



AMSTERDAM VETERANS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th June 2024 (provisional)

£185 per person - 2 nights (2023 prices)

£229 per person - 3 nights (2023 prices)

In association with ISL football tours, we present a rapidly expanding 7 a side tournament for the over 35's which was held at a new host club at Hilversum in 2023.

Amsterdam has long been a popular choice for touring teams. Great nightlife and a tolerant attitude has had teams heading here since the 70's. Amsterdam is easily accessible by air, train, coach and ferry. Nightlife is centred around the infamous red light district, Rembrandtsplein and Leidesplein.

OUTLINE ITINERARY: Fri 14th June: Teams arrive Amsterdam. Check into accommodation. Evening free to explore the city's nightlife.

Sat 15th June. 7th Amsterdam Veterans tournament. Tournament play is from 11am until 4pm approx. A light lunch is provided for all teams. The trophy presentation is held immediately after the final and this is followed by the end of tournament BBQ.

Sun 16th June: Free day for relaxing or sightseeing before your return journey. Mon 17th: June Optional return day.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME SATURDAY 11th JUNE:

09.00 Departure of teams from Amsterdam hotels 09.45 Arrive Amsterdam Veterans Football Festival

10.30 Group games commence 12.00 Panna Toernooi (Street Football event featuring youth players of host club)

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Freestyle Footballer

15.00 DJ Jesse is on the Decks! Start the party!

15.10 Semi-Finals 15.45 Final and 3rd/4th place

16.30 Trophy Presentation 17.00 BBQ commences, socialising in the clubhouse and on the beer terrace.

18.15 Teams return to Amsterdam hotels. Please note exact programme and timings may vary.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 or 3 nights stay at 3* Meininger Hotel, Amsterdam
- Longer stays available
- 3 - 6 bedded rooms, private bathroom
- Singles and twins available at supplement
- Breakfast included
- Return mini bus or coach transfers hotel to tournament
- Team registration and entry into Amsterdam Veterans Football Tournament
- Official Referees
- Tournament Lunch
- Trophy Presentation
- End of Tournament BBQ and socialising
- Football Tours assistance
- Sports Europe services
- + £7 per person for Financial Protection Insurance
- Deposit is £600 per team and the balance is due 8 weeks prior to departure.

ACCOMMODATION: The 3* Meininger Hotel Amsterdam City West is located next to Amsterdam Sloterdijk Station, just 10 minutes on the direct train link from Schipol Airport to Amsterdam and only 5 minutes from Centraal Station. Trains run every 2-3 minutes into the City Centre. Facilities at the Meininger include a spacious lounge and terrace with a youthful vibe, and a well stocked bar with a very good choice of ales, wines and spirits. Free WIFI is available, Gamezone, Guest Kitchen, Luggage storage facility and 24 hour reception.

Rooms are 3 - 6 bedded, shower, wc, WIFI, Flat screen TV. Breakfast is included. Twin rooms are available at a supplement of £20 per person per night. Single rooms at an extra £40 per person per night. Other hotels in and around Amsterdam are also available at a supplement, including 4* Hotels such as Mercure, Park Inn, XO and budget options like the Hans Brinker Hostel.

FOOTBALL

The Amsterdam Veterans 2023 tournament will be held at a new venue, 20 minutes from the city centre.

The host club boasts a fantastic sports facility with spacious clubhouse, ample changing facilities, first aid post, beer terrace, BBQ. 6 grass and artificial pitches are used for the tournament.

Referees are provided by the KNVB (Dutch FA).

A light lunch is provided for all teams and a fabulous post tournament BBQ included.

Format: 4 groups of 6 teams playing 1 x 20 minutes. The top team of each group progress to the semi-finals, the winners then progress to the final. All teams play 5-7 games. Format may vary depending on number of teams.

After the tournament teams gather for the trophy presentation, this is followed by the post match BBQ and a chance to socialise with your opponents over a few well earned beers.

TRANSPORT: Return transfers from your hotel to and from the Holland Veterans tournament are included.

GETTING THERE: Flights are available from most international and regional airports to Amsterdam Schipol airport. Eurostar now offer direct services from London St Pancras to Amsterdam Centraal. Newcastle - Amsterdam (DFDS), Hull - Rotterdam (P+O Ferries) and Harwich - Hook of Holland are popular routes. For larger groups we can arrange executive coach travel from the UK. Please contact us for travel assistance.

TESTIMONIALS: "Just wanted to say all the lads had a great trip to Amsterdam last weekend - the tournament was well run, the facilities were great, everyone was really friendly and you even sorted the weather out....." **Mark, Minesapint FC**

"Just wanted to say that everybody had a great time. The tournament was really well run and Amsterdam for a location was amazing" **Luke Walden, Weeds FC**