

RUNNER-UP

Iraq *at the World Cup.*

*A runner-up route hands you a different
knockout city. Plan for both.*



IRAQ

GROUP

I

CONFEDERATION

AFC

OPENS AGAINST

Norway · Philadelphia

TOURNAMENT

11 June - 19 July 2026 · USA · Canada · Mexico

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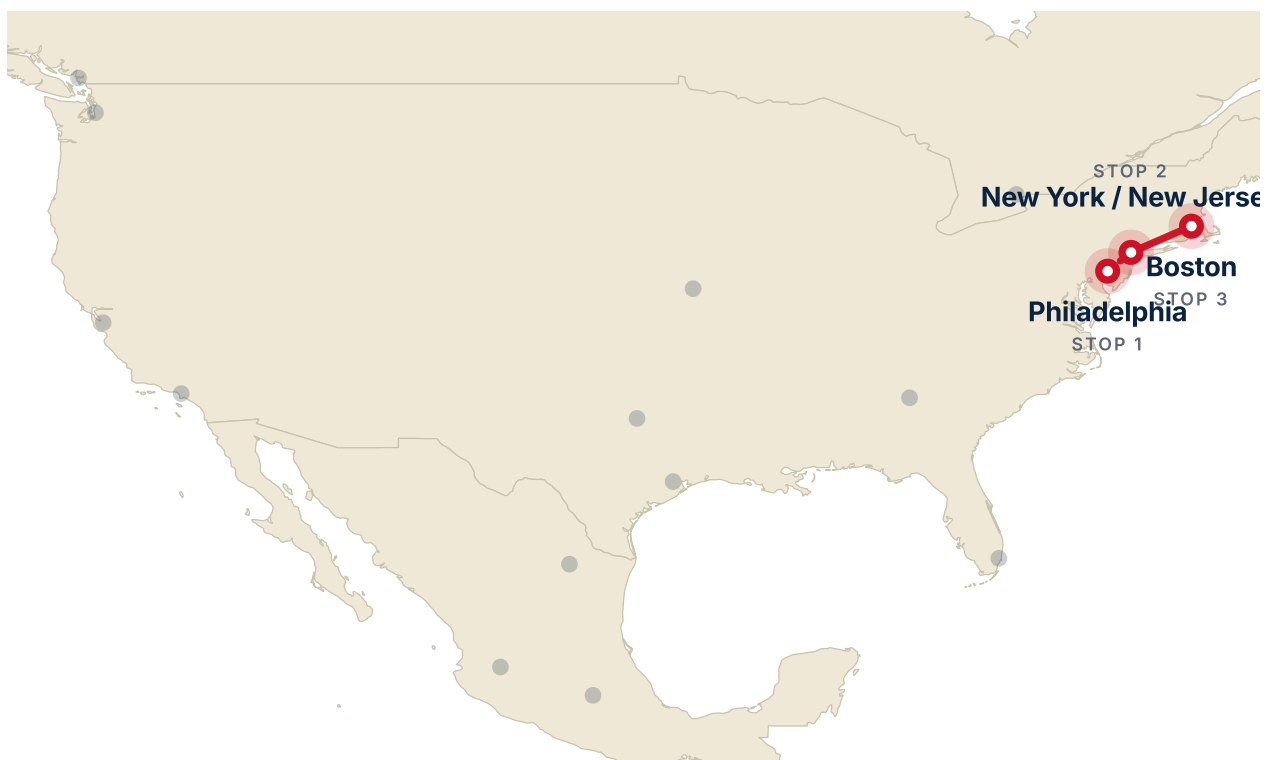
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Your trip at a glance

Iraq · Runner-up

MATCHES 4 3 group + up to 1 knockout	HOST CITIES 3 Philadelphia → New York / New Jersey → Boston	COUNTRIES 1 USA	TRAVEL TIME 3h Between host cities
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YOUR ROUTE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA



● Your stops ● Other host cities

BASE CAMP

TBC

FINAL VENUE

MetLife Stadium · New York / New Jersey · 19 July 2026



01 FIXTURES

3 MATCHES

Your group stage

MATCH

1

 vs Norway Wed, 17 Jun 2026  Philadelphia - Lincoln Financial Field

KICKOFF

TBC

MATCH

2

 vs France Mon, 22 Jun 2026  New York / New Jersey - MetLife Stadium

KICKOFF

TBC

MATCH

3

 vs Senegal Sat, 27 Jun 2026  Boston - Gillette Stadium

KICKOFF

TBC

BASE CAMP

TBC

TEAM HOTEL

TBC

EASTERN REGION · USA

Philadelphia

Lincoln Financial Field · PHL



CAPACITY

69,328

ROOF

Open bowl

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Warm to hot, humid,
occasional storms.

WHERE TO STAY

BUDGET

Apple Hostels of Philadelphia

Old City, walkable to history sights.

MID

Lokal Hotel Fishtown

Self-check-in, neighborhood vibe.

PREMIUM

Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center

Highest hotel in the city.

The Rittenhouse

Rittenhouse Square, old-money.

WHERE TO EAT

Angelo's Pizzeria

pizza/hoagies - Queue for the Italian hoagie.

Pat's + Geno's

cheesesteak - Try both, decide for yourself.

Vernick Food & Drink

modern American - Rittenhouse, consistently top-ranked.

WORTH YOUR TIME

Independence Hall + Liberty Bell

Free timed tickets in peak season.

Reading Terminal Market

Cheesesteaks, Amish baking, Italian deli.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Rocky steps, plus a world-class collection.

Magic Gardens (Isaiah Zagar)

Mosaic immersive, South Street.

EASTERN REGION · USA

New York / New Jersey

MetLife Stadium · EWR / JFK / LGA



CAPACITY

82,500

ROOF

Open bowl

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Warm to hot, occasionally humid. Light jacket for evenings.

WHERE TO STAY

BUDGET

HI NYC Hostel

Upper West Side, Manhattan.

Pod 39

Budget micro-hotel, Midtown.

MID

Ace Hotel New York

NoMad, lobby scene.

citizenM Bowery

Lower East Side, pod-style.

PREMIUM

The Mark

Upper East Side, Jean-Georges on site.

The Ritz-Carlton NoMad

Rooftop bar.

WHERE TO EAT

Katz's Delicatessen

deli - Lower East Side, pastrami on rye.

Di Fara Pizza

pizza - Midwood, Brooklyn; Dom DeMarco's slices.

Atomix

tasting menu - Korean tasting menu, book two months ahead.

WORTH YOUR TIME

The High Line + Hudson Yards

Rail-trail through Chelsea.

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Pay what you wish for NY residents; full price otherwise.

Staten Island Ferry

Free; passes the Statue of Liberty.

Brooklyn Bridge walk + DUMBO

Start Manhattan-side at sunset.

EASTERN REGION · USA

Boston

Gillette Stadium · BOS / PVD / MHT



CAPACITY

64,628

ROOF

Open bowl

SURFACE

natural grass overlay

CLIMATE

Mild to warm, occasional rain. Pleasant.

WHERE TO STAY

BUDGET

HI Boston

Walkable to Fenway and the Common.

MID

The Verb Hotel

Boutique across from Fenway Park.

PREMIUM

The Liberty Hotel

Old jail, now landmark hotel.

XV Beacon

Boutique in Beacon Hill.

WHERE TO EAT

Neptune Oyster

seafood - Lobster roll hot with butter - walk-in only.

Giulia

Italian - Cambridge, handmade pasta.

Sarma

eastern Mediterranean - Somerville, Cassie Piuma.

WORTH YOUR TIME

Freedom Trail

4 km painted line through 16 landmarks.

Fenway Park tour

Book ahead; Red Sox home games most summer days.

Cape Cod day trip

1.5 hr south; Provincetown ferry from Boston harbour.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Unsolved art heist; entry free if your name is Isabella.

02 TRAVEL

2 HOPS

Getting from A to B

Philadelphia → New York / New Jersey



Drive 2h



Train 1.25h

Worth stopping: **Princeton, NJ** - Campus walk + bookshops.

New York / New Jersey → Boston



Drive 4h



Fly 1h



Train 3.5h

Worth stopping: **New Haven, CT** - Yale campus; the original apizza.

03 PRE-FLIGHT

16 ITEMS

Packing checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport + printed copy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tournament tickets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance card + emergency contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> 20,000 mAh power bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Universal travel adapter | <input type="checkbox"/> International eSIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broken-in walking shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (empty through security) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packing cubes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen SPF 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat + sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight rain shell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compression socks for flights | <input type="checkbox"/> Matchday polyester shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel-friendly debit/credit card | <input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen / paracetamol |

AFFILIATE · AMAZON

Reflective LED armband

Evening kick-offs mean walking back after dark. A clip-on reflective LED armband keeps you visible to traffic, packs to nothing and costs a few pounds.

[Find it on Amazon](#)

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TESTED PICKS

Fan gear for your route



Travel pillow

For the long flight and the cross-country drive.

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20,000 mAh power bank

Enough for a matchday of phone, camera and maps.

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Sun-protective long-sleeve

UPF protection without cooking you - Dallas/Miami/Monterrey.

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Waterproof jacket

Packable rain shell for Vancouver, Seattle, Toronto.

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Compression socks

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Universal travel adapter

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Wide-brim sun hat

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Packable rain poncho

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