



Hello Everyone,

I hope our email finds you and your family well. It has been quite some time since you have heard from us. The pandemic has affected all of us in some way and we have not had any tours since returning from the World Juniors in 2022. We have a few updates to announce including a tour cancellation and a new and exciting tour you can join.

2022 Tours and Beyond

Over the past few weeks we have been receiving quite a few emails and calls by groups planning tours to Europe from the summer of 2022 until spring of 2023.

We have already booked group flight space for 4 tours for the fall of 2022. The feedback that we are getting is that while respecting Covid protocols, people are anxious to travel. As we approach these tour departures we will monitor Covid restrictions and protocols as they develop and to prepare accordingly.

Here is our **CANADA FANS WORLD JUNIOR PODCAST** summarizing where we are and what we are planning.

2023 World Juniors In Russia

Unfortunately, we are cancelling our tour to Russia for the World Juniors mainly due to health concerns.

Only about one-third of Russians are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. Public skepticism and mistrust about the efficacy and safety of domestically produced Russian vaccines have compounded the problem.

Russia has the highest COVID-19 mortality rate among countries in Europe and the second-highest rate in Asia, after India. There also seems to be a lack of transparency, inadequate testing in some parts of the country, and questions about the accuracy of their statistics.

Another primary concern is the possible issues with language should any of our passengers require medical attention.

We are very disappointed we will not be going to Russia but we think it is the right call for the safety of our passengers.



2024 World Juniors in Sweden

We already have plans for Sweden as per our tour webpage so hopefully a year from now we can start taking deposits for that tour. Those that have gone on our tours previously will get first opportunity to register followed by the new members of the Priority List.



2022 EUROPA CLASSICO

Sightseeing Tour

Today we have announced our Europa Classico tour for September 10-25, 2022. In just a few hours we have received a huge response and about 20 registrations for the tour. We plan to take about 40 passengers and it looks like those places will be gone quickly.

Here is the **EUROPA CLASSICO** brochure and our **GROUP TRAVEL EUROPE PODCAST** about the tour.

We are having a tour information session at the Jerry Forbes Center in Edmonton (12122 68 St NW)

on December 11 at 2 pm. We have limited capacity so please register at www.azorcan.net/event

You can reserve your spot contact paul@azorcan.net for registration and to place your \$500.00 deposit per person. You can listen to the tour podcast below and all the information is available on our homepage at www.azorcan.net or on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/azorcanjrhockey/>

Here Is An Update On Other Tours We Have Planned

HOCKEY TOURS

We have two youth hockey tours on our home page for 2009 born AA players. One tour is to central Europe and one is to northern Europe in August of 2022.

A female team from Nova Scotia is also planning a tour to central Europe in August 2022. If you have a youth, adult or oldtimers team looking to play hockey in Europe now is the time to start planning.

SOCCER TOURS

We have had inquires for tours to Italy, Portugal and Spain. Now is the time to start planning a trip as far away as spring 2023.

RINGETTE TOURS

We have two ringette tour groups that have already planned trips in the spring of 2023.

SIGHTSEEING & CORPORATE TOURS

We unfortunately had to cancel some private group sightseeing tours and a corporate tour in 2020 due to the pandemic. It is nice to see that some of those groups are starting to contact their members about the best dates to rebook their tours.