



AFICIONADOS

Football Travel

Immersive football travel for like-minded enthusiasts



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Welcome to this year's brochure.

Aficionados was set-up to provide escorted travel opportunities to football Aficionados that would like to experience and discover the beautiful game in stunning locations with like minded football enthusiasts.

We are aware that travelling alone is not for everyone and that the enjoyment of football is only truly fulfilled when you are in the company of others that appreciate the game as much as we do. We also appreciate Aficionados want to discover the history, rivalries, triumphs and controversies of non-domestic football so we have hand picked football specialists to provide a truly immersive experience.

Of course we will also take the opportunity to see the stunning sights and appreciate the food and drink on our travels. We hope you find the tours on offer in this brochure of interest and look forward to sharing the experience with you.

Anthony

Anthony Phillips
Founder



Football travel for Aficionados

Travelling with Aficionados is more than just watching a football match in another country. We discover the beautiful game away from home and take the opportunity to appreciate the culture and cuisine.

Football is played in some stunning locations around the world. Travel with us and see the iconic landmarks and spectacular architecture as well as the beautiful game.

As Aficionados we do not want to just watch a football match, we want to know the history, background, form and more. A football specialist such as a historian or journalist will accompany us on our discovery.

Share the magic with those who love the game as much as we do

Watching a match on your own just isn't the same. You need like-minded people to share the experience with. Travelling with Aficionados you will have other football enthusiasts to cheer with during the match and to exchange opinions before and after the game.

Food and drink

Enjoying authentic local cuisine with each other is a key part of the Aficionados experience. You will not need to play restaurant roulette with our local knowledge.



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with you**
**Daniele
Fisichella**

Read more about Daniele on page 12

Milan - Two Giants Under One Roof

Discover Calcio in the elegant capital of the Lombardy region, Milan. This Italian city is home to two of the country's most successful team's with 39 Scudettos between them. A match experience at the iconic San Siro is a must for every football enthusiast especially with so much talk of it being replaced as it is now approaching 100 years old.

The experience will be optimised with your accompanying Calcio specialist, Italian journalist Daniele Fisichella.



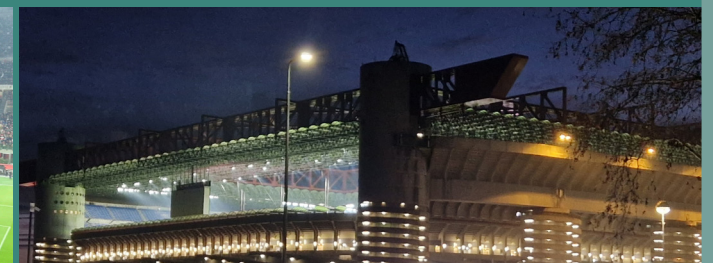
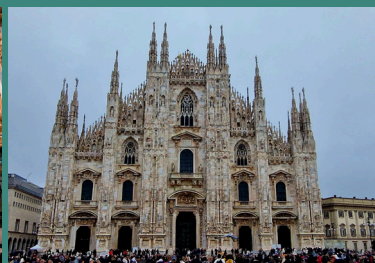
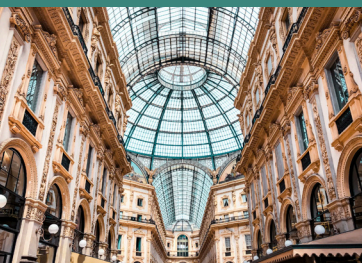
Highlights

- 3 nights in 4 star accomodation in Milan
- Watch Watch AC Milan take on Fiorentina at the iconic San Siro
- Soak in the atmosphere at another Italian football game in the Lombardy region
- Discover the history of AC Milan at the Museo Mondo Milan
- Dinner at Javier Zanetti's memorabilia laden restaurant
- Insight provided by Italian football journalist - Daniele Fisichella

Itinerary

Please visit our website for full itinerary.

3 nights	Friday 4th - Monday 7th April 2025	Price from £995	Deposit £200
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Turin - Triumph and Tragedy

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John Foot

Read more about John on page 12

Travel with us and John Foot the author of 'Calcio' to discover the triumph and tragedy of football in Turin. The city of Turin is laden with football history. We marvel in the success of The Old Lady and the Grande Torino sides whilst remembering the tragic accident at Superga where the entire Torino side sadly lost their lives.

The tour will be narrated throughout by no one more equipped than Professor John Foot.

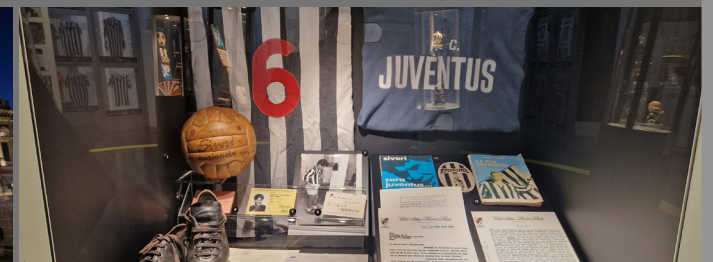
Highlights

- 3 nights in 4 star accommodation in Turin
- Watch Torino FC take on Empoli at the Olimpico Grande Torino
- Experience another Calcio match in the Piedmont region - Pro Vercelli 1892 (fixture timing permitting)
- Guided tour of the Museo Del Grande Torino
- Visit the Basilica of Superga
- Guided tour of the Juventus Museum
- Insight provided by Italian football historian - Professor John Foot

Itinerary

Please visit our website for full itinerary.

3 nights	Friday 14th - Monday 17th March 2025	Price from £995	Deposit £200
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Phil Ball**

Read more about Phil on page 12

Seville – Origins of Futbol

Explore the origins of Spanish futbol and the history of Spain's hottest derby. The stunning city of Seville is the home of both Sevilla FC and Real Betis, two historic giants separated by only 2 miles. Sevilla FC and Real Betis have a deep history but neither can claim to be the oldest football clubs in Spain, that honour belongs to another Andalusian club Recreativo Huelva.

The experience will be optimised with your accompanying specialist, Phil Ball.



Highlights

- 3 nights hotel accommodation in central Seville
- Watch Sevilla FC v Leganes at the Estadio Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan
- Cheer on Recreativo Huelva at the Estadio Nuevo Colombino*
- Discover the history and triumph of Sevilla with a museum and stadium tour
- Visit the home of Real Betis, the Estadio Benito Villamarin for a stadium tour
- Insight provided by the author of 'Morbo' The Story of Spanish Football - Phil Ball

*An alternative match in the Andalusia region will be selected should this fixture clash with the Sevilla fixture.

Itinerary

Please visit our website for full itinerary.

3 nights	Friday 2nd – Monday 5th May 2025	Price from £1,095	Deposit £200
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Our Experts

Each Aficionados tour will be led by an experienced tour leader and a football expert such as a journalist, historian or author to ensure no stone gets left unturned on our discovery. The football expert will provide rivalry stories, details on key historical events, insight into club success and nostalgic references.



John Foot

John is a Professor of Modern Italian History at Bristol University and the author of best selling Italian Football book 'Calcio'. There is no one more suitably qualified to accompany us on a football discovery in Italy.

Travel with John on the following tour:

Turin - Triumph & Tragedy



Daniele Fisichella

Daniele is a well respected football journalist and is regularly asked to appear on the radio for stations such as TalkSPORT and also works for UEFA to provide insight on the latest developments in Italian Football. He is from Sicily and has spent a lot of his career in Bologna. Daniele is particularly well versed on the Golden Era of Calcio when Serie A dominated European football.

Travel with Daniele on the following tour:

Milan & Lake Como



Phil Ball

Phil is a lecturer and football writer based in the Basque city of San Sebastian. He wrote the popular book Morbo - The Story of Spanish Football and is a regular contributor to the football magazine 'When Saturday Comes'. Phil also plays for Real Sociedad's walking football team.

Travel with John on the following tour:

Seville - Origins of Futbol

Abbreviated Booking Conditions For UK Travellers

The following booking conditions are extracts from the full booking conditions that are available on our website. These extracts are provided for convenience and the full booking conditions must be reviewed before booking.

Payments

A deposit is required in order to confirm your chosen holiday. You will be informed of the deposit amount and payment schedule required at the time of booking, but the balance of the cost must be paid at least 10 weeks before the scheduled start of your tour. If booking 10 weeks or less from the scheduled start, payment must be made in full.

Disabilities/reduced mobility

Our holidays by their very nature may not be suitable for people with certain disabilities, medical conditions or significantly reduced mobility.

Insurance

It is a requirement of booking with us that you have adequate travel insurance.

Cancellation by you

You may cancel your confirmed booking at any time before departure. As we incur costs from the time we confirm your booking, we will ask you to pay cancellation charges on the scale shown below based on your original booking departure date.

- More than 70 days before departure: Deposit only
- 69-42 days prior to departure: 50% of the total cost
- 41-22 days prior to departure: 75% of the total cost
- 21 days or less prior to departure: 100% of the total cost

Changes and cancellation by us

Changes to confirmed bookings sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do. Most changes will be insignificant, and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Occasionally, before departure, we may be constrained by circumstances beyond our control to make a significant alteration to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking.

All group holidays require a minimum number of

bookings to enable us to operate them and we reserve the right to cancel any such holiday where this minimum number is not achieved. Failure to achieve this minimum number does not, however, oblige us to cancel. We will notify you of cancellation for this reason not later than 8 weeks before departure.

In the event we have to significantly alter any of the main characteristics of your confirmed arrangements or accepted special requirements, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration and any impact this has on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration, details of any alternative holiday arrangements we are able to offer (including the applicable price); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration or any alternative holiday arrangements offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

Financial Protection

The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 for Football Heritage Tours Ltd 5562, and in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for:

Non-flight packages

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if transportation was included in your package. Please note that bookings made outside the UK are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly with Football Heritage Tours Ltd.

In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call our 24/7 helpline on 01702 811397 and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

You can access The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/contents/made>

You can find out more about ABTOT at: <https://www.abtot.com/>



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