2027 CANADA TRUE NORTH RINGETTE TOUR

Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Finland – July 23 to August 4
Finland Lions Cup 2027 - U16 (2012-13) & U19 (2009-2011)
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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 / July 23 / Friday

Meet at the airport in Winnipeg and check in for the flight.
10:45 Depart Winnipeg for Toronto on Westjet 382
14:15 Arrive in Toronto
21:55 Depart for Amsterdam on KLM 696






Day 2 / July 24 / Saturday

11:20 Arrive in Amsterdam
Meet your guide and driver and depart for the city centre
Morning Amsterdam canal cruise

Amsterdam is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands, a major European economic and financial center renowned for its picturesque canals, rich history, and tolerant culture. The city is famous for its UNESCO-listed canal ring, numerous museums such as the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, and a vibrant mix of diverse inhabitants from around the world. While Amsterdam is the nominal capital, the actual government and royal family reside in The Hague.

Some places you may consider visiting include the Heineken Experience, Anne Frank House, the VanGough Museum, and the Rijksmuseum. You may want to book a time in advance for these.
Lunch included at a restaurant in the city centre
Depart for the hotel and check into the centrally located hotel
Free time to sightsee, shop and have dinner on your own
Meals: L Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands Hotel: TBA





Day 3 / July 25 / Sunday

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel.

09:30 Depart the morning for a half day tour of Zaanse Schans and Volendam.

Arrive at Zaanse Schans and enjoy 3 hours to walk the site and visit various buildings.

Zaanse Schans is a picturesque Dutch heritage site that functions as an open-air museum, featuring preserved historic windmills, traditional green-timber houses, and workshops demonstrating traditional crafts like clog-making, cheese-making, and pewter casting. Established in the 1960s by transporting buildings from the surrounding Zaan region, it offers an immersive glimpse into the Netherlands' 18th and 19th-century industrial past and rural culture, providing a relaxing and educational half-day trip from nearby Amsterdam.

At Zaanse Schans, cheese making is an old Dutch guild, just like woodworking, wooden shoe making, pewter casting and distilling liqueur. You can attend a cheese-making demonstration at the Catharina Hoeve, where our staff – in traditional Dutch costumes – will inform you on Henri Willig cheese: from Gouda to goat and herb cheeses.

Depart for Volendam and enjoy 2 hours to have lunch on your own and to shop.

Volendam is a historic fishing village and popular tourist destination in North Holland, Netherlands, 20 km north of Amsterdam, known for its picturesque harbor, colorful traditional wooden houses, vibrant cultural heritage, and the iconic Volendam traditional costume, which is still worn by some locals.

Return to Amsterdam and free time to relax.

Dinner at the hotel

Free time to sightsee, shop in the city center

Meals: B, D Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands Hotel: TBA





Day 4 / July 26 / Monday

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for Rotterdam and enjoy a short stop to see to famous attractions.

A short stop in Rotterdam and combine two of the city's most distinctive sights around Blaak. Start at the iconic yellow Cube Houses (Kubuswoningen), designed by architect Piet Blom as a cluster of tilted, tree-like homes. From the Cube Houses, it is just a short walk to the dramatic Markthal, whose huge horseshoe-shaped structure arches over a lively indoor food market. Wander among the stalls, browse the international food offerings, and look up at the enormous, colorful "Horn of Plenty" artwork covering the interior ceiling. It is an ideal quick stop

for photos and a snack while experiencing Rotterdam's bold modern architecture.
Continue to Ghent and check in on arrival





Ghent is a beautiful, lively city where medieval buildings, canals, churches, and cobbled streets come together in a compact and easy-to-explore historic centre. You will see St Bavo's Cathedral and the famous Belfry, then make your way through Korenmarkt and across St Michael's Bridge, where you'll have one of the best views of Ghent's historic skyline. From there, stroll along the picturesque Graslei and Korenlei, the old harbour lined with impressive guild houses and cafés. Continue to the imposing medieval Castle of the Counts, then wander through the charming Patershol neighbourhood with its narrow streets and cosy restaurants. Finish around Vrijdagmarkt before taking some time to enjoy a Belgian beer, coffee, or local sweet.
Dinner is included tonight.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Ghent, Belgium Hotel: TBA




Day 5 / July 27 / Tuesday
Breakfast at the hotel.
10:00 After breakfast we will depart for Bruges.
11:00 We will have guided walking ***tour of the medieval city centre of Bruges*** with cobbled streets, romantic canals, medieval buildings and many churches and cathedrals. You will see the marvelous market square, city hall, the belfry and its halls.
12:00 Weather permitting, we will experience a canal boat tour to get a different perspective of the charming bridges, hidden gardens and picturesque architecture.
Free time to explore the city and have free time for lunch on your own.







15:00 After lunch depart for a ***tour of "Flanders Fields" and Canadian WWI Memorials***.
16:00 Our first stop is Passchendaele and it's Crest Farm Memorial. Canadian soldiers fought through hard rains, deep mud and heavy enemy fire to take Passchendaele in 1917.
Our second stop is the Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. It is the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, for any war. There are 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery. 8,369 of the burials are unidentified.
We continue to our third stop at the town of Langemark to visit the St. Julien Canadian Memorial, also known as The Brooding Soldier. The Canadian 1st Division suffered heavy losses while holding their positions after the German Army launched the first ever large-scale gas attack.
Our fourth stop is the Essex Farm Cemetery to see the memorial to Lt. Col. John McCrae who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields."
18:30 Our final war memorial stop is the town of Ypres (Ieper in Dutch) where you will have free time for dinner on your own.
20:00 The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is a war memorial in Ypres, Belgium, dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown. Every night at 8.00pm, a moving ceremony takes place under the Menin Gate in Ieper - Ypres. The Last Post Ceremony has become part of the daily life in Ieper (Ypres) and the local people are proud of this simple but moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defence of their town.
21:00 We will return to our hotel in Ghent.
Meals: B Overnight: Ghent, Belgium Hotel: TBA



Day 6 / July 28 / Wednesday
Breakfast at the hotel and check out
Depart for the Brussels airport
Check in on arrival
10;45 Depart Brussels for Helsinki on Finnair 345 (1 checked bag 23kg included)
14:15 Arrive in Helsinki, meet our guide and depart for the hotel
Meet your bus and guide. Depart for the hotel
Check in to the hotel. Note some rooms may not be ready until 16:00

Depart for the arena.
Exhibition game # 1 vs TBA
Return to the hotel
Dinner included
Meals: B, D Overnight: Helsinki, Finland Hotel: Scandic Grand Marina





Day 7 / July 29/ Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel
Meet your local guide for a sightseeing tour of Helsinki.

Helsinki is the capital and largest city of Finland, known for its blend of cosmopolitan culture, design, and high technology, all set against the backdrop of the Baltic Sea. The "White City of the North" features a unique mix of modern and historical architecture, a leading public transportation system, and a vibrant arts and culture scene. As Finland's political, educational, and economic center, Helsinki is a significant seaport and a hub for research and innovation
Take the ferry from Market Square to the Suomenlinna Island Fortress.
Enjoy a guided walking tour of the fortress.
Suomenlinna is a historic island sea fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site, located at the entrance to Helsinki's harbor. Built in the mid-18th century by the Kingdom of Sweden to defend against Russia, it later served the Russian Empire and the Republic of Finland. Today, it is a popular tourist destination with museums and other attractions and a living district of Helsinki with about 800 inhabitants.

Return to Market Square by ferry and have free time for lunch and to relax.
Free time to sightsee, shop and for lunch on your own.
Dinner included at the hotel
Meals: B, L Overnight: Helsinki, Finland Hotel: Scandic Grand Marina



FINLAND LIONS CUP **– 5 games of 2 x 20 minutes**
https://lionscup.fi/tournament/finland-lions-ringette-2026

Day 8 / July 30 / Friday
07:00-10:30 Breakfast at the hotel
Free morning in Helsinki.
Depart for the arena
FLC Tournament game # 1 vs TBA
Return to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel
Meals: B, D Overnight: Helsinki, Finland Hotel: Scandic Grand Marina

Day 9 / July 31 / Saturday
Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the arena
FLC Tournament game # 2 vs TBA
Return to the hotel
Stop at the Isoomena Mall
Return to the hotel
Depart from the hotel
FLC Tournament game # 3 vs TBA
Bus to the hotel
Dinner at the hotel
Meals: B, D Overnight: Helsinki, Finland Hotel: Scandic Grand Marina

Day 10 / August 1 / Sunday
07:00-10:30 Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for the arena
FLC Tournament game # 4 vs TBA
Free time for lunch on your own.
FLC Tournament Placement game # 5 vs TBA
Free time for lunch on your own.
Bring a swimsuit and towel for the sauna and swimming.
Dinner is included the enjoy a Finnish sauna and swimming in a lake.
Return to the hotel.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Helsinki, Finland






Day 11 / August 2 / Monday
07:00-10:30 Breakfast at the hotel and check out
Group activity (to be decided)
Depart for the ferry terminal.
Get your tickets and board the overnight ferry to Stockholm
Your equipment and suitcase will be on the bus in the locked cargo area.
Just take a knapsack with what you need for the overnight trip.
16:30 The overnight cruise departs for Stockholm
Enjoy the amazing buffet dinner after dropping off your items in your cabin.
16:45 Dinner included at the Grande Buffet on Deck 6
After dinner there is duty free shopping and live entertainment on board.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Overnight Ferry

  

Day 12 / August 3 / Tuesday

07:00-09:00 Enjoy the buffet breakfast onboard at the grande Buffet prior to arrival in Stockholm.

10:30 Arrive in Stockholm. Disembark the ferry and meet your bus.

10:45-13:45 Guided bus and walking tour of Stockholm including the Vasa Ship Museum.

Stockholm is the capital and largest city of Sweden, a global center for culture, technology, and finance, built on 14 islands where Lake Mälaren meets the Baltic Sea. Founded in 1252, the city is known for its historic architecture in Gamla Stan (Old Town), as well as its innovation, earning it the title "Capital of Scandinavia". It's an important economic hub, the host of the Nobel Prize, and boasts a vibrant blend of historical charm and modern design.

The Vasa was a Swedish warship that sank in 1628 on its maiden voyage in Stockholm harbor due to instability, being too top-heavy and having insufficient ballast. Salvaged 333 years later in 1961, the ship is now a preserved time capsule and a popular museum attraction in Stockholm, offering unparalleled insights into 17th-century shipbuilding and life.

Bus to the hotel and have an included lunch.

Check in when rooms are ready. Please note that all rooms may not be ready until after 3 p.m.

16:00 The bus will drop you off on the island of Djurgarden by Skansen.

Djurgården is a forested island in central Stockholm, Sweden, famous for its blend of nature and culture, serving as a popular royal game park and now a national city park. Visitors enjoy attractions like the Vasa Museum, Gröna Lund amusement park, and the Skansen open-air museum, alongside extensive walking and cycling paths and harbors. Historically a royal hunting ground, it is now a major public recreation area and a popular tourist destination, attracting millions of visitors annually for its museums, cultural sites, and green spaces.

At Djurgarden maybe go to Skansen, Grona Lund, the Viking Museum or the ABBA Museum.

Near the hotel maybe go to the Avici Eperience or the ICEBAR Stockholm.

Return to the hotel on your own.

Dinner is on your own tonight.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Stockholm, Sweden Hotel: Clarion Sign

Day 13 / August 4 / Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel

Depart for the Stockholm airport

Check in at the airport

06:30 Morning flight from Stockholm to Amsterdam on KL1214

08:40 Arrive in Amsterdam

11:20 Depart from Amsterdam to Toronto on KLM 691

13:20 Arrive in Toronto

15:30 Depart Toronto for Winnipeg on Westjet 385

17:15 Arrive in Winnipeg

Meals: B



TRUE NORTH RINGETTE TOUR INFORMATION

INCLUDED FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Return airfare to Europe from Winnipeg
Ask about other gateways.
Flight from Brussels to Helsinki
Overnight ferry from Helsinki to Stockholm with buffet dinner and buffet breakfast
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 60 years of age and older.
Tournament entry fees and all sports arrangements. All taxes and fees.

INCLUDED APPAREL - PLAYERS

Azorcan will sponsor the players apparel package consisting of the following.
True North Ringette official uniforms (2 jerseys)
A hat with player number

INCLUDED APPAREL – FAMILY & FRIENDS

Azorcan will sponsor a fan jersey per person.

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.

PRE-DEPARTURE SKATES

Ask your coach or team manager about your teams pre-departure schedule.

INSURANCE FOR PASSENGERS AGED 60+

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.
If you decline our insurance coverage then you will receive a **$ 300.00** credit.

AZORCAN RINGETTE TOUR COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Tour cost is per person and is based on number of people per room.
There are a limited number of triple and single rooms available.
Triple rooms are available in Sweden, Finland and on the Ferry only.
Due to the size of European hotel rooms double rooms are preferred.

Double or Twin Occupancy	**$ 8195.00**
Triple Occupancy (SWE-FIN) & Double in (NET-BEL)	**$ 8095.00**
Single Occupancy	**$ 9595.00**

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT OPTIONS

Receive a **$ 2200.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe.
You will still have the flight from Brussels to Helsinki included with the group.
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 on December 1, 2026
Payment per person of $ 1000 is due on March 1, 2027
Final payment and final name list is due on May 15th of 2027
All payments are non-refundable and Azorcan.
Payments can be made by etransfer, cheques or bank draft.
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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.