



## CANADA BEARS 2008/09 EUROPEAN TOUR

Netherlands, Germany and Czechia July 28 to August 9, 2009

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### CANADA BEARS PLAYERS

The team will be comprised of U17AAA & U18AA players born in 2008 and 2009

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### PRE- DEPARTURE PRACTICE

**May 30 / Saturday**

10:15-11:15 Clareview Arena B - Practice

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In between the practices we are walking the team to the nearby Boston Pizza for a lunch the team will pay for. We will be sizing the boys for their included uniform and apparel and will have apparel that can be ordered by family and some clearance apparel that can be purchased.

During the 2nd practice we will have a parent meeting to go over the itinerary and answer any questions.

### PROPOSED TOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1 / July 28 / Tuesday – Practice and departure**

**Clareview Arena B - one session from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm**

10:45-12:15 Clareview Arena B – Practice

At this practice the players will receive their tour apparel and we will collect their 3 sticks for the team stick bag.

15:00 Meet at the airport and check in for the flight.

17:35 Depart from Edmonton for Amsterdam



## Day 2 / July 29 / Wednesday

10:10 Arrive in Amsterdam and meet your guide and bus.

Amsterdam guided sightseeing tour and 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.

Depart for the hotel and check in.

Lunch included at the hotel.

Evening free to explore and have dinner on your own.

Meals: L Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands



## Day 3 / July 30 / Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel, check out of the hotel

Depart the morning for a half day tour of Zaanse Schans, the [Gouda Cheese Market](#) and Volendam.

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.

The Gouda Cheese Market is a traditional event in Gouda, Netherlands, held on Thursday mornings from April to August, where farmers sell their cheese, featuring a historic ritual where deals are sealed with a handclap (handjeklap) before the cheese is weighed at the historic Waag (Weigh House). The market includes a festive atmosphere with music, traditional costumes, and a surrounding market selling local crafts and foods like stroopwafels, offering a cultural experience that demonstrates centuries-old Dutch traditions.

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.

The rest of the day is free for you to explore Amsterdam and have dinner on your own.

Some places you may consider visiting include the [Heineken Experience](#), [Anne Frank House](#), the [Van Gogh Museum](#), and the [Rijksmuseum](#). You may want to book a time in advance for some of these.

Meals: B Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands



#### Day 4 / July 31 / Friday

Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.

Depart for Dusseldorf, Germany

Stop at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery

The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, near Nijmegen in the Netherlands, is the largest Canadian war cemetery in the Netherlands, holding the remains of 2,338 Canadian soldiers and 280 other Commonwealth and European burials from the Second World War, primarily from the Battle for the Rhineland. It includes the Groesbeek Memorial which commemorates over 1,000 soldiers who have no known grave. The cemetery is a symbol of the deep ties between Canada and the Netherlands, with local Dutch volunteers and students tending to the graves and engaging in remembrance projects to honor the sacrifices made for the liberation of the country.

Stop after memorial visit for lunch on our own.

Continue to Dusseldorf and check in to the hotel on arrival

Depart for the arena

**Evening exhibition game # 1 vs TBA**

Dinner included at a restaurant

Depart for the hotel and check in

Meals: B, D Overnight: Dusseldorf, Germany



#### Day 5 / August 1 / Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning guided tour of Dusseldorf's old town and then go up the 172 meter Rhine tower.

Düsseldorf is the capital of Germany's most populous state, North Rhine-Westphalia, and a major international hub for business, finance, and culture. It's divided by the Rhine River, with its Altstadt (Old Town) on the east bank and modern commercial areas to the west. In the Altstadt, St. Lambertus Church and Schlossturm (Castle Tower) both date to the 13th century. Streets such as Königsallee and Schadowstrasse are lined with boutique shops.

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

Depart for the arena

**Evening exhibition game # 2 vs TBA**

Dinner included at a restaurant.

Return to the hotel, evening free.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Dusseldorf, Germany



### Day 6 / August 2 / Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided walking tour of Cologne followed by a river cruise on the Rhine River.

Köln (Cologne) is a historic city in western Germany on the Rhine River, famous for its Gothic cathedral, and its role as an important economic and cultural center, particularly as a media and banking hub. Originating as a Roman colony, Köln has a long history marked by trade, religious significance, and a lively atmosphere, which includes the annual Carnival and the production of Eau de Cologne.

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

Depart for the arena

**Evening exhibition game # 3 vs TBA**

Dinner included at a restaurant.

Return to the hotel, evening free.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Dusseldorf, Germany



### Day 7 / August 3 / Monday

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for Burg Eltz

Arrive and walk down 15 minutes to the castle for a tour of [Burg Eltz](#). A shuttle bus is also available.

Burg Eltz is a well-preserved, iconic medieval German castle built in the 12th century, located in a picturesque forest in the Eifel region, never having been destroyed. It features unique architecture with multiple towers and oriels, built on a rocky spur surrounded by the Elzbach river. The castle is still owned by the Eltz family, who have lived there for over 33 generations, and offers visitors tours of its interior and a treasury.

Walk back to the bus or take the shuttle.



Depart for Koblenz and on arrival walk to a restaurant for lunch.

Koblenz is a historic German city at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers, known for its 2,000-year history, the iconic Deutsches Eck (German Corner) monument, the impressive Ehrenbreitstein Fortress accessible by cable car, and a charming old town.

Free time after lunch to explore the old city centre.



Meet the bus and depart for Würzburg.

Arrive in Würzburg and check in to the hotel.

Würzburg is a historic university city in Northern Bavaria, Germany, known for its Baroque architecture, Franconian wine region, and as a cultural center of the Franconia region. Key landmarks include the Würzburg Residence, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a prime example of Baroque palace design, and the Marienberg Fortress, which overlooks the city and the Main River. The city, founded around 742, was heavily damaged in WWII but has since undergone reconstruction, blending historic charm with post-war modern architecture.

Dinner is on your own tonight and the evening is free for you to explore Würzburg.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Würzburg, Germany



## Day 8 / August 4 / Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Rothenburg ob der Tauber and meet our local guide for a walking tour on arrival.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber is a picturesque, well-preserved medieval town in Bavaria, Germany,

famous for its intact city walls, half-timbered houses, and cobblestone streets. Visitors can explore the city walls, visit museums, or enjoy the lively atmosphere with cafes and shops, all within a setting that evokes a fairy-tale atmosphere. Due to a directive from U.S. Assistant Secretary of War during World War II, the town's historic importance was recognized, and its beauty was largely preserved from air raids.

Free time to sightsee and have lunch on your own.

Depart for Pilsen, Czechia



Arrive at the world famous Pilsner Brewery for a guided tour.

A Pilsner brewery tour offers a deep dive into the history of the world's first golden lager, Pilsner Urquell. You will learn about the traditional brewing process and ingredients to the modern brewhouse and bottling plant. Highlights include a walk through the brewery's ancient and new areas plus an opportunity for adults to taste the unfiltered Pilsner Urquell directly from oak lager casks in the historic cellars. The brewery shop offers various items with the famous brand.

Dinner included at the brewery's Na Splice restaurant.

After dinner we continue to Prague and check in to the hotel on arrival.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czechia



## Day 9 / August 5 / Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel

Arrive at Prague Castle to meet our guide for a walking tour.

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic, located in Central Europe on the Vltava River, and is renowned for its stunning architecture spanning various eras, including Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque. A major economic and cultural hub, the city is known as the "City of a Hundred Spires" and the "Heart of Europe". Key landmarks include Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, and the Old Town Square, and the city offers a rich history, vibrant atmosphere, and famous local beer, making it a popular tourist destination.

Prague Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the world's largest coherent castle complex and the historical and modern seat of power for Bohemian kings, Holy Roman Emperors, and the official residence of presidents of the Czech Republic. Founded in the 9th century, it features a monumental complex of palaces, churches fortifications, and gardens, representing various architectural styles. The complex is also the home to the Czech Crown Jewels.

The St. Vitus Cathedral, located in Prague Castle, is the most important Gothic church in the Czech Republic and serves as a significant spiritual and national symbol for the country. It was used for coronations, and houses the tombs of Bohemian kings, Holy Roman Emperors, saints, and archbishops. Notable tombs include that of Saint Wenceslaus, the patron saint of the country, and the silver tomb of John of Nepomuk, the 14th-century Bohemian saint martyred for refusing to reveal the secrets of the queen's confession. Construction of the Cathedral began in 1344 under Charles IV and was completed in 1929, incorporating stunning architectural features like the St. Wenceslas Chapel and intricate stained-glass windows, including one by Alfons Mucha.

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

Depart for the arena

**Exhibition game # 4 vs TBA**

Dinner included at a restaurant.

Return to the hotel, evening free.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czechia



### Day 10 / August 6 / Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for Mlada Boleslav for a guided tour of the Skoda Factory museum.

A Skoda Mladá Boleslav tour involves a visit to the Škoda Museum and the Škoda Factory, offering insights into the company's rich history from its origins as a bicycle manufacturer to its evolution into a major car producer. Visitors can expect to see exhibits of historic cars, prototypes, and competition vehicles, and the factory tour provides a detailed look at modern car manufacturing processes. The museum also features a restaurant and gift shop with Skoda-branded merchandise.

Free time for lunch on your own at a shopping mall in Mlada Boleslav.



Depart for Terezin

Guided tour of the small fortress that was used as a WWII camp by the Nazis.

The town of Terezín was originally a military fortress constructed by the Habsburg monarchy in the 1780s. It later served as a prison, notably holding Gavrilo Princip (a Bosnian Serb student who assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand) before World War I.

After Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, the Gestapo took over the small part of the fortress in 1940 and turned it into a prison for political dissidents, resistance fighters and Jews. Visitors will see the eerie courtyards, crowded cells, washrooms, and the execution grounds. In November 1941, the Nazis established the ghetto in the main fortress town. It was a holding center for Jews from Czechoslovakia, Germany, Austria, and Western Europe, who were later deported to killing centers like Auschwitz. The fortress town, designed for a few thousand residents, was packed with over 50,000 prisoners at its peak. Of the approximately 140,000 Jews sent to Terezín, about 33,000 died within the ghetto itself. Over 88,000 were deported to extermination camps, where most perished. Fewer than 150 of the 15,000 children sent to Terezín survived. The camp was liberated by the Soviet Red Army in May 1945.



Depart for the medieval dinner.

A Prague medieval dinner is an immersive experience in a candlelit, historically themed tavern, offering a multi-course meal with unlimited drinks and a live performance by medieval-style entertainers like jugglers, swordsmen, and belly dancers. You will have a choice of different menu options in advance. At dinner you will enjoy unlimited consumption of beer, wine, and soft drinks, and a vibrant, authentic medieval atmosphere designed to transport guests back in time.

Return to the hotel.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czechia



**CZECH CUP - U18** — 4 games 2 x 20 minutes

**Day 11 / August 7 / Friday**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the arena for **tournament game # 1** vs TEAM A

Lunch is on your own.

Depart for the arena for **tournament game # 2** VS TEAM B



Return to the hotel..

Freshen up at the hotel and depart for the docks.

Prague dinner cruise then either return to the hotel or stay downtown and return on your own.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czechia

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### **Day 12 / August 8 / Saturday**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the arena for **tournament game # 3** vs TEAM C

Lunch included at a restaurant.

Depart for the arena for **tournament game # 4** GOLD or BRONZE game

Closing ceremonies.

The evening is left open in case there is a possibility to go to a Slavia Prague or Sparta Prague soccer Game, schedule permitting, tonight. Tickets, if available, are at an extra cost.

Meals: B, L Overnight: Prague, Czechia

### **Day 13 / August 9 / Sunday**

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the Prague Airport

11:15 Depart Prague for Amsterdam on KL 1354

12:45 Arrive in Amsterdam

14:55 Depart Amsterdam for Edmonton on KL 675

15:45 Arrive in Edmonton

Meals: B



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### **TOUR INFORMATION**

#### **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 60 years of age and older.  
Tournament entry fees and all sports arrangements.  
All taxes and fees.

#### **INCLUDED APPAREL FOR PLAYERS ONLY**

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 one 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 FOR PASSENGERS AGED 60+**

Azorcan Global includes an all-inclusive insurance policy in the tour package.  
The Allianz 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 60 and older.  
It is up to each passenger to review the included coverage, understand exclusions and ensure they have proper coverage.

## **AZORCAN HOCKEY 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.  
Due to the size of European hotel rooms double rooms are preferred.

Double Occ.	Triple Occ.	Single Occ.
<b>\$ 6295.00</b>	<b>\$ 6195.00</b>	<b>\$ 6845.00</b>

## **ADDITIONAL FLIGHT OPTIONS**

Receive a **\$ 1800.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe.  
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 February 1, 2026  
Payment per person of \$ 1000 is due on April 1, 2026  
Final payment and final name list is due on May 15th of 2026  
All payments are non-refundable and Azorcan.  
Payments can be made by e-transfer, 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.



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**Spengler Cup** – join us in Davos, Switzerland for the oldest international hockey tournament in the world.

**World Juniors** – we had 350 Canadian hockey fans in Gothenburg, Sweden. Join us in Finland in 2028.

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Get your group of 25 or more people and start planning one of these groups today!

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