



Northern California
Study Abroad Consortium

BARCELONA

FALL 2017

Sunday, September 10 – Friday, December 8





ON THE GROUP FLIGHT?

Find the flight itinerary on the
AIFS Portal

Ticket confirmation, insurance
card and luggage tags mailed 10
days before departure

AIFS staff will meet you at the
airport, in the arrivals hall and
transfer you to the arrivals hotel



AIFS GROUP FLIGHT

Sat, Sep 9:

BA0286

dep SFO 7.30pm

Sun, Sep 10:

BA0486

**arr LHR 1.55pm
dep LHR 4.40pm
arr BCN 7.50pm**

Fri, Dec 8:

BA0473

dep BCN 10.10am

connection in LHR

BA0287

**arr SFO 6.15pm
same day**

OWN TRAVEL PLANS?

Do you know your flight itinerary?

Email spain@aifs.co.uk
including your name and program
(NCSAC)

Arriving before Sep 10? Hotel/Hostel

We will send clear directions from the
airport to the hotel on Sep 10

Check in after 3pm

TRAVEL DAY



Check in at least 3 hours before departure – SF traffic!

E Ticket Confirmation and passport

Carry on and checked luggage

Pack a spare set of clothes & medication in your carry-on

Let AIFS know if you are delayed

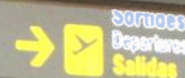
Be patient, listen...and relax!



Informació Information Información

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Hora	Vol	Procedencia	Observacions
08:25	AF 3607	ATLANTA	
08:25	KL 6134	ATLANTA	
08:25	AM 5185	ATLANTA	
08:55	VLG 7845	TEL AVIV	ATERRAT
08:55	IBE 5919	TEL AVIV	ATERRAT
08:55	AA 742	PHILADELPHIA	ATERRAT
08:55	QTR5519	PHILADELPHIA	ATERRAT
08:55	FIN 5689	PHILADELPHIA	ATERRAT
08:55	BAW1607	PHILADELPHIA	ATERRAT
08:55	IBE 9068	PHILADELPHIA	ATERRAT
09:05	UAL 120	NEWARK	ATERRAT
09:05	AC 2456	NEWARK	ATERRAT
09:05	LH 7968	NEWARK	ATERRAT
09:15	SIA 067	SAO PAULO/GRU	ATERRAT
09:15	OS 391	VIENA	ATERRAT
09:15	IBE 2730	MADRID	A L' HORA
09:20	BAW0472	LONDRES/LHR	ATERRAT
09:20	AA 6285	LONDRES/LHR	ATERRAT
09:20	VLG 9886	LONDRES/LHR	ATERRAT
09:20	IBE 7471	LONDRES/LHR	ATERRAT
09:20	AF 1148	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT
09:20	DL 8699	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT
09:20	UX 3470	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT
09:20	MK 9328	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT
09:20	JAI 6760	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT
09:20	REU 8148	PARIS/CDG	ATERRAT

Time	Flight	From	Remarks
09:20	CES 4995	PARIS/CDG	LANDED
09:25	VLG 3903	PALMA MALLORCA	LANDED
09:25	IBE 5698	PALMA MALLORCA	LANDED
09:30	LH 1124	FRANKFURT	LANDED
09:30	UAL 8904	FRANKFURT	LANDED
09:30	VLG 2487	SAN SEBASTIAN	LANDED
09:30	IBE 5262	SAN SEBASTIAN	LANDED
09:30	VLG 3507	IBIZA	LANDED
09:30	IBE 5685	IBIZA	LANDED
09:30	VLG 2253	SEVILLA	LANDED
09:30	IBE 5489	SEVILLA	LANDED
09:35	TAP 1050	LISBOA	LANDED
09:35	UAL 6873	LISBOA	LANDED
09:40	VLG 7783	MOSCU/DME	LANDED
09:40	IBE 5027	MOSCU/DME	LANDED
09:40	VLG 3713	MENORCA	LANDED
09:40	IBE 5689	MENORCA	LANDED
09:40	VLG 8318	AMSTERDAM	LANDED
09:40	IBE 5861	AMSTERDAM	LANDED
09:40	BAW8146	AMSTERDAM	LANDED
09:45	BAW2706	LONDRES/LGW	LANDED
09:45	IBE 4694	LONDRES/LGW	LANDED
09:45	VLG 6997	LONDRES/LGW	LANDED
09:45	HG 8950	VIENA	LANDED
09:45	VLG 1301	ALICANTE	ESTIMA 10:23
09:55	IBE 5603	ALICANTE	ESTIMA 10:23

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10:05	THY 1853	ESTAMBUL	A L' HORA
10:05	AVA 6615	ESTAMBUL	A L' HORA
10:05	VLG 1002	MADRID	A L' HORA
10:05	IBE 2702	MADRID	A L' HORA
10:15	AA 112	MIAMI	ATERRAT
10:15	QTR5296	MIAMI	ATERRAT
10:15	BAW1514	MIAMI	ATERRAT
10:15	FIN 4010	MIAMI	ATERRAT
10:15	IBE 4480	MIAMI	ATERRAT
10:15	VLG 2011	GRANADA	ESTIMA 10:32
10:15	IBE 5627	GRANADA	ESTIMA 10:32
10:20	VLG 1421	BILBAO	A L' HORA
10:20	IBE 5607	BILBAO	A L' HORA
10:20	KL 1685	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:20	KQ 1685	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:20	KE 6405	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:20	CKA 9343	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:20	ETD 7348	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:20	DL 9601	AMSTERDAM	A L' HORA
10:35	VLG 1516	NIZA	
10:35	IBE 5349	NIZA	
10:40	ROT 421	BUCAREST/OTP	A L' HORA
10:40	UX 3706	BUCAREST/OTP	A L' HORA
10:40	VLG 2211	SEVILLA	
10:40	IBE 5940	SEVILLA	
10:45	IBE 2704	MADRID	A L' HORA

Hora	Vuelo	Procedencia	Observacion
10:45	VLG 1004	MADRID	
10:55	BAW0478	LONDRES/LHR	EN HORA
10:55	IBE 7451	LONDRES/LHR	EN HORA
10:55	AA 6286	LONDRES/LHR	EN HORA
10:55	VLG 8881	LONDRES/LHR	EN HORA
10:55	IBE 9068	PHILADELPHIA	EN HORA
10:55	STO 7880	ROMA	EN HORA
10:55	DL 9817	ROMA	EN HORA
10:55	AFL 3204	ROMA	EN HORA
10:55	UX 3125	ROMA	EN HORA
10:55	VLG 2114	MALAGA	EN HORA
10:55	IBE 5900	MALAGA	EN HORA
11:00	A3 680	ATENAS	EN HORA
11:00	TAP 7746	ATENAS	EN HORA
11:00	LH 1810	MUNICH	EN HORA
11:00	VLG 1574	ASTURIAS	
11:00	IBE 5617	ASTURIAS	
11:05	VLG 3001	GRAN CANARIA	EN HORA
11:05	IBE 5581	GRAN CANARIA	EN HORA
11:05	VLG 8013	PARIS/ORLY	
11:05	IBE 5753	PARIS/ORLY	
11:05	BAW8081	PARIS/ORLY	
11:05	UX 8156	PALMA MALLORCA	
11:05	AF 4827	PALMA MALLORCA	
11:05	AFL 3453	PALMA MALLORCA	
11:05	AZ 2409	PALMA MALLORCA	

HASTA PRONTO

Ven con tu coche al aeropuerto
Vine amb el teu cotxe a l'aeroport

Tarif Office Tarif Plus
39 64

INFO. AENA: 902

ARRIVALS: LUGGAGE

Once you have cleared immigration, (enter as a tourist)
collect your luggage from the carousel

Missing bags?

File a claim with the customer service desk
BEFORE exiting the baggage area

Give the AIFS office address and duty cell phone number, as
on your luggage tags

Lost/delayed bags usually arrive within 24/48 hours- pack a
change of clothes & essentials in your carry-on just in case

ARRIVALS: TRANSFER

One time group transfer from airport to hotel

AIFS Staff in arrivals hall to meet the group flight

Any issues or delays – call or email

011 34 648 464 044

spain@aifs.co.uk

ORIENTATION / WEEK ONE

SUN, SEP 10 – SAT, SEP 16



ALL students
stay in the hotel
Sun, Sep 10
AND
Mon, Sep 11

Sun, Sep 10: Arrivals (check in from 3pm)
Night in the hotel

Mon, Sep 11: AM Orientation
PM Sightseeing

Tues, Sep 12: AM Travel Workshops
PM: Move to accommodation

Weds, Sep 13: Classes begin at 9am

Thurs, Sep 14: Welcome tapas (evening)

Fri, Sep 15: Monday Classes

Sat, Sep 16: Daytrip: Montserrat & Sitges (€)



DATES TO NOTE



Fri, Sep 15	Monday Class (Sep 11)
Fri, Sep 22	Tuesday Class (Sep 12)
Fri, Sep 30 – Sun, Oct 2	Optional Morocco weekend
Thurs, Oct 12	School closed- Day trip to Girona & Figueres
Fri, Oct 20 – Sun, Oct 29	Fall Break
Weds, Nov 1	School/AIFS closed
Weds, Dec 6	School/AIFS closed
Fri, Dec 8	School closed (departures)

Weekly cultural activities will confirmed when you arrive in Barcelona

AIFS TEAM IN BARCELONA



**Clement Banks,
Program Coordinator**

**Rita Gil,
Student Advisor**

**Sarah Plumley,
Senior Program Manager**

**Contact the team:
spain@aifs.co.uk**

AIFS STUDENT SERVICES



- ✓ Friendly, experienced staff to take care of the day-to-day running of the program
- ✓ Coordinate accommodation, Spanish Life and Culture class, cultural activities
- ✓ Program administration
- ✓ Student and faculty support, advice and information
- ✓ 24 hour emergency phone service
- ✓ Arranging medical appointments as needed

Contact the team:
spain@aifs.co.uk

AIFS STUDY CENTER



AIFS
c/o
don Quijote
c/ Mallorca 27
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Spain

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AIFS STUDY CENTER



Classrooms

AIFS Office

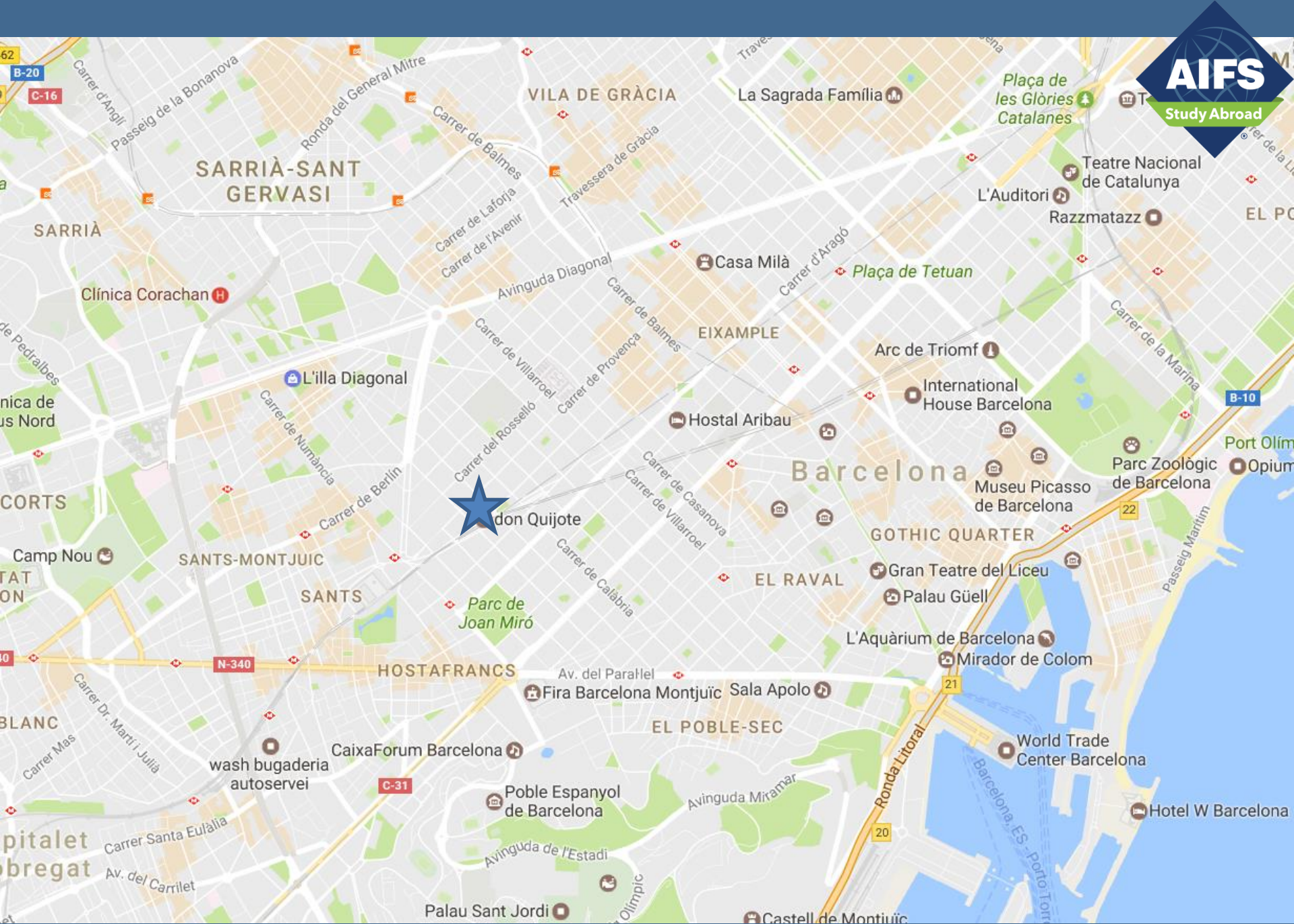
Courtyard

Open

8:30am-6:45pm

Mon-Fri





TRAVEL PASS

Valid:

- ✓ On all metro lines
- ✓ On all buses and trams
- ✓ Within zone one of the FGC regional trains





APARTMENTS & HOMESTAYS

Example, Sants, Les Corts, Sant Antoni, Gothic neighborhoods

Barcelona “Extension” 19th-20th century

Residential, grid-like

Within 30 minute commute of the Study Center



ACCOMMODATION



APARTMENT

Four to six students per apartment

Self-catered – shared, equipped kitchen

Twin-bedded rooms

Shared living area and bathroom

WiFi access

Bi-weekly cleaning service

ACCOMMODATION



APARTMENT LIFE

Be respectful of each other's habits /preferences

Communication- talk about issues

Keep it clean and tidy

Put out the trash and recycle regularly

11pm-7am: legislated quiet hours in Spain

No late night partying- your neighbors will call
the police

No overnight guests allowed.





ACCOMMODATION



HOMESTAY

Share a twin room with another NCSAC student

Shared bathroom

Limited kitchen access

Daily breakfast and dinner Monday-Friday

Weekly laundry – no dryer!

WiFi access

Your own key

ACCOMMODATION

HOMESTAY LIFE

Learn a few key phrases before you arrive

Speak Spanish as much as possible from the start

Ask if you are unsure about something

Be patient- give yourself time to adjust

Each family is different, just as in the U.S.

Be courteous & respectful when coming & going

Be mindful to turn off lights and appliances, water





CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Different language(s)

Unfamiliar food

Size (of everything!)

Lack of personal space

Different attitudes

Customer Service

Smoking

Keep an open mind!

Not better or worse, but different



CLASSES WITH NCSAC FACULTY

Classes with your NCSAC faculty will take place in the AIFS Study Center Monday thru Thursday*

*and Fridays on : Sep 15, Sep 22



SPANISH LIFE & CULTURE

A mandatory three credit course curated by AIFS

Combination of weekly lectures, cultural visits and two excursions

Tuesday lectures
Thursday activities

Class topics include:

History of Spain & Catalonia
Spanish Gastronomy
Spanish Civil War
Architecture
Family
Social Customs & Traditions
Politics

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SLC: ARTICKET



Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)

Museu Picasso

Fundació Joan Miró

Fundació Antoni Tàpies

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona
(MACBA)

Centre de Cultura Contemporània de
Barcelona (CCCB)

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GIRONA & FIGUERES

THURSDAY, OCT 12



Full-day excursion NE of Barcelona

GIRONA

A city walk with an English-speaking guide, visiting the Jewish quarter, Cathedral steps and recent filming locations of Game of Thrones

Free time for lunch

FIGUERES

Entrance to the Teatre Museu Dali
Free time to explore Dali's work



CULTURAL CALENDAR

Weekly events

Subsidized

Fun!

FC Barcelona soccer match TBC

Cooking class

Parc Guell

Walking tours

Museum visits

Mosaic and Street Art classes

Excursions outside the city to

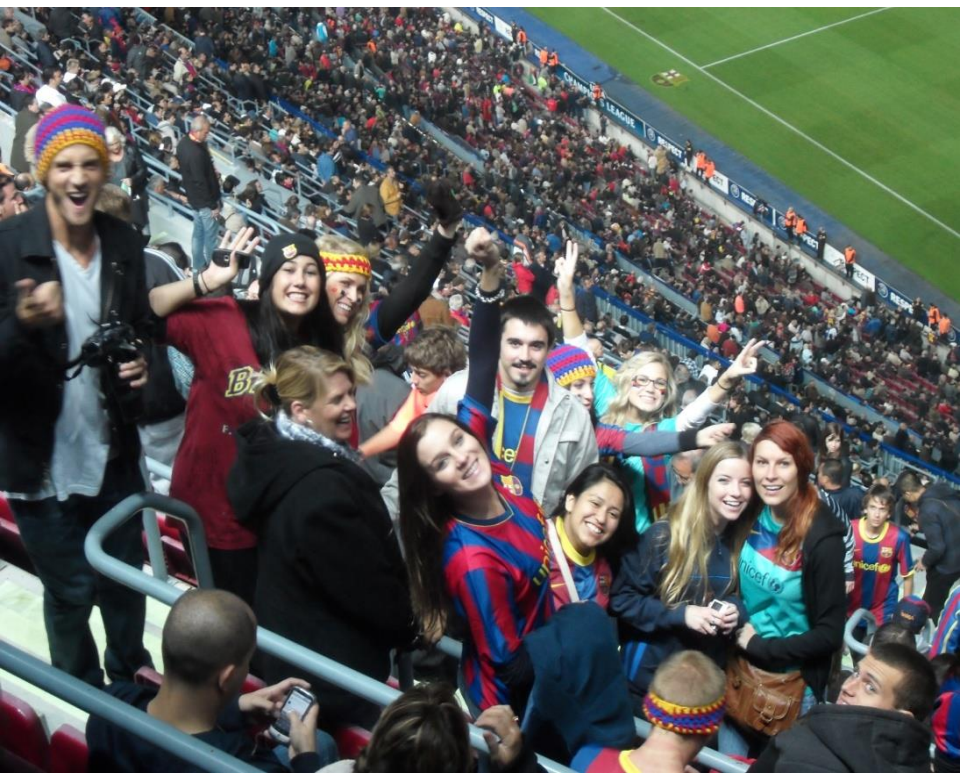
Sitges, Montserrat

Tarragona

Port Aventura







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MOROCCO



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Tetuan

Tangiers

Chef-Chaouen

All meals

Local guide

AIFS TM

€265 +

**BOOK YOUR OWN
FLIGHTS**





MOROCCO



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

€265
+ FLIGHT COST

EMAIL
spain@aifs.co.uk
TO SIGN UP

- we'll send flight info
- you book flights
- send us confirmation
- pay in Euros in BCN

Flyer on the AIFS portal



PACKING: DO BRING

One checked bag (max 50lbs), one carry-on, one personal item

Medication – enough for the program & copy of prescription

Towel(s)

Clothing you will wear/ can layer / wash easily

Rain jacket, umbrella & comfortable shoes

Camera, mp3 player

Laptop for class work

SOUVENIRS

STAIRS

INSURANCE

PACKING: DON'T BRING

Bed linen or pillows

Expensive hairdryer / flat irons

Clothes you “might” wear

Heavy and/or expensive items,
such as jewellery



CLIMATE IN BARCELONA

Temperature changes

Plenty of walking

Rain

Takes time to dry your clothes

You'll be living in a busy city

Barcelona	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rainfall (Inches)	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.5	1.1	1.9	3.0	3.4	2.1	1.8
Min Temp (°F)	43	45	48	52	57	65	69	69	66	58	51	46
Max Temp (°F)	55	57	60	65	71	78	82	82	77	69	62	56



POWER

US
110 Volts

EU
220/240 Volts

Laptops, tablets, smart phones = OK

Hair dryers, flat irons = NO

Bring adaptors

No need for a convertor

Any doubts- ask!



MONEY



\$1 = €0.85

€1 = \$1.18

Tell your bank you will be in Europe
Set up online banking

Debit Cards

Cirrus, Plus, Star
- check fees

Credit Cards

Visa / Mastercard
(no AmEx)

~~Travellers Checks~~

Visa Travel Money Card

Bring €100-150 in cash
Don't bring \$\$\$ cash

INTERNET & WiFi ACCESS

Free Wifi in accommodation and study center

Expect it to be slower, less available

World average download speeds

CA (58 Mbps) vs Spain (16 Mbps)

Remember the time difference (9 hours)

Respect your roommates

Plenty to see in the city...

Be careful what
you post
on social media!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Download apps to your smartphone:

Whatsapp, Skype

Consider an international plan

OR Turn off data & roaming to avoid a huge bill

Consider purchasing a cheap local cellphone or a sim card for an unlocked cellphone

Mail postcards and letters to family and friends at home

YOUR U.S. SMARTPHONE

Check insurance

Use as wifi device

Roaming data - caution

Take care if using as a map

Do not place on table of cafes/restaurants

Use common sense

RECEIVING MAIL

Care packages- send with caution!

Mark all packages **“used personal goods”**

Beware importation taxes for U.S. goods

Expect packages to take at least a week if sent with USPS

AVOID mailing medicine / cosmetics / food

A large orange circle is positioned on the right side of the slide, containing text that directs where to send mail.

**Send
ALL MAIL
to the
AIFS
Study Center**

HEALTH & INSURANCE

If you have a prescription, bring enough to last the program

All students are covered by AIFS' CISI insurance policy

Pre-existing conditions covered up to \$500

No dental coverage

English speaking medical services available in Barcelona

Pharmacies give great advice

Look after yourself!

**50 US Dollar
deductible
per claim**

REGISTER

WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY STEP PROGRAM



AIFS...

- Logs weekend travel plans
- Receives US State Department Advisories
- Has emergency procedures & extensive back-up services
- Has excellent links with local emergency services

• www.step.state.gov/step

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TRAVELING?
Enroll a trip and get Travel Alerts and Warnings

STAYING AT HOME?
Get Travel Alerts and Warnings

FREQUENT TRAVELER?
Create an account

SAFETY & SECURITY

US State Department Travel Advisories

Photocopy / scan passport in advance

Limit expensive items

Neutral clothing

Pick pockets/ alert in crowds

Use common sense!



EMERGENCY CONTACTS



AIFS staff on duty 24/7 during program

Please talk to us

Any problems / concerns / issues

Office / Phone / Email: spain@aifs.co.uk

AIFS operates a 24 hour emergency cell phone for students

Dialling from Spain: 648 464 044

Dialling from the US: 011 34 648 464 044

Posting on Facebook is not an emergency service...

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Study Abroad program- attendance mandatory to all class events

All students sign agreement and release form

AIFS operate a warning system

Continually ignoring the rules means removal from the program, with no refund.

Drug use = immediate removal from the program

Behaviour continuously monitored



QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COLLEGE?

CONTRA COSTA

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Call (925) 969 – 2507

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