



Hello everyone,

A couple of weeks ago we looked to be emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, a return to a more normal life and to the resumption of international travel. Unfortunately, the international community is now faced with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

We condemn the Russian incursion and our thoughts are now with the people of Ukraine as they fight for their nation, their families, their neighbors, and their freedom.

We have talked with our friends and partners in Finland, Sweden, Czech, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Croatia and other countries in Europe who share our dismay and disgust with the situation in Ukraine. We all hope for an immediate stop of aggression and a full retreat by Russian forces from all of Ukraine.

We are updating the status of our proposed tours for this summer and the upcoming World Juniors Tournaments. Things may change quickly and we will continue to monitor the situation and act, with the safety of our friends and passengers at the forefront.

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2022 Europa Classico - **Only a few spots left**

We have room for about 6 couples on our Europa Classico tour in September to Italy, Austria, Germany and Hungary.

Great itinerary with so many great stops, tours, wine tastings and dinners. Rome, Vatican, Tuscany, Florence, Verona, Venice, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest and a day at Oktoberfest in Munich.

We have recently updated the itinerary due to a flight change. The flights we are holding from Budapest have changed to returning on the 24th of September rather than the 25th.

The updated itinerary with pricing and a short video have been updated and uploaded on our webpage. We will have an updated podcast in a couple of weeks. Here are the links.

Europa Classico Itinerary **Europa Classico Video**

With one less day we had to remove Bratislava from the original itinerary. It looks like the Oberammergau Passion Play, which has been delayed for two years, will be held this summer so we will be unable to get hotel rooms there. Instead, we will be staying in Innsbruck, Austria for our overnight between Verona and our day in Munich at Oktoberfest.

We can wait until May 15th to make a final decision on the tour and no additional payments will be required until that time.

If you have friends interested in joining us on the tour they can still reserve a spot with a \$ 500 deposit. Should we cancel the tour before or on May 15th then all deposits will be refunded.

JOIN THE TOUR

To register for the tour please contact us **here** or call Paul at 780-906-7110



2023 and 2024 World Juniors Tours

We have seen the international community come together to condemn the Russian invasion and to exert sanctions and economic pressures on Russia. The international sporting community has also exerted their influence in expelling Russian teams and athletes from participating in events, and cancelling events that were to be held in Russia. This includes the 2023 World Junior Hockey Championships that were to be held in Novosibirsk.

The IIHF is now looking for a host for the 2023 tournament. If the 2023 tournament is held in Europe then we will consider if a tour to the event is possible and how many passengers we would be able to accommodate. Once the location is announced we will advise everyone on our facebook page.

At this point we are still preparing for the 2024 World Juniors in Gothenburg, Sweden and expect to have approximate pricing and registration information this November.

I have been asked if Gothenburg might be moved up to host the 2023 tournament. This might be a possibility and we would have to assess our ability to move up our plans with the same scale as we have prepared for 2024.

We had looked to include a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia with the 2024 World Juniors tour. We will no longer consider including a trip to Russia on any of our upcoming tours.



CANADA BEARS HOCKEY TOURS

Our Central Europe Canada Bears 2009 boys team is still on for their trip to Germany, Austria, Hungary and Czech this August. The team roster is almost complete and the group of 40+ people are excited to share this unique sporting and cultural experience.

We are postponing our Canada Bears Female hockey tour and our Northern Europe 2009 hockey tour until next summer as flights were just recently confirmed. Unfortunately, we do not have enough time to recruit full teams.

Although disappointed, players who were interested in joining these teams are now forwarding their deposit to reserve their spots on 2023 tours.

Interested athletes can **apply now** to join future tours.

Here Is An Update On Other Tours We Have Planned

HOCKEY TOURS

We have a 2009 boys team going to Central Europe this August. The team is just about complete.

We already have U13, U15 and female teams planning for 2023 summer.

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 three ringette tour groups that have already planned trips in the spring and summer of 2023.

SIGHTSEEING & CORPORATE TOURS

We have our Europa Classico tour and a corporate tour with APD to Croatia this September. We will be announcing tours for 2023 very soon.

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