

World Cup 2006 team guide

Who's who at the FIFA World Cup in Germany

GERMANY



Winners 1954, 1974, 1990 (as West Germany)
Coach: **Jurgen Klinsmann**
Player to watch: **Michael Ballack**

Home:  Away: 

COSTA RICA




Best finish: Last 16, 1990
Coach: **Alexandre Guimaraes**
Player to watch: **Paolo Wanchope**

Home:  Away: 

POLAND



Semi-finalists 1974, 1982
Coach: **Pawel Janas**
Player to watch: **Maciej Zurawski**

Home:  Away: 


ECUADOR





Qualified 2002
Coach: **Luis Fernando Suarez**
Player to watch: **Luis Valencia**

Home:  Away: 

ENGLAND




Winners 1966
Coach: **Sven-Goran Eriksson**
Player to watch: **Wayne Rooney**

Home:  Away: 

PARAGUAY



Best finish: Last 16, 1998, 2002
Coach: **Anibal Ruiz**
Player to watch: **Roque Santa Cruz**

Home:  Away: 

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Leo Beenhakker**
Player to watch: **Dwight Yorke**

Home:  Away: 

SWEDEN



Finalists 1958
Coach: **Lars Lagerback**
Player to watch: **Zlatan Ibrahimovic**

Home:  Away: 

ARGENTINA



Winners 1978, 1986
Coach: **Jose Pekerman**
Player to watch: **Lionel Messi**

Home:  Away: 

COTE D'IVOIRE



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Henri Michel**
Player to watch: **Didier Drogba**

Home:  Away: 

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Ilija Petkovic**
Player to watch: **Mladen Krstajic**

Home:  Away: 

NETHERLANDS



Finalists 1974, 1978
Coach: **Marco van Basten**
Player to watch: **Arjen Robben**

Home:  Away: 

MEXICO



Quarter-finalists 1970, 1986
Coach: **Ricardo La Volpe**
Player to watch: **Oswaldo Sanchez**

Home:  Away: 


IRAN





Qualified 1978, 1998
Coach: **Branko Ivankovic**
Player to watch: **Ali Karimi**

Home:  Away: 

ANGOLA



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Luis Oliveira Goncalves**
Player to watch: **Fabrice Akwa**

Home:  Away: 

PORTUGAL



Semi-finalists 1966
Coach: **Luiz Felipe Scolari**
Player to watch: **Deco**

Home:  Away: 

ITALY





Winners 1934, 1938, 1982
Coach: **Marcello Lippi**
Player to watch: **Luca Toni**

Home:  Away: 


GHANA




First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Ratomir Djukovic**
Player to watch: **Michael Essien**

Home:  Away: 

UNITED STATES





Semi-finalists 1930
Coach: **Bruce Arena**
Player to watch: **DaMarcus Beasley**

Home:  Away: 

CZECH REPUBLIC



Finalists 1934, 1962 (as Czechoslovakia)
Coach: **Karel Bruckner**
Player to watch: **Petr Cech**

Home:  Away: 

BRAZIL



Winners 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002
Coach: **Carlos Alberto Parreira**
Player to watch: **Ronaldinho**

Home:  Away: 

CROATIA



Semi-finalists 1998
Coach: **Zlatko Kranjcar**
Player to watch: **Dado Prso**

Home:  Away: 

AUSTRALIA




Qualified 1974
Coach: **Guus Hiddink**
Player to watch: **Harry Kewell**

Home:  Away: 

JAPAN



Best finish: Last 16, 2002
Coach: **Zico**
Player to watch: **Shunsuke Nakamura**

Home:  Away: 

FRANCE



Winners 1998
Coach: **Raymond Domenech**
Player to watch: **Thierry Henry**

Home:  Away: 

SWITZERLAND



Quarter-finalists 1934, 1938, 1954
Coach: **Jakob Kuhn**
Player to watch: **Philippe Senderos**

Home:  Away: 

KOREA



Semi-finalists 2002
Coach: **Dick Advocaat**
Player to watch: **Park Ji-sung**

Home:  Away: 

TOGO



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Stephen Keshi**
Player to watch: **Emmanuel Adebayor**

Home:  Away: 

SPAIN



Semi-finalists 1950
Coach: **Luis Aragones**
Player to watch: **Fernando Torres**

Home:  Away: 

UKRAINE



First World Cup appearance
Coach: **Oleg Blokhin**
Player to watch: **Andriy Shevchenko**

Home:  Away: 

TUNISIA



Qualified 1978, 1998, 2002
Coach: **Roger Lemerre**
Player to watch: **Hatem Trabelsi**

Home:  Away: 

SAUDI ARABIA



Best finish: Last 16, 1994
Coach: **Gabriel Calderon**
Player to watch: **Yasser Al-Qahtani**

Home:  Away: 