

JUNE 27 - JULY 5, 2011

# 2011 GLOBAL BOWL - FRANCE

TEAM STARS & STRIPES VS. EUROPE



## Tour Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 nights accommodation
- Ground transportation
- Daily breakfast
- Evening meals
- Pregame meals
- Full-time tour director(s)
- Full-time coaching staff
- Guided sight-seeing tours
- Entrance fees to attractions (as indicated on itinerary)
- Games and Practice(s)
- Post-game party and farewell awards banquet
- Apparel package

## Tour Highlights:

- Las Ramblas,
- Costa Brava
- La Safrade Familia
- Montjuic Hill
- 1992 Olympics Sites
- Cote d'Azur
- Nice Old Town
- Monaco

## June 27 - Depart USA

### June 28 - Barcelona Orientation

Flowers, pedestrian boulevards, and decorative pavement make Barcelona a great walking city, and your Tour Director will show you where to stroll. See the Mercat de la Boqueria, where the bright colors of fruits and vegetables, spices, fresh seafood and meat -- not to mention about a hundred different types of cheese -- vie for space in the market stalls. In the city center you'll see the Monument a Colom, a towering statue of Christopher Columbus.

Gaze at the city stretched out before you, the mountains in the distance, and the Mediterranean Sea at your back. Then it's on to the best walk in the city, Las Ramblas, a mile-long pedestrian street that offers up the carnival of urban Barcelona. Have your palm read or browse through the strip's famous open-air shops. Enough walking for one day? Pull up a chair, order a café con leche, and watch the parade of street performers from your seat.

### June 29 - Football Practice on the Costa Brava & Barcelona Sight-seeing

- Football Practice #1

See brilliant Barcelona, a city of graceful Gothic churches, wrought-iron balconies and grand avenues filled with outdoor cafés. Throughout

the city, daringly innovative buildings sit side-by-side with the medieval past. A licensed, local guide will show you some of the high points of this architectural showcase. First stop: the pointy spires of the La Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family), a half-finished church complex that became the obsession of Barcelona's famously eccentric architectural genius, Antoni Gaudí. Then step back to the past with a journey up to Montjuic (Hill of the Jews). See the fortress built atop an ancient Jewish cemetery. Site of numerous battles to control Barcelona, this hill was also the location of the 1992 Olympics.

### June 30 - Football Practice

- Football Practice #2

### July 1 - Nice via Provence

Lush lavender fields, olive groves, terra-cotta roofs, and ochre walls lit by golden sunlight. Your Tour Director will guide you through the splendor that is Provence. Explore legacies of the Roman Empire like the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a sophisticated work of engineering that is intact after more than 2,000 years, and see the Nîmes amphitheater. Built by the Romans nearly 2,000 years ago, it was once the site of gory gladiator and animal combat, and is still used today for bullfights.

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### July 2 - Game Day in Nice

- Nice Sight-seeing tour

The Côte d'Azur's largest city spills down the hillsides to pebble beaches that line the shore. Your Tour Director will show you around the narrow pedestrian streets and tiny squares of "Le Vieux Nice" (Old Town), which is sprinkled with old palaces and mansions. Stroll down the Promenade des Anglais, which runs parallel to the water. Backed by Nice's grand hotels, the Promenade was built in the 19th century for the British who flocked here en masse

- Game One

### July 3 - Game Day in Nice

- Game Two

### July 4 - Milan via Monaco and Monte Carlo

On the Mediterranean coast, five miles from the Italian border, lies the tiny, glittering independent

state of Monaco. Ruled by the Grimaldi family since the 13th century, Monaco is the epitome of French Riviera glamour. Your Tour Director will lead you on this brief adventure. See the casino that Charles III opened in the 1850s to avert financial straits; needless to say, his plan worked--so well, in fact, that Monaco is a nearly tax-free state. Drop in on Prince Rainier (OK, see his house, the Palais du Prince).

- Farewell awards banquet

### July 5 - Return to USA

Depart Milan with incredible memories of a week in Spain, France & Italy!

*Please note: The order of sight-seeing and game day destination may be altered depending on final game and practice schedule. This itinerary is based on the previous Global Bowl France tour and should be used as a guide only.*

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