

# Old World Baseball

## 2025 EUROPEAN TOUR

Old World Baseball, LLC (OWB) is dedicated to providing high-quality, baseball-playing/cultural opportunities in Europe for groups and individuals. OWB's prior European Tours received rave reviews, and registration is underway for OWB's 2025 European Tour. If you are passionate about baseball and interested in experiencing Europe in a unique way, please contact OWB.



2025 Tour Travel Timing: July 5 – 15, 2025.

2025 Tour Destinations: Germany, Italy and either Switzerland or Austria.

2025 Tour Game Schedule: 7-8 games against European national teams and/or high-level domestic clubs.

2025 Tour Prices: "Early Bird" Price (registration & payment received by December 31, 2024) = \$6,295, plus cost of flights to/from Europe; Price after December 31, 2024 = \$6,795, plus cost of flights to/from Europe. Trip price will include all basic intra-European travel expenses (i.e., ground transport, lodging and meals) and all cultural and competition-related expenses. Trip costs do not include flights to/from Europe or to/from our U.S. meeting point (if applicable).

OWB's 2025 European Tour is best suited for highly-motivated, mature and intellectually curious rising HS seniors and rising college freshmen. First-class coaching will be provided, with an emphasis on preparation for college baseball. Each player will be treated as a "whole" person and taught (or reminded of) the skills and strategies needed for a successful on and off-field transition from the high school to the college level.

OWB's 2025 European Tour will not have less than a 6:1 player/staff ratio. Staff members are again expected to include OWB co-founders Tom Gillespie and Stephan Rapaglia (resumés available at [www.oldworldbaseball.com](http://www.oldworldbaseball.com)), as well as Justin Cronk (Founder of Diamond College Advisory Team and former Head Coach at Shenandoah University) and Stan Exeter (former Head Coach, Swarthmore College and Ursinus College).

### 2024 EUROPEAN TOUR - FACTS

2024 Tour Travel Dates: June 27-July 7, 2024.

2024 Tour Destinations: Prague (Czechia), Vienna and Salzburg (Austria), Bratislava (Slovakia) and Munich (Germany).

2024 Tour Opponents: U18, U23 and Men's National Teams from Czechia, Austria, Slovakia, Great Britain and Sweden.



## OWB REFERENCES AND TESTIMONIALS

### OWB References:

"Having played for and coached with both Tom and Stephan, I can attest to the fact that these two guys are not only great coaches but great people also. Their trips to play ball in Europe have been some of the best baseball experiences in my life, and I would recommend any young player interested in travelling whilst playing baseball under two of the finest coaches I have met to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity." – Will Lintern, former Pitching and Catching Coordinator of the Great Britain Senior National Team, former player for the Great Britain Senior National Team

"In my time with Stephan, he has demonstrated unmatched vision for the international baseball experience and a profound expertise in European baseball." – Brant Ust, Former AAA player, former member of the U.S. and Great Britain National Teams

"Tom's passion for the game, along with his European cultural and travel expertise, has established him as a go-to guy for all baseball matters European." – Matt Parrington, Head Coach of Macalester College

### OWB European Tour Testimonials:

"[The OWB trip] turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life, and it is simply amazing how much I learned about baseball and European culture." – Jack Falvey, Amherst 2016

"Life changing." – Sean McCoy, Pomona 2017

"Everything I learned during this trip has helped me become a better baseball player and a better person." – Matt Kozemchak, Lehigh 2017

"This was one of the most eye-opening and memorable experiences of my life. I really can't thank you enough for providing such an incredible opportunity." – John Tipps, Middlebury 2019

"One of the best and most memorable experiences of my life." – Jaren Zinn, Harvard 2021

"The experience you provide the players is so fantastic that it has no peers. Our family has so many terrific memories from your trips, and we hope future families experience the same. OWB and your team have a special place in our hearts." – Ford and Cindy Bartholow, parents of Drew Bartholow, Emory 2021 (two-time OWB trip participant)

"[The OWB trip] was a once in a life time experience that I will never forget, and I made friendships that no doubt I will carry on for a long time... [The coaches] were absolutely amazing... thank you and the whole staff for giving your time and effort to being amazing coaches and kick ass people." – Michael Helton, Macalester, 2022

"It was an absolutely fantastic experience - one that I will remember for a lifetime, and I cannot express enough how grateful I am for being a part of the Old World Baseball trip." – Luke Smith, Haverford 2022

"In his 13 years of playing baseball, our son has had lots of fun and has taken numerous lengthy trips (to Cooperstown, to Aberdeen, MD, to Orlando, FL, and even to tiny Dubois, PA!) playing ball with his teammates and friends...; and in Ryan's opinion and ours, every one of those "once in a lifetime" baseball experiences simply paled in comparison to this OWB experience... From our family's perspective - the locations were fantastic, and the immersion in each culture, from the game spots to the tours for the boys to the interactions with the other teams and their fans, were beyond what we could've hoped they'd be." – Tom McWilliams, parent of Ryan McWilliams, OWB 2024 participant

### Important Notes:

- Although the legal drinking age in most parts of Europe is 18 (or even less), OWB has a strict policy against alcohol consumption.
- As OWB's trip participants serve as de facto ambassadors of US baseball, excellent sportsmanship is promoted and expected.

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