2014 USA BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE

Huntingtower invites you to participate in a wonderful basketball opportunity. We are organising a tour to California, USA.

When: Friday 5 December – Mon 22 December 2014

The objective of this tour is to provide you with insight into the USA college system, and opportunities to play in a tournament and participate in school visits. Some tour highlights include:

- One of the NPIRE elite skill trainers will take your group through a training skills session before you step on court for your first game.
- You will visit St. Mary’s College, UC Berkeley and Stanford University. You will tour the basketball facilities, see where the players live and eat, and schedule permitting, watch them train and/or play.
- ‘Friendly’ games against Californian High School teams
- Tournament in either San Francisco or Los Angeles areas
- NBA Game and Fan Experience (schedule permitting)

Your NPIRE Experience will begin in San Francisco. Staying down near Fishermans Wharf you will have direct access to restaurants, shops, San Fran’s Cable Cars and the Golden Gate Bridge.

You will also spend time in Los Angeles visiting tourist hot spots like; Hollywood Boulevard, Santa Monica, Venice Beach, Universal Studios and Disneyland. NPIRE owner and Australian Olympic Silver Medallist, Natalie Porter will meet your group in California.

Expressions of interest for form two or more teams from Boys and Girls of playing ages U14, U16 and U18 are invited from Huntingtower and Huntingtower Heat players.

**Draft Itinerary – California**

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**Please note that itineraries should be used as a guide and will not be confirmed until a minimum of 30 days before departure**

**TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON: AUD$4990.00  Plus airline taxes/fuel charges - see application form**
Tour Inclusions

- Domestic & International Airfares (does not include airline taxes/fuel surcharges)
- Accommodation - Hilton Worldwide Group preferred (twin or triple (suite only)share)
- Breakfast provided each day
- Dinner may be provided on game nights
- FULL ground transport - Passenger Vans (Self Drive) & Coaches
- Complete sanctioning and approval from Basketball Australia, USA Basketball, the NFHS and the relevant State HS Athletic Associations
- Off Court Uniform - (Hoodie, T-Shirt, Track pants and Carry-on Bag)
- Disneyland 1 Day Park Hopper Ticket
- Universal Studios 1 Day Pass
- Alcatraz Island Ticket
- Entry into 1 NBA Game, 1 NCAA game and NCAA College Visits
- 90-minute elite training session with a certified US Skills Trainer
- All supplier tips & gratuities will be paid prior to departure
- Rising Stars Travel (NPIRE Business Partner) will coordinate all of your travel logistics (flights, hotels, transport) and NPIRE will coordinate all of your basketball logistics including administration for the entire tour. Your group’s finances will be paid directly to Rising Stars Travel and protected through the Travel Compensation Fund. The group will have one point of contact for the tour - Natalie Porter from NPIRE
- An NPIRE facebook page will be created and used as a communication tool for athletes, coaches, family and friends.
- 2 Staff Members (Jan Savage and Russell Jenkin) will travel with the group
- Natalie Porter from NPIRE will meet and greet you during your experience

Tour Exclusions

- Airport taxes including airline levies & fuel surcharges (these will not be known until ticketing date - 60 days from departure)
- Meals that are not stated in inclusions
- Any sights that are not stated in inclusions
- Excess baggage
- Passport & Visa requirements - Visas are not required however an authorisation number must be applied for prior to departure. A fee of USD$14.00 is payable at time of application.
- Tips, gratuities and all spending money (nothing due to suppliers)
- FUEL for Passenger Vans - this is NOT included and MUST be budgeted for by group
- Medical & Immunisation requirements (if required)

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is essential and should be purchased once you start making payments.

NPIRE & Rising Stars Travel offer specific group policies that cover both travel insurance and injury coverage whilst playing sport in America. You may already have travel insurance so please make sure you look at all options to ensure you are covered.

Changes

Rising Stars Travel will coordinate any changes to bookings for players or staff. Parents of the student will deal directly with Rising Stars Travel regarding any changes to flights. Please note that the group must depart Australia together, but can return home on different date.