2025 NATIONAL TEAM

June 28th to July 22nd or July 13th (25 or 17 days)

 Must be at least 2-3 stars on tennisrecruiting.net or top 100 in your USTA Section. Flexible dates from 17 to 25 days, so use European red clay to improve your mental toughness and strategy for your hardcourt game.

Castelldefels and Barcelona, Spain, June 29th - July 6th

- We play two sanctioned tournaments during this first week, both of which count for your UTR ratings: a satellite singles and and age group junior singles (14-16-18) in a suburb of Barcelona. This will be very challenging competition in one of the top tennis countries in the world. You will have the bonus of practicing your Spanish speaking throughout this week. We will practice both at the tournament club and at nearby clubs in the heart of Spain's top tennis location.
- Our base location is in Castelldefels, a scenic seaside resort with sandy beaches located 20 minutes south of Barcelona. Our 3 star hotel is a short walk from the Canal Olimpic water center, built for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, offering various water sports from water skiing to boogie boarding. The town itself offers a wide variety of restaurants and shops.
- At the end of the week, we will spend a day in Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia. We see Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia Church, the unfinished masterpiece of the famous architect, named the most popular sightseeing attraction in Europe. We walk the streets of the famous Ramblas with stops at the marketplace and the Old City, including the Gothic cathedral and the Roman ruins. We also see Barcelona harbor and walk along the Gran Via, the 5th Avenue of the city. This world class city with all its history, delicious food and amazing sights is a perfect way to finish our days in Spain

Prague, The Czech Republic: July 6th (evening) – July 13th aft.

- Next, we fly to Prague, one of the most popular European destinations, a city of red rooftops and golden spires, scenic hills and enduring landmarks. Prague is also a youthful city, home to many semester abroad high school and college students.
- We will play one or two Czech Tennis Federation tournaments, each with under 18 singles and doubles (or under 14 or mens/ladies) counting for your UTR as well. Plenty of match play against red claycourt specialists.
- We house at a comfortable apartment suites or a hotel, a short ride from our practice courts at the Oaza Tennis Club and from one of Prague's major shopping malls. We spend a day downtown visiting major sights like Prague Castle, the Old Town Square, the medieval Charles Bridge and the Old Jewish Quarter, including Europe's oldest synagogue and Cemetery.

Note: Those traveling with us for the shorter time period will fly back to the USA from Prague Sunday July 13.

Leiden, Holland or Germany, July 13th to July 22nd

• Our final tournament will either be in Holland or in Germany. Once we receive the Dutch and German tournament schedules, we will decide which of these countries we will play our final tournament(s) in.

HOLLAND: The Leiden Open, will feature one singles and one doubles per player with the draws by ability level rather than by age.

 We will practice at the tournament site and at a nearby tennis club. The friendly Dutch are always very welcoming and are fun to hang out with all week. Leiden itself is a city of canals, located about 35 minutes from Amsterdam.

- We house at the 4 star Hotel Sassenheim about 20 minutes away, featuring its famous breakfast buffet. During the week, we will visit the Capital of Holland, the Hague, with its beach and boardwalk and if time permits, Rotterdam.
- At the end of the week, we will visit the major sights of Amsterdam including the Anne Frank house, the Riksmuseum with the works of Rembrandt among others, the city hall and the walking street.

GERMANY: German tournaments are generally 3 or 4 days long, so if we go there, we will play in two different locations, each having one age group singles. Among the locations we are considering are near Frankfurt or Berlin, followed either by the ETV Jugend Cup Wednesday to Saturday in Hamburg, where we have played for many years, or followed by Waiblingen, a major European junior singles tournament near Stuttgart. Stuttgart itself is home to the Mercedes Benz and Porsche Museums.

Besides the tennis tournaments, we will take advantage of our locations to enjoy the sights as follows:

Hamburg is one of Europe's largest ports and we will visit the Elbe River, the Alster Lakes and shopping areas in the Centre and St. Michel's Church with its 453 steps to the spectacular views at the top. Frankfurt is the financial heart of Germany and features the Main River lined with museums, the Goethe House where the famous German writer lived, and the Zeil, their main shopping area. The 56 story Main Tower provides an unmatched view of the entire city.

We fly home from Amsterdam or Hamburg TUESDAY JULY 22 to New York.

Pricing:

Full Trip - \$ 9,999 (25 days)

Shorter Trip - \$ 7,199 (17 days)