



**Women and Girls in Soccer, INC (WAGS), partners with WorldStrides Excel for a Historical all Female International Coaching Education, Women's World Cup Experience.**

Herndon, Virginia — November 29, 2018 — WorldStrides Excel, the nation's largest and most trusted sports travel provider, announced it is partnering with WAGS to deliver all female international coaching education tours.

The upcoming year will offer new international educational coaching opportunities for WAGS Tournament coaches through an application process soon to be announced and with an initial trip planned to send 16 female coaches to the Women's World Cup in France. Coaches can expect to visit academy programs in France, attend two Women's World Cup games, as well as attending sessions and learning from some of the best coaching educators in the world.

WAGS is a charitable 501 (C)(3) organization, with a mission of empowering women and girls from all over the world – through soccer. They support **six unique programs** just for women and girls in soccer that promote confidence, strength, character and leadership in a variety of ways. The overall mission is to provide opportunities to sponsor, develop, or provide educational and character building programs for the benefit of women and girls through teaching and promoting an interest in the game of soccer.

"We are ecstatic to announce this partnership with WorldStrides Excel. We have worked on a number of WAGS All-Star international tours previously and I find their programs to be nothing short of excellent." said Lula Bauer, Chairwoman, WAGS. "I firmly believe that international coaching education experiences will enhance and enrich the development of our coaches."

"We are absolutely thrilled to offer WAGS the opportunity to experience coaching internationally." said Eric McAleer, Vice President of WorldStrides Excel Sports. "WorldStrides is a longtime believer in the value of coaching education, and the benefits that international experiences can offer."

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**About Women and Girls Soccer (WAGS)**

WAGS is a charitable organization, with a mission of empowering women and girls from all over the world - through soccer. WAGS is an organization that focuses on opportunities for women and girls to realize their full potential. WAGS supports **six unique programs** just for women and girls in soccer that promote confidence, strength, character and leadership in a variety of ways. For more information, visit [www.womenandgirlsinsoccer.org](http://www.womenandgirlsinsoccer.org) or email [info@wagsinsoccer.org](mailto:info@wagsinsoccer.org)

**About WorldStrides**

*WorldStrides, headquartered in Charlottesville, Va., is the largest educational student travel company in the United States. The company was founded in 1967 to provide middle school travel programs to Washington, D.C., and has grown to provide educational programs for more than 425,000 students annually. The WorldStrides Excel division is the leader in international tours for U.S. soccer teams and is a specialist in meeting the unique requirements of international team travel at the recreational, travel, ODP, and collegiate team level. For more information on WorldStrides Excel Sports, visit [www.excelsoccertours.com](http://www.excelsoccertours.com)*