your passport is lost during your stay. If you decide to check-in at the airport as a group, ask an agent if they can open a group counter, this will help to get the check-in done faster. You can also choose to check-in individually and do not necessarily need to check-in together. Although the group will be seated together and families seated next to each other, seat assignment is automatic for group tickets and cannot be changed online. Only the personnel at the counter can change your seat the moment you check-in at the airport.

World Cup Match tickets

Despite the problem FIFA is facing with seat allocation, we are confident we will be seated as a group and families will be seated next to each other. We will print the tickets and distribute them to you once you arrive in France.

Luggage/Packing

One free checked bag is allowed per passenger - plus one carry-on bag in addition to one small personal item (e.g. a small handbag or laptop bag). There is a 50 lbs limit for each piece of checked baggage. Check the Icelandair website for specific baggage guidelines. <https://www.icelandair.com/support/baggage/allowance/>. Please pack light. You will be responsible for your own luggage and elevators are oftentimes small. Please pack your carry-on to include all necessities, medications, passport etc. Once the bus is packed it will be difficult to retrieve your luggage which will be under the bus during transfer days. You may want to pack your soccer gear in your carry-on in case your luggage is delayed.

Currency exchange and credit cards

If you would like to exchange some Dollars for Euros in cash it is best to exchange currency once you arrive in Europe, but keep in mind it is very pricey to exchange cash and you will get more Euros for your US Dollars from an ATM. Consider paying directly with credit cards as much as possible as in most cases the exchange rate is reasonable. Let your credit card company and/or bank know in advance that you will be traveling abroad or charge transactions may be rejected.

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Phone and Mobile Internet

Call your carrier in advance and ask about international rates and negotiate for reduced rates while you are traveling aboard. You may need to adjust your voice or data plan, temporarily, to avoid costly fees. If you care to purchase a local SIM card, that will provide you with a local number and a 4G/Internet Data plan during your stay, we can help with acquiring one once in Europe. There are number of 4G/Mobile Internet prepaid plans designed for short term stay, all you will need is to bring your ID to the local shop to purchase a plan. Eg; <https://boutique.orange.fr/mobile/carte-prepayee-orange-holiday-eng>

Power adaptors

if you want to use American devices such as blow dryers, phone chargers, laptops, electric razors, etc. you will need to purchase a plug adapter or power convertor.

Meals

A couple meals will be taken "on your own" when out for excursions. This allows everyone to manage their time during visits as best suits them. Some may prefer to grab a sandwich and take in the sights; while others may want to reserve time to experience local food. If you and your family decide to eat elsewhere, and forgo the group meals, please try to let us know in advance and we may be able to refund (In cases meals are taken outside the Hotel).

MISC

- Let us know of any food allergies and special diets you follow we should be aware of.
- The weather is expected to be between 75° and 50° at night.
- The itinerary may change. Please be prepared and be flexible. We will have an itinerary posted daily with the next day's events, departure times etc. The itinerary will generally be posted on a board visible at dinner/breakfast and in the elevators.
- We encourage everyone to download the group chat mobile application [Whatsapp](#) where the next day itinerary and updates will be posted. A group chat will also be created to share the photos taken during the trip !

