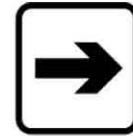
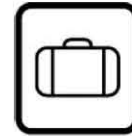


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Barcelona 50 Plus Language Learning Holiday



Location

Worldly Barcelona, city of artists, museums, home of Picasso, the entire city an architectural exhibition featuring brilliant mosaics, riotous ornamentation, stained glass, marble...it would take years to take in all of Barcelona's attractions. Visit, for example, La Pedrera, an apartment building designed by Gaudí in 1910. Imagine a building that creeps monstrously around a corner, an amusement park haunted house of bulging eyes, laughing mouths and peep-hole windows, wave after wave of stone, entanglements of wrought-iron seaweed. Imagine getting away with something so outrageous in 1910. Or watch the passing parade of people on famous Las Ramblas; sit at sidewalk cafés and listen to ordinary citizens debate art; stroll the Gothic Quarter—the ancient heart of the city, a labyrinth of narrow cobbled streets that wind around Roman walls with imposing stone towers. In the evening, feel the breeze from the Mediterranean Sea that laps the coast of this spectacular, unforgettable Spanish city.

Program

This two-week Spanish language learning holiday is designed for students over the age of 50 who prefer to study and socialize with people their own age. The program includes activities and excursions specifically for your age group, featuring a full-day excursion to the Costa Brava, Figueras, the Dalí Museum, and a meal in a typical Barcelona restaurant.

Lessons

The main objective of this Spanish language course is to improve conversational skills. In this course, the emphasis of classroom activities is therefore the development of the students' abilities to speak and understand spoken Spanish. Classes are conducted entirely in Spanish and students are given plenty of opportunity to develop their practical speaking skills. Classes are three hours a day from 10am to 1pm., Monday to Friday. Classes have a maximum of 10 students and all levels are available, including complete beginners. Attention is also paid to grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing skills, and a wide variety of materials are used including published materials from many sources, and materials written by the teachers. While the atmosphere in the classroom is relaxed and informal, you should be prepared to work hard and participate fully.

Teachers

Teachers in this Spanish language learning program hold university degrees and all have successfully completed a rigorous training course that prepares them to teach Spanish to foreigners. The teaching and the course program are carefully supervised by the Director of Studies, who is also responsible for ensuring that students are placed in the appropriate levels and that their progress is satisfactory.



Optional Workshops

Four workshops are scheduled to take place over the two weeks of your language holiday course, with two workshops per week, each lasting between 1 and 1.5 hours. All materials are provided and you are welcome to take home any work you produce. Workshops include painting ceramics, glass-fusing, pottery and sculpture.

Accommodation

The Barcelona 50 Plus Language Learning Holiday offers homestay family, executive homestay family, and independent apartment accommodation options.

* Homestay family: All host families live in flats, as individual houses in Barcelona are not common. Apartment buildings (both old and modern) are rarely more than eight floors high. A typical flat will have three or four bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, a dining room and living room. Some flats have terraces; almost all have balconies.

* Executive homestay: There is also a limited number of host families who live in larger, 'up-scale' apartments and can offer students their own private bathroom. These families will also do your washing and ironing.

* Independent apartment: These 1 bedroom apartments are suitable for one individual student or a couple. The apartments have one bedroom, with an American-style kitchen, and a separate bathroom. (Apartments with 2 or more bedrooms as available on request.



Sample Activities Schedule

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Welcome cocktail and city tour	Guided tour of Montjuïc and the Miró Foundation
Tuesday	Guided tour of the Gothic Quarter	Visit to Gaudí's Park Güell
Wednesday	Visit to the City of Barcelona Museum	Visit to the Picasso Museum
Thursday	Visit to Gaudi's Sagrada Familia	Evening visit to the theatre or cinema
Friday	Evening visit to a flamenco show	Lunch at a local restaurant
Saturday	Full-day excursion to the Costa Brava and Dali museum	Departure Day
Sunday	Free day	

Sample Prices (\$US)	2 weeks
Course Only	\$750
Course + homestay accommodation; bed & breakfast	\$1,410
Course + homestay accommodation; half-board	\$1,560
Course + executive homestay accommodation; bed and breakfast	\$1,520
Course + executive homestay accommodation; half-board	\$1,650
Course + 1-bedroom apartment; no meals; single occupancy	\$1,780

Please consult our website for more accommodation options and \$CDN pricing.

Additional costs:

- * Travel to and from Palma
- * Comprehensive medical and travel insurance
- * Meals & groceries (except for homestay accommodation which includes breakfast and/or dinner daily)
- * Course only bookings are subject to a \$150 enrolment fee
- * Souvenirs and essentials
- * Entrance fees and transportation costs for optional or independently organized activities and excursions
- * Entry visa if required