CANADA BEARS U16 & 17+ FEMALE EUROPEAN TOUR

Poland, Hungary and Czechia August 4-16, 2027

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TOUR SUMMARY

Join the Canada Bears on an exciting European adventure combining international female hockey, cultural experiences, and unforgettable sightseeing. The tour begins in Prague, Czechia, where U16 and 17+ teams will compete in the Czech Lions Cup, with each team guaranteed five tournament games. Alongside the competition, players will have opportunities to explore Prague's historic city centre, discover its magnificent castle and St. Vitus Cathedral, walk across the famous Charles Bridge, and enjoy a dinner cruise on the Vltava River and a traditional Czech folklore dinner.

The journey continues through Central Europe with visits to the spectacular Punkva Caves in Moravian Karst, including a boat ride on the underground river, and the romantic Bouzov Castle before arriving in Krakow, Poland. The group will explore Krakow's historic Old Town and visit Auschwitz-Birkenau for an important and moving historical experience. A visit to the remarkable Wieliczka Salt Mine adds another memorable stop before the tour continues to Budapest, Hungary. Throughout the journey, the teams will also play exhibition games against local opponents, creating valuable international hockey experiences and opportunities to connect with players from different countries.

The final days in Budapest feature guided sightseeing, time to explore the city's shops and cafés, and visits to the Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum and the House of Terror, offering insight into Hungary's history during the Second World War and the Cold War. The tour concludes with a memorable evening dinner and a cruise along the Danube River, with panoramic views of Budapest's celebrated landmarks. Combining competitive hockey, team camaraderie, European culture, and meaningful historical experiences, this 13-day journey offers players and families an exceptional opportunity to experience Europe together.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Wednesday, August 4 – Departing Canada for Europe!

18:00 Depart Halifax for Toronto on Air Canada 619
19:25 Arrive in Toronto
21:00 Depart Toronto for Prague on Air Canada 934

Day 2 – Thursday, August 5 – Arrive in Prague

10:50 Arrive in Prague and meet your guide and bus
Free time in the city centre for lunch on your own.
Depart for the hotel. Check in will be after 3 pm.
Check in to the hotel
Dinner at the hotel
Evening free. Maybe take the metro to the city centre for a walk.
Meals: D Overnight: Prague, Czechia Hotel: TBA

Day 3 – Friday, August 6 – Czech Lions Cup Female Hockey Tournament in Prague

Breakfast at the hotel
Free morning to sightsee and shop in Prague. We will take the metro downtown from the hotel so that everyone can see how easy it is to use the public transportation.

CZECH LIONS CUP – FEMALE HOCKEY U16 and 17+

Every team is guaranteed 5 games of 2 x 20 minutes

Meet at the hotel
Depart for the arena.
U16 Tournament game vs TBA
17+ Tournament game vs TBA
Dinner is included at a restaurant or at the hotel. Evening free.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA

Day 4 – Saturday, August 7 – Czech Lions Cup Female Hockey Tournament in Prague

Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the arena.
U16 Tournament game vs TBA
17+ Tournament game vs TBA
Free time for lunch at the Letnany Mall
U16 Tournament game vs TBA
17+ Tournament game vs TBA
Depart for the hotel to freshen up for the evening.

Depart for the docks on the Vltava River to catch our boat.
This evening we have a delightful evening dinner cruise through the heart of Prague on the Vltava River. Enjoy a buffet-style dinner then go to the top deck to enjoy the panoramic views.
Return to the hotel or stay downtown and return on your own.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA

Day 5 – Sunday, August 8 – Czech Cup Female Hockey Tournament in Prague

Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the arena.
U16 Tournament game vs TBA
17+ Tournament game vs TBA
Free time for lunch at the Letnany Mall
U16 Tournament game vs TBA
17+ Tournament game vs TBA
Depart for the hotel to freshen up for the evening.
Meet and depart for the city centre

Tonight we will enjoy a Czech Folklore show with a 4-course dinner based on the original Czech recipes of our grandmothers. Great food is served to you in the middle of the table, and because great food deserves great drinks, you will enjoy unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks and water.
Return to the hotel. Evening free.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czechia Hotel: TBA

Day 6 – Monday, August 9 – Prague

Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the Prague Castle and meet our local guide for a walking tour of the city.
Built in the 9th century, the Prague Castle has long served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, presidents of Czechoslovakia, and now, the official residence and workplace of the president of the Czech Republic. The magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most important church in Czechia, is a prominent example of Gothic architecture. Situated withing the Prague Castle, it contains the tomb of the most important Czech patron saint. Form the castle we will walk down through the Lesser Town's cobblestone streets and cross the medieval arched Charles Bridge, which was completed in the 15th century and arrive into the old town. We will follow the Karlova Street, which was once part of the coronation route for Bohemian Kings, to the old town square. The old town square is one of the most beautiful squares in Europe with the old city hall and tower adorned with the famous astronomical clock. The square has been Prague's principal public square since the 10th century and was its main marketplace until the beginning of the 20th century. The square features buildings belonging to various architectural styles, including the Gothic Church of Our Lady before Týn, which has been the main church of this part of the city since the 14th century.
The guided tour will end at the old town square. After a short walk to Wenceslas Square, so that you have a complete orientation of the old town.
After free time to explore and have lunch on your own we will meet and walk to the bus pick up area to return to the hotel to relax.
Depart for the arena.
U16 Exhibition game vs TBA
17+ Exhibition game vs TBA
Dinner is included at a restaurant or at the hotel. Evening free.
Meals: B, L Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA

Day 7 – Tuesday, August 10 – Moravsky Kras

Breakfast at the hotel, check out of the hotel
Depart for the Moravsky Kras near the city of Brno.
Moravian Karst is one of the most important karst areas of Central Europe. In the area of the Moravian Karst, there are more than 1100 caverns and gorges. But only 4 caves are open to public. We will take a shuttle to the cave entrance when we arrive at the parking area. There we will meet our guide and explore the Punkvevní jeskyně (Punkva Caves) by foot. Eventually we will board small boats to explore on the underground river.
After the tour we will have lunch in a restaurant at Moravsky Kras
Depart for the arena
U16 Exhibition game vs TBA
17+ Exhibition game vs TBA
Continue to Olomouc and check in to the hotel
Dinner is on your own tonight. Evening free.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Olomouc, Czechia Hotel: TBA

Day 8 – Wednesday, August 11 – Bouzov Castle & Krakow

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
Depart for Bouzov, Castle
Arrive at Bouzov Castle and walk to the castle courtyard to meet our guide.
Bouzov is a romantic castle built at the turn of the 13th and 14th centuries. It is located in the countryside of Litovel and Mohelnice. In 1696 it was owned by Order of German knights and in 1945 it became the property of the state. In 1999 he was declared a national cultural monument. The castle is fully furnished and equipped with paintings, objects of art, history and custom-made furniture. Unique are the two functional drawbridge and portcullis, which visitors can see in operation on festive occasions at the start and end of the season. The magical charm of the castle it permanently makes the sought-after object for social events, concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions, weddings and as a film location.
Depart for Krakow

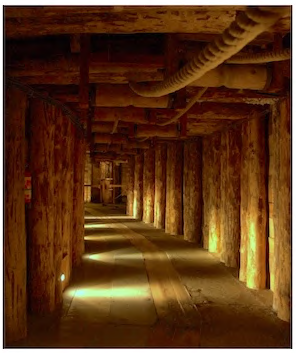
Arrive in Krakow and check into the hotel
Lunch included at the hotel
Depart for the city center and meet our local guide for a walking tour of Krakow.
Krakow is a city rich in history, culture, and charm, offering a perfect blend of medieval architecture, vibrant neighborhoods, and significant historical sites. The Wawel Castle and Wawel Cathedral, the seat of Polish royalty for over 500 years, is an impressive castle complex showcases stunning Renaissance architecture and breathtaking views over the city. We will see the Rynek Główny (Main Market Square), one of the largest medieval squares in Europe, featuring the iconic Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica, and the historic Town Hall Tower.
The remainder of the evening is free for you to have dinner on your own and to explore the city.
Meals: B, L Overnight: Krakow, Poland Hotel: TBA

Day 9 – Thursday, August 12 – Auschwitz-Birkenau WWII Concentration Camp & River Cruise

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
Depart for Auschwitz-Birkenau
Arrive at the Auschwitz-Birkenau WWII Concentration Camp and meet our guide.

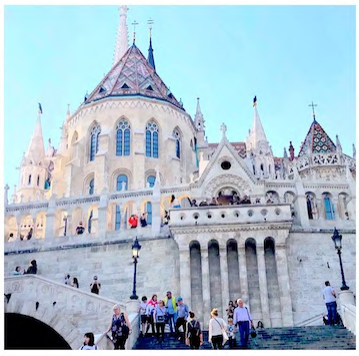
KL Auschwitz was the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers. Over 1.1 million men, women and children lost their lives here. All over the world, Auschwitz has become a symbol of terror, genocide, and the Shoah. It was established by Germans in 1940, in the suburbs of Oswiecim, a Polish city that was annexed to the Third Reich by the Nazis. Its name was changed to Auschwitz, which also became the name of Konzentrationslager Auschwitz. The direct reason for the establishment of the camp was the fact that mass arrests of Poles were increasing beyond the capacity of existing "local" prisons. The first transport of Poles reached KL Auschwitz from Tarnów prison on June 14, 1940.
The authentic Memorial consists of two parts of the former camp: Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Return to Krakow and have free time to sightsee, shop and have lunch on your own.
Dinner included by the docks then enjoy an evening Vistula river cruise.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Krakow, Poland Hotel: TBA



Day 10 – Wednesday, August 13 – Wieleczka Salt Mine

Breakfast at the hotel, check out of the hotel
Depart for the town of Wieleczka.
The deposit of rock salt in Wieliczka and Bochnia has been mined since the 13th century. This major industrial undertaking has royal status and is the oldest of its type in Europe. The site consists of the Wieliczka and Bochnia salt mines and the Wieliczka Saltworks Castle. The Wieliczka and Bochnia Royal Salt Mines illustrate the historic stages of the development of mining techniques in Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries: both mines have hundreds of kilometers of galleries with works of art, underground chapels and statues sculpted in the salt, making a fascinating pilgrimage into the past. The mines were administratively and technically run by Wieliczka Saltworks Castle, which dates from the medieval period and has been rebuilt several times in the course of its history. The Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO-listed wonder, is an underground labyrinth of salt-carved chambers and chapels.
Lunch included in Wieleczka
Depart for Banska Bystrica and check in on arrival
Depart for the arena
U16 Exhibition game vs TBA
17+ Exhibition game vs TBA
Dinner is on your own tonight. Evening free.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Banska Bystrica, Slovakia Hotel: TBA



Day 11 – Thursday, August 14 – Budapest

Breakfast at the hotel and check out
Depart for Budapest
Arrive in Budapest and meet the guide for a bus and walking tour of Budapest.
Budapest is the capital and largest city of Hungary, situated on both sides of the Danube River and known as the "Queen of the Danube" for its beauty and cultural importance. Formed from the 1873 unification of Buda and Pest, it's a major European cultural, economic, and political center famous for its thermal baths, grand architecture, and rich history. The city offers a blend of elegance and lively culture, featuring historical sites like the Buda Castle District, modern architectural landmarks, and a vibrant pub and restaurant scene.
Free time on Vaci Street to sightsee, shop and have lunch on your own
Dinner at the hotel, Evening free

Meals: B, D Overnight: Budapest

Day 12 – Friday, August 15 - Hospital in the Rock, Museum of Terror

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning depart for the Hospital in the Rock Nuclear Bunker Museum for a guided tour. The Hospital in the Rock Museum is located in the heart of Europe, under the Buda Castle. The hospital played an important historical role as an emergency facility both during World War II and during the 1956 revolution. It was developed into a nuclear bunker during the Cold War and was top secret until 2002.

Afterwards we visit the House of Terror with exhibits related to the fascist and communist regimes in 20th-century Hungary and is also a memorial to the victims of these regimes, including those detained, interrogated, tortured, or killed in the building.

Free time on Vaci Street to sightsee, shop and have lunch on your own

Return to the hotel to freshen up for the evening

Dinner at the Trofea grill restaurant including select drinks.

Evening Danube river cruise.

A Budapest cruise on the Danube River, offers panoramic views of the city's iconic landmarks like the Parliament Building, Buda Castle, and Fisherman's Bastion, connecting the Buda and Pest sides of the city.

Walk back to the hotel
Meals: B, D Overnight: Budapest

Day 13 – Saturday, August 16
Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the airport and check in on arrival
11:10 Depart Budapest for Toronto on Air Canada 943
14:30 Arrive in Toronto
16:55 Depart Toronto for Halifax
20:04 Arrive in Halifax
Meals: B

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INCLUDED FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Return airfare to Europe
Knapsack sized carry on and one suitcase (max 23kg)
Hotel accommodation 3-4 stars hotel.
Buffet breakfast daily. One of lunch or dinner daily most days.
Bus transportation and all transfers.
Guided sightseeing tours and entry fees.
All-inclusive travel insurance with Allianz Insurance
Please see below for passenger 65 years of age and older.
Tournament entry fees and all sports arrangements.
All taxes and fees.

PLAYERS INCLUDED UNIFORMS AND APPAREL

Azorcan will sponsor the players apparel package consisting of the following.
Canada Bears official uniforms (2 jerseys, 2 socks, pant shell)
Canada Bears hoody with player number
1 Canada Bears dryfit shirt and 1 polo shirt with player number
A pair of Canada Bears shorts with player number
A Canada Bears hat with player number
A catalogue will be available for others to purchase apparel.

NOT INCLUDED

Travel health requirements including documentation, vaccination or testing.
Free time activities and drinks at dinner or lunch unless otherwise indicated.
Flight baggage fees for sports equipment.
Tips for the tour guide and driver are not included.

INSURANCE

Azorcan Global includes an all-inclusive insurance policy in the tour package.
The Alliance Insurance policy and emergency contact information is available on the webpage.
The insurance cost is included for passengers 59 years of age or younger that are in good health.
An individual quote will be required for passengers 60 and older.
A basic medical questionnaire may also be required for passengers 65 and older.
It is up to each passenger to review the included insurance coverage, understand exclusions and ensure they have proper coverage.

AZORCAN RINGETTE TOUR COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Prices are per person with 2 persons in the room (double or twin), 3 persons (triple) or in a single.
The cost is the same for players and accompanying friends and family.
Depending on the hotel, triple rooms may be a twin room with a rollaway bed.

$ 7195.00	Double (1 bed) or Twin Room (2 beds)
$ 6845.00	Triple Room
$ 7895.00	Single Room

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT OPTIONS

Receive a **$ 2100.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe.
44 economy seats are reserved for the group.

PAYMENTS

Initial deposit of $ 500 per player at time of registration.
Initial deposit of $ 500 per family member by December 1
Payment per person of $ 1000 is due on March 15
Final payment and final name list is due on May 15
All payments are non-refundable and Azorcan.
Payments can be made by etransfer, cheques or bank draft.
We do not accept credit card payments.
Ask your team contact for e-transfer information.

LATE PAYMENTS

Late payment penalties and cancellation fees are in effect.
Final payment late penalties by date final payment received.
After May 15 $ 100.00 per person.
After May 20 $ 200.00 per person.
After June 1 passenger may be cancelled without refund.

TEAM STAFF

Team coaches and staff members may not be agents, representatives or employees of Azorcan Global. All teams are independent so Azorcan plays no part in player selection, team staff selection, staff decisions or pre-departure programs.

TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Go to the team webpage at www.azorcan.net/cbfemale using the password Prague
2. Click the Registration link and fill out the form. One per room.
3. Select “2027 HOCKEY – CB Female U16/17+” as the group you are registering for.
4. Take a photo of your passport and email it to paul@azorcan.net
5. etransfer the deposit ($500 per person) to paul@azorcan.net using the password Canada
6. All future payments can be made using the same etransfer information.

AZORCAN EUROPEAN TOURS

Azorcan is a 100% Canadian-owned company based in Edmonton, Alberta, and a leader in custom group travel to Europe since 1994. We've proudly served thousands of satisfied clients from Canada and the USA. With experience across almost every country in Europe, we deliver seamless, stress-free, and unforgettable sports travel experiences tailored to your group.

👉 Join our **Priority List** today to get early access to Europe sports travel opportunities.
👉 Follow our **Azorcan Tours Facebook Page** for Europe travel updates and tour announcements.
👉 **Contact Azorcan** us to plan a custom Europe experience for your sport group of 20 or more.

TAKE YOUR GROUP

Contact Azorcan to create a once-in-a-lifetime European custom tour that includes flights, hotels, meals, sightseeing, special events, English speaking guides and more. Our sport tours can include exhibition matches, tournaments and training sessions. Minimum 25 passengers per group.

SIGHTSEEING, SCHOOL & CORPORATE TOURS

We specialize in fully customized European **Sightseeing, School and Corporate** tours for your group with a focus on your interests and priorities.
Our sightseeing tours anyone can join and our Croatia cruises sell out quickly.
We have conducted school tours for Canadian universities, high schools and school sport academies.
Azorcan has conducted various tours for American universities for business and marketing faculties.
Our corporate incentive tours can include meetings, corporate visits and special events.

SPORTS TOURS

We specialize in fully customized European **Sport Tours** for teams of all levels.
Hockey, Soccer, Ringette, Rugby, Golf, Pickleball and many other sports.
Club teams, select teams, academies and recreational groups welcome.

FAN TOURS

Fan tours are a great way to experience Europe with fans that share a common love for sport.
We have conducted previous tours to the World Juniors, the Spengler Cup and NHL Global Series.
Stay tuned for information on the World Juniors to Finland 2028 and Czechia 2030.

APPAREL

We started making customized unforms and apparel for our European sports and fan tours so that our clients have a unique, high quality, souvenir of their tour. Many came back to us to order custom uniforms and apparel for their hockey, ringette, ball hockey, or soccer teams. **Contact Azorcan** for a fresh and exciting new look for your team.