



**Florida Atlantic University Men’s Basketball**

Ben Gonzalez

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Dear Ben,

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you and your group!

Our goal is to provide your group with a premier basketball travel experience that exceeds your expectations and creates memories for your participants that will last a lifetime!

Please find enclosed your International Tour proposal.

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Should you have questions regarding any part of the enclosed information, call Mike Stebbins or myself at (800) 724-6076. We can arrange a group conference or Skype call with your group to discuss the tour and this proposal.

Yours in Basketball,

Loek van Zijl  
President Premier International Tours

## About Premier International Tours

- A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau
- NIKE partner since 1994
- Our staff has 60+ years of experience in organizing international tours for groups
- BBB Torch Award recipient. The Torch Award is the most prestigious award the BBB can present to a business. Being a recipient indicates that the business not only believes in the high standards promoted by the BBB, but also consistently acts on them and continuously integrates them into daily practices.



## Benefits your group will receive traveling with Premier International Tours

- A minimum of one free trip. For every 19 paying travelers you will receive one free trip (free trips do not include supplements for double or single rooms in hotels if applicable).
- We will assist in managing all payments. We accept credit card payments as well as checks. Before your group books, we will discuss a payment schedule with you. A (bi) monthly payment plan can be arranged so people can spread out the payments.
- We have a special [tour preparation](#) and [fundraising guide](#) available on our website.
- We have a tour operator liability insurance coverage which also protects your participants and their payments.
- Supplemental travel insurance with trip cancellation coverage offered for all travelers.
- We offer help rescheduling flights for people who might want to extend their stay.

## **International Basketball Tour 2020 Itinerary Florida Atlantic University Men's Basketball France and Italy – Paris, Florence, and Rome**

### **Travel dates:**

August 8 – August 18, 2020.

### **Itinerary:**

- August 8 Departure from Miami airport.
- August 9 Arrival Paris airport. Transfer to your accommodation. Arrive at hotel, check in and rest of day at leisure.
- August 10 Sightseeing Paris. Options include the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, etc. Evening game (#1) vs. a local team.
- August 11 Morning optional practice. More sightseeing in Paris or visit Versailles, France's most magnificent chateau, 13 miles southwest of Paris.
- August 12 More sightseeing Paris, or visit Fontainebleau. On the left bank of the Seine, at a distance of 45 miles from Paris, you will find Fontainebleau, famous for its castle and forest.
- August 13 Transfer to Paris Airport. Flight to Florence. Arrive in Florence. Transfer to your accommodation in Montecatini, near Florence.
- August 14 Sightseeing tour in Florence. You will visit major sights such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Oltrarno, the Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and of course Piazza Michelangelo. Evening game (#2) vs. a local team.
- August 15 Transfer to your accommodation in Rome. Sightseeing Rome. Visit the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the seven hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated.
- August 16 Additional sightseeing Rome – visit the Vatican and museum. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc.), or day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa. Evening game (#3) vs. a local team.
- August 17 Free day in Rome to see sights you haven't had time to see yet or for final shopping, or make a day trip to the town of Tivoli (or another town like Capri, Assisi or Calcata).
- August 18 Transfer to Rome airport. Return flight.

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.

**Price per person:**

40-44 people traveling - \$3,041.00

35-39 people traveling - \$3,133.00

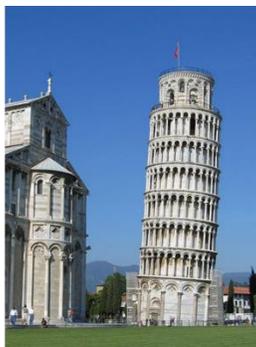
30-34 people traveling - \$3,254.00

25-29 people traveling - \$3,437.00

19-24 people traveling - \$3,687.00

**Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.
- 1 free trip for every 19 paying participants.



**Sport program included:**

We will arrange 3 games during your tour.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Paris:** 4-star hotel accommodation in the Paris area (Forest Hills Hotel Meudon Velizy or similar).

- Daily breakfast and dinner is included.
- Hotel located roughly 8 miles outside of the city center.
- All triple rooms (3 people per room) with private bathroom, satellite TV, phone and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, pool, lounge/bar, a fitness center, a spa, and Wi-Fi.
- Supplement for a double room is \$10.00 per person per night.
- Supplement for a single room is \$50.00 per person per night

**Montecatini:** 4-star hotel accommodation in the Florence area (Grand Hotel Tettuccio or similar).

- Daily breakfast and dinner is included.
- Hotel located in Montecatini roughly 30 miles from Florence.
- All triple rooms (3 people per room) with private bathroom, satellite TV, phone and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a business center, restaurant, lounge/bar, and Wi-Fi.
- Supplement for a double room is \$10.00 per person per night.
- Supplement for a single room is \$25.00 per person per night

**Rome:** 4-star hotel accommodation in the Rome area (Holiday Inn Rome or similar).

- Daily breakfast and dinner is included.
- Hotel located in Rome roughly 11 miles outside of the city center.
- All triple rooms (3 people per room) with private bathroom, satellite TV, phone and air-conditioning.
- The hotel has a restaurant, pool, lounge/bar, a fitness center, and Wi-Fi.
- Supplement for a double room is \$10.00 per person per night.
- Supplement for a single room is \$45.00 per person per night

**Ground transportation included:**

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group each day – 10 hours a day.

**Local guide services included:**

A local bi-lingual tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary, and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

**Options available (not included in prices)**

**Sport program options:**

- Supplement for 2-hours of court hire is approx. \$300.00 total.

**Travel insurance option:**

Accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance – more information will be sent to you after booking. Approx. costs for trip insurance is \$67.00 - \$195.00+ depending on the age of the participant and the trip price.

**Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions.

## **Touristic information Paris**

**LE LOUVRE MUSEUM:** The Louvre or Louvre Museum is one of the world's largest museums and a historic monument. Nearly 35,000 objects from prehistory to the 21st century are exhibited over an area of 60,600 square meters (652,300 square feet). With more than 8 million visitors each year, the Louvre is the world's most visited museum

**EIFFEL TOWER:** The Eiffel Tower is an iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars in Paris. It was named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower. Erected in 1889 as the entrance arch to the 1889 World's Fair, it has become both a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The tower is the tallest structure in Paris.

**CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES:** The Palace of Versailles is a royal château in Versailles in the Île-de-France region of France. Court of Versailles was the center of political power in France from 1682, when Louis XIV moved from Paris, until the royal family was forced to return to the capital in October 1789 after the beginning of the French Revolution. Versailles is therefore famous not only as a building, but as a symbol of the system of absolute monarchy of the Ancient Régime. In order to get the most of your day in Versailles, we advise you to arrive when the Estate opens. Your visit must be made on the date indicated on the ticket.

**CHAMPS ELYSEES AND ARC DE TRIOMPHE:** Possibly the most famous road in the world, Champs Elysées is a picturesque tree lined avenue that runs from the Arc de Triomphe towards the Louvre. It is an incredibly romantic place and a real symbol of Paris and France. The Arc de Triomphe is a stunning war monument that was commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 to honor his great victories.

**CATACOMBS OF PARIS:** Through an in-depth path, the visitors discover the area thoroughly, like Décure's sculptures, the quarries footbath, the Sacellum Crypt, the sepulchral lamp and Gilbert's tomb. The Catacombs of Paris are underground ossuaries in Paris, France which hold the remains of over six million people in a small part of the ancient Mines of Paris tunnel network. Located south of the former city gate "Barrière d'Enfer" (Gate of Hell) beneath Rue de la Tombe-Issoire, the ossuary was founded when city officials were faced with two simultaneous problems: a series of cave-ins starting in 1774 and overflowing cemeteries, particularly Saint Innocents. Booking must be made 8 weeks in advance.

## **Touristic information Florence**

Florence is the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany and of the Metropolitan City of Florence. It is the most populous city in Tuscany, with 383,083 inhabitants, expanding to over 1,520,000 in the metropolitan area.

**Leaning Tower of Pisa:** The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or freestanding bell tower, of the cathedral of the Italian city of Pisa, known worldwide for its unintended tilt to one side. It is situated behind the Cathedral and is the third oldest structure in Pisa's Cathedral Square after the Cathedral and the Baptistery. The tower's tilt began during construction, caused by an inadequate foundation on ground too soft on one side to properly support the structure's weight. The tilt increased in the decades before the structure was completed, and gradually increased until the structure was stabilized (and the tilt partially corrected) by efforts in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

**The Ponte Vecchio:** The Ponte Vecchio ("Old Bridge") is a Medieval stone closed-spandrel segmental arch bridge over the Arno River, in Florence, Italy, noted for still having shops built along it, as was once common. Butchers initially occupied the shops; the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers. The Ponte Vecchio's two neighboring bridges are the Ponte Santa Trinita and the Ponte alle Grazie.

**Palazzo Vecchio:** The Palazzo Vecchio ("Old Palace") is the town hall of Florence. This massive, Romanesque, crenellated fortress-palace is among the most impressive town halls of Tuscany.

**Viareggio:** Viareggio is a city and commune in northern Tuscany, Italy, on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea. It is known as a seaside resort as well as being the home of the famous carnival of Viareggio (dating back to 1873), and its papier-mâché floats, which (since 1925), parade along the promenade known as "Passeggiata a mare", in the weeks preceding Easter.

**Piazza del Campo in Siena:** Piazza del Campo in Siena is considered one of the most beautiful places of the world. It has a characteristic shell-shape divided in 9 slices, you can admire this particular form from the top of the Torre del Mangia.

## **Touristic information Rome**

Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, has St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which house masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.

**Coliseum:** The Coliseum in Rome is a grand structure which was built over 2,000 years ago as an amphitheater to host legendary gladiator contests and other public spectacles. The Coliseum has been partly destroyed and damaged through the years, however, impressive ruins have been preserved and are open to visitors. This grand historic arena was originally built to hold over 50,000 and many of the original outer walls and facade still stand tall today.

**The Pantheon:** Dedicated to the worship of every god, the Pantheon was built by the Emperor Hadrian between 118 and 125 A.D. over the ruins of another temple dating back to 27 A.D. Statesman and General Marcus Agrippa were responsible for the construction of the original church, to which a dedicatory inscription is clearly visible over today's magnificent portico.

**The Roman Forum:** The Roman Forum is a rectangular forum (plaza) surrounded by the ruins of several important ancient government buildings at the center of the city of Rome. Citizens of the ancient city referred to this space, originally a marketplace, as the Forum Magnum, or simply the Forum. Located in the small valley between the Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Forum today is a sprawling ruin of architectural fragments and intermittent archaeological excavations attracting 4.5 million sightseers each year.

**St. Peters and Vatican City:** St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City is an iconic and popular landmark of Rome. Regarded as one of the holiest sites in the Christian world, many make a pilgrimage to the cathedral every year to celebrate Mass with the Pope. Building work for this grand structure originally began in 1506 and is the burial site of its namesake Saint Peter, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. One of the key architects of the Basilica was Michelangelo and some of his original drawings for a section of the Dome were found as recently as 2007.

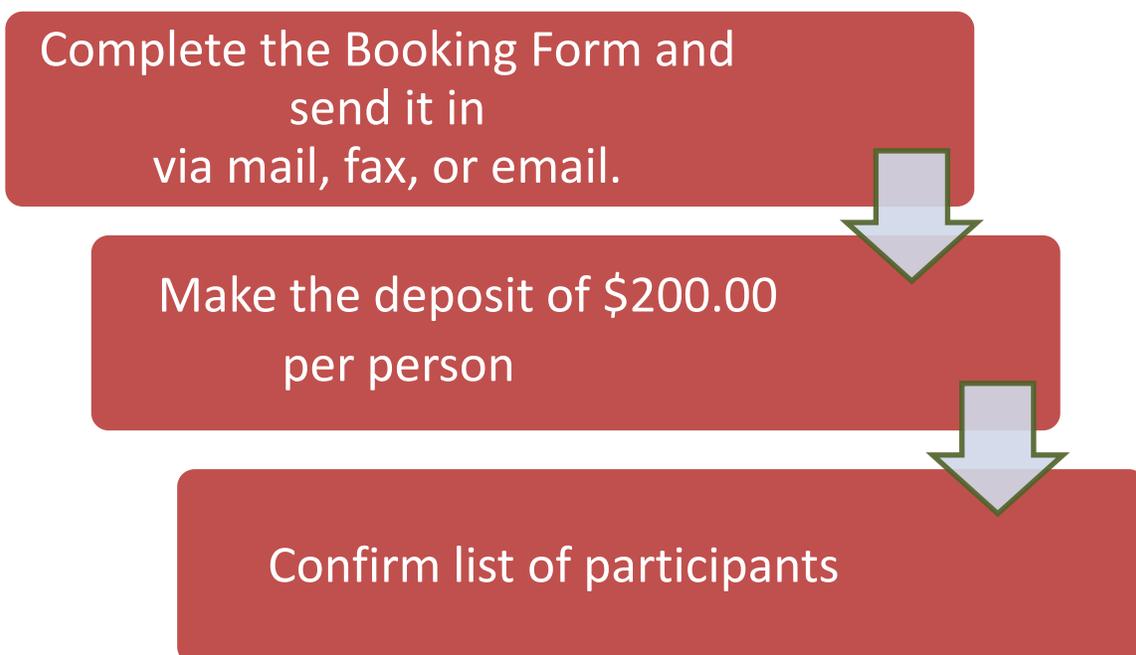
### How to book and payment conditions:

1. Contact us with any questions, concerns, or changes to the itinerary.
2. Share and discuss the itinerary proposal with your group and set a date to get commitments for the tour. Make sure to share the General Conditions Document Form (document sent in the same e-mail as this proposal) with the group as well so all participants understand the terms and conditions.
3. Set a date to collect deposits to commit to the tour. We require a non-refundable US\$ 200.00 deposit per person to book the tour – see below for more information about payments.
4. Once you have deposits and are ready to book the tour, fill out the Booking Form (document sent in the same e-mail as this proposal) and send it back to us along with the group's deposit.
5. Check our "[Travel Prep Guide](#)" on our website for more information on international travel and steps to prepare your group for the tour.

### Additional information about payments:

Your group can make (bi) monthly payment installments to pay for the tour. The payment installments will be discussed between Premier International Tours and the group leader to ensure that the installments will work for all participants and overseas partners involved in the tour.

These installments can be made by credit card or by check. If any participant decides to pay by credit card we will make a customized credit card authorization form for your group which would then need to be filled out by your group participants and sent back to us. We will keep this form on file for each installment. If the participant decides that he/she would like to pay by check the check will need to be sent in the mail a week before the installment is due to ensure that the payment is made on time. Include participant name(s) and group name on check.



## Fundraising Guide

### Premier International Tours team raffle

Premier International Tours is offering its customers a wonderful opportunity to participate in a new raffle fundraiser. Players can sell raffle tickets and the grand prize of the raffle is a round trip airfare for 2 people to either Paris or London. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 a piece – players will keep 100% of the revenue. This program is only available for groups traveling with Premier International Tours and is available at no cost to the players or group. Expected earnings: \$500.00 or more per player.

<p><b>Sport Tour Fundraiser</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	 <p><b>Sport Tour Fundraiser</b></p> <p><b>Win two airline tickets from any destination in North America to Paris or London (your choice). Value of this trip is approximately \$ 3,000.00</b></p> <p><small>This program is given to all groups that will travel with Premier International Tours. We estimate that approx. 40,000 tickets will be sold. The winner needs to give us 4 months' notice and there are no blackout dates. All donations must be applied toward the team fund, not intended for individual reward. No purchase required for entry to raffle. All donations welcome.</small></p> <p>Drawing date: January 17-18, 2020 Donation Per Ticket: \$ 5.00</p>
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#### Other fundraising ideas:

- Reaching Our Goal
- 24 Hour second sale
- Organize your own sports camp
- Golf tournament
- Dinner, dance and auction
- Sport – a – thon
- Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
- And more

For more detailed information about the raffle fundraiser and the other fundraising ideas please check our “Fundraising” tab on our website: [www.premierbasketballtours.com](http://www.premierbasketballtours.com).

Using our fundraisers should enable your players to raise US \$500.00 or more towards their trip costs.

## Testimonials

"Our team had three major focuses on our trip to Spain - chemistry, culture, and competition. The trip that Premier International Tours was able to organize for us provided all three areas. We enjoyed and felt immersed in the Spanish culture, created memories for a lifetime, and had 3 incredibly competitive games. Our program could not have been more pleased with our experience and would recommend Premier to any team looking for a memorable experience."

Kevin App – Head Coach of Williams College Men’s Basketball team



"If you are looking for a first-class international tour for your team, Premier International won't disappoint. We had first class service from start to finish. Everything was well-organized and we were met with professionalism and class the entire way. The guidance and flexibility they showed along the way made for a great experience. Our tour guide was exceptional and will customize your itinerary based on your desires. The perfect balance between basketball and culture!"

Coach Bob Amsberry – Wartburg College Women’s Basketball



**Check our [“Testimonials” page](#) on our website for testimonials and references from other groups that have traveled, and check our [Facebook page](#) and [website news section](#) to see reports of many of the groups that have traveled with us.**

## Contact Us – (800) 724-6076

**Loek van Zijl** - President/Founder

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Loek is the CEO and President of Premier International Tours USA and works in the main office in Colorado. In his 35+ years with Premier International Tours, formerly known as Euro-Sporting, Loek has provided invaluable help to countless American clubs and teams as they travelled overseas. Loek is also a former soccer player, with 20 years' experience as a goalkeeper, and an ardent fan of the European game as well as American Football. In his time off he loves hiking, fishing and is a huge Denver Broncos fan.

**Mike Stebbins** - Sales and Marketing

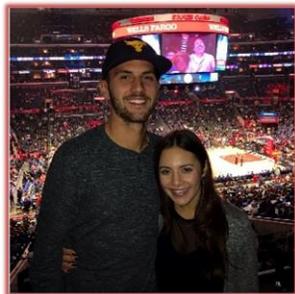
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Mike has been with Premier International Tours for over the last 20 years and his experience has given him deep insight into the needs and goals of teams planning to travel overseas. When not playing sports, watching sports or traveling for sports, Mike enjoys working out, trying different world delicacies and spending time with friends and family. Mike's favorite international destinations he's visited include Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, Venice, Lisbon and Prague.

**Eric Voelz** – Sales and Tour Administration

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Eric joined Premier International Tours after previous stops at UCLA, Arizona State, and Eastern Michigan where he had the opportunity to work with prominent names in NCAA Basketball and Soccer. Before he started working in the field of Athletics, he excelled at both Basketball and Soccer at Riverview High School where he was named All-Area and All- State (respectively). From there, he went on to play Basketball at Adrian College.

### Other team members:

- Geoffrey – Media Relations and Web Design
- Joanne – Finance Office