

TRAVEL SPORT **CAMP**

The Ultimate Sports, Language and Culture Experience

Parent/Student Manual 2009/10



Travel Sport Camp (TSC) International Sports & Education Boarding Schools, Language Immersion Sports Camps & Custom Team, Group & School Tours

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Welcome to Travel Sport Camp – An Experience of a Lifetime

Travel Sport Camp (TSC) offers the worlds' most comprehensive programs focusing on Sports Training, Education and Culture. Choose a full or half Academic-Year Boarding School, short-term Camp or Custom Team/Club Tour. Our programs incorporate international travel, exposure to a foreign culture, language and education immersion, and professional sports training that guarantees our clients an experience they will never forget.

This ***Parent/Student Manual 2010-2011*** will provide you with a complete overview of programs around the world. For specific program information please review our website. This Manual is designed to provide basic information and tools to the Parent and Student once a specific TSC Program has been selected.

Once you've chosen to accept this once-in-a-lifetime invitation to study and play abroad with TSC, you will need to complete the online Travel Sport Camp Registration Form and remit your \$499 (United States Dollar/USD) tuition deposit **and \$200 USD non-refundable registration fee**. Keep in mind that many programs will sell out quickly and we can only accommodate a limited number of players in each program. Please sign-up early!

We hope that you will join our Travel Sport Camp family this year! Remember to call or email us with any questions.

Sincerely yours in Education & Sport,

Joseph F. Coito

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Part 1 – Program Introduction

Introduction

"Why choose Travel Sport Camp?"

Travel Sport Camp was designed to create a competitive advantage for today's youth. In a world of shrinking boundaries and international economies, student athletes attending our boarding schools gain valuable worldly experience, expand their foreign language skills and train alongside fellow athletes from around the world.

The Travel Sport Camp experience is a unique opportunity for high school and college students to travel abroad with a specialized organization that supervises their housing, academic studies, social activities, language instruction and specialized sport training.

Unlike other study abroad programs, our sport training component provides a consistent and structured curriculum for students and allows our staff to interact with them on a regular basis. The sport training in turn offers students a familiar environment, something comfortable in their otherwise new surroundings.

"Who is Travel Sport Camp?"

Since 2001, Travel Sport Camps' affiliate Company [EduKick Inc.](#) has offered Soccer Boarding Schools & Soccer Travel Camps. [EduKick Inc.](#) established itself as a leader in study abroad, soccer travel programs. In 2007 [EduKick's](#) Joey Bilotta and longtime friend and business associate Joe Coito founded Travel Sport Camp. Both realized the need for a company that offers various Sport Training Programs – not just Soccer – which is the focus of Travel Sport Camp. Travel Sport Camp programs provide professional sports training combined with quality foreign language instruction and chaperoned cultural excursions in order to maximize a young player's experience abroad.

Travel Sport Camp's programs are based on the philosophy that exposure to foreign language and education, culture and professional sports training abroad will accelerate personal and athletic growth in young people.

These camps provide a very unique experience, a complete package of sports training (various sports available) and language/education lessons that have a lasting and positive influence on the participating young player. Travel Sport Camp is committed to delivering the highest level of education and sports instruction in a secure, safe, and nurturing environment.

"What are Travel Sport Camp Programs?"

Travel Sport Camp Inc. - International Sports Boarding Schools and Sports Camps abroad are intensive Sports Training and Language/Education Immersion programs, typically designed for students aged 11 to 23 years of age. (Each Program Description, on our website, will specify what ages are appropriate for participation.)

The programs combine daily professional sports training and daytime language and/or chosen curriculum taught by highly qualified teachers with evening cultural activities, supervised social events and weekend trips to popular tourist attractions and historical destinations.

Travel Sport Camp players live in the selected country and are totally immersed in its language and culture. In our cultural immersion sports Boarding Schools and Camps abroad, all sport training sessions, classes, and



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social activities are conducted in the foreign language to maximize the youths' window of opportunity. Currently, Travel Sport Camp (TSC) hosts Sports Boarding Schools and camps in 11 different countries on four continents and continues to grow on a global scale.

Part 2 – Sports Training, Language & Cultural Immersion Programs

Travel Sport Camp Programs are intensive Sports Training and Cultural Immersion experiences designed for athletes who want an educational element combined with the sports experience. These unique programs offer custom training sessions for a variety of durations, choose from year or half academic-year, multiple or single month or multiple week long programs. See specific program offerings on our website for the many options in your chosen sport, language or country.

Program Options

All Program Options: Players will be training, scrimmaging, and playing with the top youth players of the same age. These customized programs will provide top quality coaching, intensive full time training, quality accommodations and cultural excursions.

Boarding Schools: Coincide with the regular academic year, beginning in September and ending in mid-June of the following year. This option allows students to be trained professionally and to receive transferable academic credits.

Monthly Camps: Available throughout the calendar year. These flexible programs will conform to any students schedule and provide them with an opportunity to train with professional coaches for 30 days or more.

Summer/Seasonal Camps: Available mainly during summer months. The duration of these camps run from two to three weeks.

Travel Sport Camp offers foreign language instruction combined with professional sports training designed for international student athletes of all levels. Most program itineraries include weekday curriculum courses, sports training, afternoon activities, evening events (including friendly matches) and weekend cultural trips and tours.

Travel Sport Camp programs attract a diverse mix of students from all around the world. Students represent a wide variety of nations from Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. This international mix of students allows for a rich cultural exchange and makes the respective country's language the common language of communication. The training and cultural excursions are also in the countries native language to add to the immersion aspect and enhance the effectiveness of language learning. Studies show the best and most efficient way to learn a foreign language or improve on your language skills are exchange/immersion programs.

Travel Sport Camp and its affiliates have strived to reach new countries of cultural interest since its first camp in Spain back in 2001. 11 countries now host our programs and that list continues to grow.

Age Restrictions

Boarding School Programs are designed mainly for Secondary and Post-Secondary (High School & College) students. Most short term (monthly or weekly) programs are typically for students 10–23 years of age. Each Program Description outlines any age restrictions or requirements.



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Part 3 – Travel Sport Camp Programs Elements

Technical Sports Training Element

Participating Travel Sport Camp players are exposed to high-level technical sports training that is designed to be intense but always fun, educational and progressive. Players attend 2-3 hours of structured, professionally-run training sessions daily (Monday – Friday). Inter-squad scrimmages are organized during most trainings and when possible weekend “friendly matches” are arranged between Travel Sport Camp participants and their foreign peers.

At Travel Sport Camp sport training sessions, attention is given to conditioning and fitness but the focus is on individual fundamental skill and technical development/enhancement. Travel Sport Camp's worldwide programs are affiliated with professional sports clubs, coaches, schools and academies. Our foreign coaches and staff are seasoned, licensed coaches and often former professional players who understand that Travel Sport Camp youth attend programs to learn and become better players...and they are committed to providing quality and enthusiastic technical expertise to ensure that they develop as student athletes and [ambassadors](#) for their sport. Travel Sport Camp often arranges for professional players to make special appearances to visit and speak with the Travel Sport Camp athletes whenever possible.

The daily training sessions are conducted in the native language so the opportunity for Travel Sport Camp athlete to learn through immersion is maximized. The weekends are used for recovery/rest time, “friendly” matches and/ or cultural/tourist activities.

Language Instruction Element

Many of our Boarding School Programs require a pre placement language test to determine eligibility for academic courses. Those students applying for Boarding Schools, who have borderline language skills, may arrange individual tutelage to bring them up to a necessary level for course work and curriculum requirements. For the short-term Camp Programs (monthly and weekly), students are administered a language level exam upon their arrival and are then placed in classes based on their test results.

Our instructors customize each class to meet the needs of their particular group of students and develop a program that is sensitive, relevant, and interesting to the students. Travel Sport Camp language courses follow the Communicative Approach, which focuses on interaction (e.g. role playing, interviews, games, etc.). While a class may be focusing on a particular aspect of language such as grammar or vocabulary, the methodology used in the class allows students to practice what they have learned right away through meaningful communicative activities. This approach focuses on giving students the opportunity to practice using the language under the guidance of their instructor. Our instructors adhere to the highest standards and are professionally trained. Small class sizes allow teachers to give each student individual attention and to encourage maximum participation. An average classroom has only 15-20 students. At the end of the program, students are given a certificate of completion.

Cultural Immersion Element

The third element of our unique Programs is Cultural Immersion. Our Programs are designed as an introduction to each country's distinct culture and way of life. While studying abroad, students will explore and experience many aspects of the local culture. Our bilingual adult tour guides and monitors plan a variety of exciting social events planned for the evenings, and weekends. The full day excursions offer students the



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opportunity to visit many of the most popular local destinations and historically significant sites and places of interest.

All programs begin with an Orientation which includes a walking tour. The tour provides the students with information about their immediate surroundings from a historical and geographical perspective. The students will later enjoy the various interactive events and evening social activities such as: Karaoke, Talent Night and a movie night.

Part 4 – Accommodations

Resident Housing & Lodging

Travel Sport Camp programs use a combination of dormitories, quality hotels, sports complexes, and home-stay accommodations to house the students. These provide a safe and secure environment with all of the comforts and conveniences that are required by international students. Specific accommodation details are outlined in each Program Description on our website.

Room Assignments

Students will be assigned to rooms based on gender, age, interests, etc.. We make every attempt to satisfy special rooming requests but cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate them.

Girls and Boys

High School or younger girls and boys will be accommodated on separate floors. At no time are they allowed to enter a room of the opposite sex. Violation of this rule will result in an expulsion from the camp.

Residence Responsibilities

Students are responsible for the maintenance of their own room and ensuring that their valuables are secure at all times. Use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except authorized medication and where local laws provide) and weapons of any sort are strictly prohibited. See Appendix II for a complete list of camp rules.

Food

Three meals are included daily. Students will eat a typical local cuisine according to the country they are in. If students are on a full-day excursion, a sack lunch will be provided.

Computer Access

Students will have access to a computer lab, internet cafe or hotel computers at least once a week. Each program has different facilities but most, if not all offer some type of emailing capabilities. Those attending our Boarding School Programs might consider bringing a personal laptop – we can provide information on each program and what specific academic tools are required.

Telephone Access

Our staff will set time aside to allow students to make weekly phone calls. Upon arrival all students are encouraged to contact their families. In the case of illness, injury or other issues, the family is contacted immediately by the Travel Sport Camp staff. Parents can also contact Travel Sport Camp staff by email at any



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time and will be given a 24-hour emergency contact number upon registration. Cell phones are permitted by Travel Sport Camp but parents should be aware of high international airtime charges. Cell phone use is not allowed during official Travel Sport Camp programs, training sessions or study programs. If you decide to bring a cell phone we encourage you to contact your service provider regarding phone insurance.

Part 5 - Safety, Supervision and Insurance

Supervision of our students varies based on the program and age of the student. Minimal supervision is provided for Secondary Education/College Boarding School students. For other programs Travel Sport Camp prides itself on the fact that it provides bilingual 24 hour adult leaders, supervisors, and residence dons for our students. All activities will be supervised by these counselors to ensure the student's safety and enjoyment. For our camps, free time is very limited as there are continual activities to keep the students occupied. Students are not allowed to leave the camp unsupervised at any time. Everything will be done as a group with the adult monitors. Counselors supervise the students during sports training, social activities, tours and excursions. Non home-stay lodging accommodations will have an onsite counselor at all times and will be available in the case students need something and in case of emergencies. In the event of a medical emergency, a counselor will accompany students to a hospital located nearest to the camp location. We ask that all students fill out and return the Emergency Contact Form at the time of registration, so that we may contact the appropriate person in the case of an emergency. For groups, we ask that the Group Chaperone have a complete list of emergency contacts for every member of the group. Health insurance is included in the tuition/program fee for the all Travel Sport Camp programs except the Boarding School options. Insurance for North Americans is purchased through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). All others traveling with Travel Sport Camp will have insurance purchased through Ingle International Insurance. For information about these policies please visit their respective websites at: www.culturalinsurance.com and www.ingle-international.com

Part 6 – Miscellaneous

Spending Money

Students are encouraged to bring a bank card and cash. Once a week counselors will accompany students to the bank to assist in currency exchange for traveler's checks and foreign currency. Our program is "all-inclusive" so students do not need money for anything except incidental spending (snack food in between meals, gifts for family, personal supplies, etc.).

Airport Pick-up & Drop-off

Our programs include optional destination city airport pick-up. Travel Sport Camp provides adult monitors who have obtained the students' digital photo and their flight itinerary. Upon arrival a staff member will meet the student at the baggage claim exit in the designated country. A special airport transfer fee will be charged if the player does not arrive in the predetermined timeframe. Prior to booking flights to our programs parents should contact Travel Sport Camp to determine if Travel Sport Camp has arranged **group travel discounts** and to obtain a final airport pick-up schedule.

Groups & Group Leader

Groups such as sports teams, clubs, church groups, etc. are welcome to sign up for our programs. This allows students the added comfort of traveling and learning alongside friends and colleagues. For groups of 10-20 the group leader will receive a 50% discount on tuition/program fees. For groups of 21 or more, one group leader may attend free of charge. This includes room, food, transportation and all activities. All group leaders



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must be at least 22 years of age. The group leader will not have any specific duties related to the operation of the camp. But, the group leader is welcome to become as involved in camp life as they would like to. In the past, some group leaders have been very involved in the camp and have participated in all of the events, while actively supervising their group of students. Others group leaders have preferred to leave the students under the care and supervision of the Travel Sport Camp staff while visiting the host city on their own.

Part 7 - Fees and Payments

All prices are indicated in US Dollars. Tuition fees differ from program to program and are subject to change periodically. Once a student is registered for a program, no pricing changes will occur. See specific Program descriptions on our website for your program pricing schedule and to determine what services are included.

Fee Payment Methods

Electronic Check (E-Checks), Wire Transfers or Check Hard Copy or Credit Card

Registration for a Travel Sport Camp program can be completed by submitting the online registration form and/or the paper registration form – see our website for these forms. Once Travel Sport Camp receives the deposit a detailed accounting of the fees paid and owed, with payment schedule options, will be sent to the student/parent.

For Boarding School Programs the preferred payment methods, for installments and final payments, are Wire Transfers, Check Hard Copy or E-Check.

Wire Transfer Instructions:

You must carefully follow the steps listed here when you intend to make the wire transfer:

- Call or email the Program Director in our California office and inform him/her of your intention to complete a wire transfer. The Program Director will call you to provide you with the bank details necessary for making the transfer.
- After you complete the transfer you MUST get a wire transfer confirmation receipt from your bank. This should contain:
 - The exact amount of money transferred, time and date of the transfer, name of bank completing the transfer, name of transferring individual or institution, and any other necessary details. Fax the wire transfer confirmation receipt to our office.
- It may take significantly longer than you expect for Travel Sport Camp to be able to confirm the successful transfer of the funds. For this reason, you must transfer the funds a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the program.
- Please include a reference note when wiring funds including the following information:
 - Player's full name, Program Name & Destination

International Money Order

For individuals or groups, an International Money Order (IMO) is an acceptable form of payment. There are 2 conditions that you must fulfill in order for us to be able to process an International Money Order:

- The IMO must be in US dollars and be made payable to "Travel Sport Camp."
- The IMO must have a US bank affiliation displayed on the front of the IMO. This bank affiliation should list the name of the US bank, the bank's branch #, and the bank's US address.



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Part 8 – Travel Sport Camp Contact

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APPENDIX I – Rules of Conduct

Rules of conduct vary depending on what program you select. The following rules are particular to our short term (monthly and weekly) programs. However, many are applicable to the Boarding School student as well.

- No camp participant may commute, live, or eat off campus or venture away from the group once our camp begins. Dining halls, bedrooms, classrooms, and communal areas are to be clean and orderly at all times.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the language classroom at anytime. Students are expected to behave as they would in any normal school setting. Students are expected to take notes during lectures. A notebook and writing utensil must be brought to all language classes.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except authorized medications and/or where local laws allow), or weapons of any sort at Travel Sport Camp is not permissible and will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal from Travel Sport Camp and the youth will be flown home early at their parent's expense.
- Participants must remain with their designated group leaders at all times-whether the group is in class, on the sport field, on a tour, or at free time. Participants are not allowed to leave the premises of the camp, residence, or hotel at any time without consent by a Travel Sport Camp Director.
- Participants must adhere to the established curfews and remain in their assigned room between 11:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Any player found outside his or her room between these times may be expelled from the camp.
- Male participants are not allowed in female rooms and vice versa at any time. Any violation of this important rule will result in immediate dismissal from the Travel Sport Camp.
- Participants are required to email or call home within one (1) day upon arriving at camp. Also, it is advisable to check-in at least once weekly with parents either by telephone or email (email access will be provided). Parents may contact Travel Sport Camp staff in case of emergency.
- Travel Sport Camp participants must respect fellow campers and their property at all times. Any verbal or physical abuse will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the camp.
- Participants are not allowed to operate a motor vehicle of any kind while attending any Travel Sport Camp (including mopeds).
- Any injury or illness whether sport related or not, must be immediately reported to the Travel Sport Camp Director or Adult Monitor.
- Remember that we are a team. Tardiness will not be tolerated since all activities are group activities. Students are expected to arrive to all activities in a timely manner at all times.
- Any serious violation of the Travel Sport Camp Rules (such as willful damage to property, drug, or alcohol usage, gross violation of curfew, verbal abuse, etc.) or behavior deemed detrimental to the Travel Sport Camp Team will result in immediate dismissal from Travel Sport Camp.



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APPENDIX II – Pre-departure Suggested Packing List

- Current Passport
- Copy of Passport (to be given to your Travel Sport Camp Director)
- Plane ticket (if applicable)
- Travelers Checks (Make 3 copies of serial numbers) or Bank Card (if not using travelers checks)
- Note book/Journal/Writing Utensils (pen & pencil)
- Language Dictionary
- Camera/film
- Appropriate sports gear and clothing
- Flip-flop sandals
- White sport shorts & white socks (for friendly matches)
- Swimsuit(s)/sun block/beach towel (for pool)
- Casual wear (shorts, jeans, tee-shirts, etc.)
- Tennis Shoes
- One or two nice outfits (for evening group social activities)
- Sweatshirt, sweater or sweat suit
- Toiletries (tooth brush/paste, deodorant, etc.)
- Travel alarm clock
- Money belt or hip sack
- Any necessary medicines

Please Note: This list is provided as a guideline and may vary dependent on individual needs. It is not intended to be a complete list and you should place careful consideration into your packing well in advance of departure. Do not bring valuables, jewelry or anything not clearly marked with your name. Be sure that all shoes are well broken-in; new shoes are not recommended. Photocopy your passport and give the copy to the Travel Sport Camp Director. Also, photocopy the serial numbers of Travelers Checks. Give one copy to Travel Sport Camp Director, leave one at home and keep the other with your luggage.



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