

Interterm 2019: Exploring Spanish Business and Culture

Travel Dates: January 6-18, 2019

3 credit hours

The crossroad of civilizations and empires endows 21st Century Spain with a rich cultural legacy but many questions of identity. Art, architecture, religion, food, sports, and regional variety will form the backdrop for our exploration. Prepare to fall in love with another country during this twelve-day experience. ¡Viva España!

The focus of this experience is on building awareness and understanding of the contemporary Spanish identity, with an emphasis on the historical contexts that have brought Spain to its current sense of identity. This will be achieved through work completed prior to departure for Spain in addition to the experiences gained while “in country” for twelve days. Contemporary Spanish identity is complex, even more so for foreigners. Among the dimensions to be explored in the proposed course are: culture, regionalism, history, religion, language, food, gender, sports, immigration, European integration, and diaspora.

The framework used to provide students with exposure to Spain’s history will include a focus on five aspects of Spain’s history: pre-history through middle ages, the legacy of the three cultures (Christian, Muslim, and Jewish), the Reconquista and Imperial Spain, the Republic and the Franco era, and the most recent era of democracy, regionalism, and membership in the European Union. Students will select from among several resources for a final report and presentation, including those found on the internet and within our library’s on-ground and online resources. A Moodle site will be developed to aid students’ access to these resources.

Pre-departure: One half-day class meeting (timing TBD), plus 2-3 online assignments (through Moodle)

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

KANSAS CITY - MADRID

Days 1-2 – Sunday-Monday, January 6-7 (domingo-lunes, 6-7 enero) Group flight with Delta Airlines from Kansas City to Madrid via Atlanta; depart KCI 10:00 a.m., arrive Madrid 8:30 a.m. (following day). Four-night stay in Madrid at a 3-star hotel (Vincci Via Hotel 66; includes breakfast every morning).



MADRID

Days 2-6 – Monday-Friday, January 7-11 (lunes-viernes, 7-11 enero) A four-day transportation pass will be provided upon arrival. Welcome Dinner at a nearby restaurant will be arranged for Wednesday, January 10. Visit in Madrid will include: four-hour private motorcoach charter for introductory tour of the city (along with a private guide), tickets to Prado Museum and Royal Palace (self-guided), round-trip train to Toledo, entrance to the Catedral de Toledo, and one corporate visit to a local company in Madrid (some options under consideration: Movistar, Geeksphone, and Banco Santander).

VALENCIA

Days 6-8 – Friday-Sunday, January 11-13 (viernes-domingo, 11-13 enero) Private motorcoach transfer arranged from Madrid to Valencia (approximately 3.5 hours) for a two-night stay at a 3-star hotel (Checkin Hotel; includes breakfast every morning). While in Valencia, we will have a guided tour of the Valencia Oceanographic Aquarium and Marine Park. We will also arrange tickets for a show at the Palau de la Musica.



BARCELONA

Days 8-13 – Sunday-Friday, January 12-18 (domingo-viernes, 12-18 enero) Train from Valencia to Barcelona (approximately 3.5 hours) for a five-night stay at a 3-star hotel (Soho Hotel; includes breakfast every morning). Students will receive a five-day transportation pass. The group will be met by a local guide for a tour of Barcelona, including entrance to Parc Guell and Mont Juic Hill. Students will receive tickets to the Sagrada Familia for a self-guided visit. We will also arrange for two corporate visits in Barcelona (some options under consideration: FC Barcelona Camp Nou Stadium, Port of Barcelona, and Kantox). Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant for the final night.



BARCELONA - KANSAS CITY

Day 13 – Friday, January 18 (viernes, 18 enero) Group flight with Delta Airlines from Barcelona to Kansas City via Amsterdam and Dallas; depart BCN 11:10 a.m., arrive MCI 8:59 p.m.

After return: One half-day class meeting (late January)

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PRICES & CONDITIONS:

Estimated price per person: \$3,500¹

THE PROGRAM PRICE INCLUDES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

- Airfare, Kansas City-Madrid and Barcelona-Kansas City. Includes all air departure taxes and fuel surcharges. Space is confirmed and includes one checked bag per person of up to 23kg.
- The following transportation passes:
 - Four-Day Madrid Transport Pass, good for Zone A
 - Four-Day Barcelona Transport Pass
- 11 nights hotel accommodations based on twin occupancy (single supplement: \$720).
- 14 Meals: Breakfasts each morning, plus one get acquainted dinner in Madrid, and farewell dinner in Barcelona.
- Sightseeing tours with a local guide:
 - Half-Day Madrid Sightseeing Tour
 - Guided tour of Valencia Oceanographic Aquarium and Marine Park
 - Full day guided Barcelona walking tour
- Corporate Visits
 - One in Madrid, two in Barcelona
- Admissions/shows:
 - Royal Palace - Madrid
 - Prado Museum - Madrid
 - Catedral de Toledo
 - Valencia Oceanographic Aquarium and Marine Park - Valencia
 - Palau de la Musica evening show - Valencia
 - Parc Guell - Barcelona
 - Sagrada Família - Barcelona

¹ Pricing based on May 2018 exchange rate of \$1.00 USD = 0.83 EURO

- TravelEx Travel Insurance. This insurance policy covers travel delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects loss, baggage delay, medical expenses and emergency medical transportation. Additional optional cancellation insurance available at an additional cost

PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Baker University tuition and fees.
- Gratuities for local guides or hosts.
- Personal expenses such as passport or visa fees.
- All other items not listed under “Program Price Includes.”

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Any damages to home stay, apartment or hotel premises will be the sole responsibility of the tour participant and participant agrees to indemnify and hold Tour Resource Consultants LLC harmless from such claims and damages

HOW YOUR DEPOSITS ARE PROTECTED WITH TRC

Escrow Protection.

Pursuant to its registration under the California Sellers of Travel Law (CST# 2093740-40), Tour Resource Consultants LLC (“TRC”) has voluntarily chosen to deposit 100% of all credit card payments received from you via our website or checks received from your study-abroad program or tour directly into a Trust Account. This means that such funds will be separate and apart from the operating funds of Tour Resource Consultants LLC. Tour Resource Consultants LLC has also agreed to allow an independent Certified Public Accountant to review its financial receipts records for various dates randomly selected by the CPA during the prior year to verify its compliance with this procedure.

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What is not protected:

The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not protect you or any provider of travel services from loss (monetary or otherwise) resulting from the following:

- Your cancellation or interruption of your trip for any reason including death, injury, illness of you or a family member. However, all of TRC’s study-abroad programs and tours include group travel insurance policies which provide some coverage for trip cancellation and trip interruption. See Travel Insurance pages, above.
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- Any disputes involving TRC or any provider of travel services regarding the type or quality of services promised or rendered.
- Funds (including credit card payments) not received and collected by TRC.
- Travel agent payments through a miscellaneous charge order (MCO) unless Tour Resource Consultants LLC advances its own funds into the Trust Account to cover the MCO or the proceeds of the MCO are received by TRC prior to the date of your departure.
- Failure of you or your travel agent to make a timely claim for a refund in the unlikely event of a default by the airline or TRC.
- The air carrier ceases to operate after TRC has paid for your airline ticket.
- The payment of funds to your travel agent for services not provided by Tour Resource Consultants LLC, including in some cases, airline tickets.
- Various types of travel insurance programs are available to protect you from some of the above losses. The Trust Account maintained by TRC does not guarantee payment to any party which provides travel services to you.

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