Study in

BARCELONA

Fall 2019 • NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUDY ABROAD CONSORTIUM (NCSAC)

DEPART U.S.:
Saturday, September 7, 2019

ARRIVE BARCELONA:
Sunday, September 8, 2019

DEPART BARCELONA:
Friday, December 6, 2019
Spend 13 weeks in the second largest city in Spain. The city's origins can be traced back to the first century BC and the Roman colony of Barcino. Its 2,000 years of history have left their mark on the city's architectural, artistic and cultural heritage. Its excellent location in terms of international communication, Mediterranean climate and cosmopolitan character make Barcelona a particularly privileged city.

**INCLUDED**

- Accommodations in a twin-bedded room in a shared student apartment (no meals included). A twin-bedded homestay option is also available for an additional $750 (includes breakfast daily and dinner five days per week). All students will be housed in a central hotel the first night and transferred to their apartments by taxi following orientation the next day.
- Orientation program in Barcelona consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Barcelona, safety and security, local area walking tour and a welcome tapas reception.
- TMB travel pass for unlimited use on the metro, buses and trams in central Barcelona.
- Half-day sightseeing tour of Barcelona by private bus with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide, and entrance to Parc Güell.
- Weekly cultural program of optional subsidized extra-curricular activities such as cooking classes, sporting events, walking tours, theater and dance performances, tapas evenings and day trips.
- Full-day excursion to Girona and Figueres, including round-trip transportation by private bus, a guided walking tour of Girona with a professional, English-speaking guide and entrance to the Dalí Theatre-Museum in Figueres.
- Articket pass allowing one free entrance to each of the following six museums: Museu Picasso, Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona and Fundació Joan Miró.
- Spanish Life and Culture course taught by local English-speaking professors, focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of Barcelona, Catalonia and Spain, with accompanying visits and activities.
- Farewell group dinner.
- Access to the wireless-enabled AIFS Student Center and AIFS Student Services staff for information, printing facilities, personal advising/counselling and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Medical and program fee refund insurance policies
FEES
The fee per person is $7,745.
This fee excludes mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of $TBC, optional medical insurance upgrade ($65) and optional personal effects coverage ($90), passport or visa fees if applicable, optional homestay accommodation ($750), meals other than those listed, passport and visa fees if applicable, any NCSAC tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field-trips or excursions required by the NCSAC faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the $ exchange rate.

OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE
On a space available basis, students may purchase the optional transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare (SFO – Barcelona – SFO) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Barcelona.

A minimum of 10 participants must purchase the flight for it to be offered.

COURSES
The following courses will be offered. For complete course listings and faculty bios, please visit www.aifscustomized.com/ncsac

SPANISH LIFE AND CULTURE:
This 3-unit course is required for all students. In addition, students will register for three or four of the following courses:

OFFERED BY THE CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Faculty: Anthony Gonzales
ENG 126: Critical Thinking: The Shaping of Meaning in Language
ENG 150: Introduction to Literature
ENG 151: The Short Story

OFFERED BY THE LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Faculty: Riad Bahhur
HIST 302: History of Western Civilization
HIST 308: History of World Civilizations, 1500 to Present
Studies 305: Introduction to Middle East Studies

OFFERED BY THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Faculty: Monica Malamud
LING 200: Introduction to Linguistics: A Survey of Language
SPAN 145: Spanish Conversation through Film
SPAN 150: Spanish for Heritage Speakers

OFFERED BY SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
Faculty: Kirsten Swinstrom
BIO 12: Basic Concepts of Ecology
BIO 13: Human Biology
BIO 27: Biology of Marine Mammals
Medical Insurance

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Ace American Insurance Company. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury or illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a $150 processing fee, the $125 insurance premium.

Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of $100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of $300. There is a $50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available at https://www.aifscustomized.com/pdf/insurance_semester.pdf.

Optional medical insurance upgrade and personal effects insurance

A medical insurance upgrade provides a maximum $250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of $300 ($65 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional personal effects insurance covers loss or theft up to $1,000, subject to a maximum $100 per item ($500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of $90 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

AIFS Refund Policy

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Customized, Faculty-led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student’s application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments is made, less a non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Friday, May 17, 2019, a full refund will be made less $150, including any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student withdraws after Friday, May 17, 2019, but on or before Friday, July 12, 2019, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the $450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a $150 processing fee, and the $125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, July 12, 2019, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the $150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits.

Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Friday, July 12, 2019. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.

This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Barcelona requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.AIFSCUSTOMIZED.COM/NCASAC, OR CONTACT THE COORDINATOR ON YOUR CAMPUS:

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