



Advice for Liverpool Football Club supporters, Europa League Final.

Liverpool FC v Sevilla FC

Liverpool Football Club appreciates the dedication and loyalty of our travelling fans. Below are general travel advice and information which you may find helpful when planning your trip:

Getting to the Stadium and useful information:

- This is a relatively new stadium which opened in 2001. The capacity for the Swiss Super League is 38,000 but this final and for all European games the capacity is 34,500.
- The **address of the stadium is:**
Birsstrasse 320 A
4002 Basel,
St Jakob-Park
Basel
Switzerland

Email: info@fcb.ch

Website: www.fcb.ch

F +41 61 375 10 11

- The local Police have advised that if fans wish to gather in Basel City Centre pre match, fans should gather in 'Barfusserplatz'. There are lots of bars and restaurants and the transport links are excellent by tram, bus and taxi direct to the stadium. The stadium is 2.5Km from the city centre. Travel is free on public

transport on Match day to and from the stadium on production of a match ticket.

- In order to assist the local authorities with their transport planning and getting fans back to where they need to be, we would be grateful if you could inform us of your method of travel including your departure and arrival point. You will have been asked to fill in this information when you applied for your tickets.
- As well as this advice, please click on the below web link for travel advice for SWITZERLAND:
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland>

Should you encounter any difficulties or feel it necessary to contact the British Embassy the contact details are below

British Embassy Berne
Thunstrasse 50
3005 Berne
Switzerland

[Tel:+41](tel:+410313597700) (0) 31 359 7700 (this number is also for out of hours emergencies)

Arriving at the Stadium / At the Match:

- From Bafusserplatz, there is a ten minute walk to the UAG (Tram system) to the stop at Grosspeterstrasse, (Tram line 14) from the tram stop there is a further ten minute walk to the stadium from M-Park. At this point there will be ticket checks and you will be searched. Be aware that due to the recent events in France and Europe in general, the security will undoubtedly be stricter and enhanced.
- From Barfusserplatz to the stadium is a 30 minute walk to the stadium.

- Supporters with restricted mobility will be seated at the rear of the supporters in C block of the West tribune (Stand). Access is by gates B, C & G1-5. There is a lift to take you up to the general concourse level. There is ample space and a good viewing position, all be it, behind the home fans. There are toilets and kiosk facilities in the concourse all along the back of the stand.
- There are certain items that are prohibited in the stadium, just as you would expect in the UK, and it is advised not to bring large bags and other large items. ***Please do not bring or let off Pyrotechnic devices***, you will be arrested and there is a heavy on the spot fine for those arrested.
- Any groups arriving in coaches or mini-buses will be identified by car park stewards on approach to the stadium and will be directed to the dedicated coach parking area. You will need to get permission from the Swiss authorities to take a foreign coach into Switzerland and to get a parking permit to park at the designated coach parking area. The contact details are transportation@fcb.ch

Passports and visas

- If you are a British Citizen or British Subject with Right of Abode in the United Kingdom, you will not need a visa to enter Switzerland. Other British passport holders should check entry requirements with the nearest British Embassy or local Consulate Office. The local consulate office contact is enno.vandergraaf@fco.gov.uk the telephone number is +41 31 359 7700.
- Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay. No additional period of validity beyond this is required.
- Please ensure your passport is kept safe. In case of lost or stolen passports, please contact the British Embassy in Berne (contact details are shown above) in order to arrange an appointment for an Emergency Travel Document.
- Adequate travel insurance should be obtained prior to travelling.

- Remember your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) but also take out travel insurance, even if you're only going for one night – it could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties.

General Advice:

- It should be noted by fans that the following items will ***not*** be allowed into the stadium. Back packs and large bags, plus the usual prohibited items as per UK ground regulations. Hand bags will be permitted (but will be searched)
- There will not be a 'hold back' at the end of the match. The victorious team's supporters will want to stay behind anyway.
- Anybody travelling without tickets are strongly advised NOT to. Although there is a central meeting point at Barfusserplatz, there are limited facilities and the bars close down for an hour and a half at midday until 1.30pm. The bars also close down at midnight after the game.
- Although crime rate is relatively low in Switzerland, take precautions against pick pockets and confidence tricksters who work in gangs. Keep your personal belongings close to you at all times, do not keep important documents like your passport and credit cards in the same place. Only carry what you need, keep all other belongings in your hotel safe.
- Public Emergency Line: 112

Supporter liaison Officer

To assist those supporters who are attending away matches both domestically and in Europe, a dedicated fan support telephone number and email address has been introduced which is available for travelling fans attending away fixtures (this line of communication is for urgent matters relating to the game only).

This line / email will be made available two hours before kick-off and will be open until one hour after final whistle. Outside of these times there will be a recorded message facility available for travelling fans to record any issues with regard to the game. The telephone number is 0151 230 5770 (From Europe 0044 151 230 5770) and the email address is slo@liverpoolfc.com, for data protection purposes please include your full name, membership number and D.O.B.

On this occasion the SLO (Supporter Liaison Officer) will be in attendance at this game, if you have any issues then please approach a member of the LFC staff for assistance.

For more information follow this link <http://www.liverpoolfc.com/fans/lfc-supporter-liaison-officer-home/about-the-supporters-liaison-officer>

Advice from Merseyside Police:

A team of Merseyside Police Officers will be operationally deployed overseas for the Liverpool FC v Sevilla FC football match being played in Switzerland on Wednesday 18th May 2015. The officers are there at the invitation of the Swiss Police and have no powers whilst deployed. The primary function of the team is to advise the local police service and gather and disseminate information.

If you have any issues whilst you are at this match that you feel need bringing to the attention of the delegation, please telephone 0044 151 709 6010 (Merseyside Police Switch Board) and ask the call taker to email Constable 8070 Lee Lomax (Football Officer). Constable Lomax has access to his e mails and will return your call.

On behalf of the Club we hope you have a safe and enjoyable trip to Basel.