

Excursion to Barcelona, Spain

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THE ELIZABETHAN ACADEMY

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We hope that this booklet will provide you with information about the Excursion to Spain and will answer many of your questions. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

The group consists of 23 students, accompanied by 3 members of staff – Mrs Morris, Mr Lister and Miss Goodall

The Excursion has been organised through NST (ABTA BONDED).

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TRAVEL DETAILS

OUTWARD JOURNEY

Thursday 9 February 2017

Report	Elizabethan Academy	11.30 hrs
Depart	Elizabethan Academy	12.00 hrs
Arrive	Manchester airport – Check-in	14.30 hrs
Depart	Manchester	16.30 hrs
Arrive	Barcelona El Prat airport Airline: Ryanair Flight number: FR7542	19.50 hrs
Arrive	Alberg Pere Tarres	20.30 hrs

RETURN JOURNEY

Sunday 12 February 2017

Depart	Alberg Pere Tarres	10.45 hrs
Arrive	Barcelona El Prat airport – Check-in Airline: Ryanair Flight number: FR9387	11.25 hrs
Depart	Barcelona El Prat airport	13.25 hrs
Arrive	East Midlands airport	14.55 hrs
Arrive	Elizabethan Academy	17.00 hrs

NB: Spanish time is one hour in advance of BST. The flight will be with Ryanair Airlines. The coach travel in England will be with Moxons Coaches.

PROGRAMME

This is our intended programme:

DATE	TIME	
Day 1 Thursday 9 February 2017	11.30 12.00 14.30 16.30 19.50 20.30 21.00	Meet at school Depart school Check in Manchester airport Flight departure time: Arrive Barcelona Approximate time of arrival at the hotel Dinner
Day 2 Friday 10 February 2017	08.00 10.00 13.30 16.30 19.30	Breakfast Visit to Casa Batllo Visit to Park Guell Sagrada Familia Dinner
Day 3 Saturday 11 February 2017	08.15 10.00 13.00 17.00	Breakfast FC Barcelona Museum / Nou Camp Stadium Las Ramblas Hard Rock Café
Day 4 Sunday 12 February 2017	09.00 10.45 11.25 13.25 14.55 17.00	Breakfast Depart Accommodation Check in Flight departure time: Arrive East Midlands Arrive School

ACCOMODATION

We shall stay at the Alberg Pere Tarres. We will spend three nights here on a full board basis.

Address:

Alberg Pere Tarres
Carrer de Numancia 149 - 151
Barcelona 8029

Telephone: 00 34 934 10 23 09

PASSPORTS

The party will take their own individual passport. Each student will carry a photocopy of their passport (a Spanish requirement).

INSURANCE

- 1 EHIC (Medical Insurance)
- 2 Comprehensive insurance has been arranged through Nottinghamshire County Council.

SPENDING MONEY

ENGLISH MONEY

You may wish your son/daughter to purchase food at the airport on the outward journey and lunch on the return journey. If you decide this is desirable, £10 would be sufficient. Please split this into two £5 and place in two separate envelopes. Participants will have their first meal at the hotel, which will be a hot dinner. If students haven't finished their lunch, they will not be allowed to take it through the security checks – it will have to be disposed of before this point.

EUROS

As a rough guide, about €60 (£50 approx.) will be needed to cover purchases of souvenirs, ice creams, drinks (Coke can cost £1+). Money should be changed **BEFORE** travel to Spain. This can take a few days from a bank or building society, but local travel agents or the Post Office, Retford, can offer an on the spot service.

Money, unless needed for the outward journey and for the first day of the excursion, should be put in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the student's name and given to staff tonight or to the Main Office by Monday 6 February 2017. Whilst we are in Spain, this envelope will be left at the Hostel for safekeeping. Pocket money will be distributed after breakfast each day. If you wish your son/daughter to buy a meal on the return journey, please put €5 in another envelope, again clearly labelled with their name.

LUGGAGE

Students should bring one small piece of hand baggage. This must adhere to the airline's regulations, as excess baggage charges cannot be paid for by the Elizabethan Academy. **PLEASE NOTE** parents will be responsible for paying excess baggage charges imposed by the airline, currently £10 per kilo with Ryanair Airlines.

One piece of hand baggage is allowed on Ryanair flights, with standard maximum dimensions of 55cm x 40cm x 20cm. The weight limit to your carry-on bag is 10kg, however you can split this over two separate pieces of hand baggage. However the two pieces must not weigh more than 10kg combined.

Students will be responsible for carrying their own luggage. All luggage should be clearly marked with the student's name

Liquids in hand baggage

There are a number of rules to remember about what to put in your hand baggage and what to leave at home or pack in your hold luggage. Importantly, the word "liquids" has a wider meaning than you would perhaps think in the first instance. For example: lip balm, lip sticks, hand creams, deodorant, and hair spray are all considered liquids in this context.

Important: There are strict security regulations for carrying liquids in your hand baggage. There are limits to the amount of liquids you can carry on board in your hand baggage. **Please expect the rules to be strictly enforced at the airport.**

- Your liquids must be in separate containers with a maximum volume of 100ml each
- You must carry these containers in a single, transparent, re-sealable plastic bag (the size of a small toiletry bag) with a total capacity 1 litre (approximately 20cm x 20cm)
- The containers must fit comfortably in the bag and you must be able to seal it closed
- This bag must be presented separately for examination at the airport security checkpoint
- If any of your items do not meet the stated requirements you may be asked to dispose of them at security

You'll be asked to dispose of any liquids that don't match these requirements so please take note!



DRESS

Students are expected to be reasonably dressed at all times; comfortable clothing should be packed. No objection is raised to smart jeans. Flat comfortable shoes should be worn at all times. Do pack a waterproof coat/umbrella in case of rain. We do encourage students to change into smarter clothes for their evening meal.

Average daytime temperatures in Barcelona in February are about 14°C (about 57°F).

School Uniform need not be worn.

BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour will be exemplary.

Students are expected to be courteous to the coach driver and airline staff at all times. Litter should be placed in the bags provided. If there is a chemical toilet on the bus, please use this only in emergencies, as the driver may not have the opportunity to empty storage tanks and refill the cistern!

IMPORTANT

For your own safety, you will be expected to SIT in your seat at all times on the coach and the aeroplane. You **MUST NOT** kneel on the seats or walk or run up and down the aisle of the bus or aeroplane. You **MUST** always wear your seat belt. **CHEWING GUM is banned at all times.**

Students MUST listen carefully to the safety briefing given by the airline staff before take-off. They must also follow the instructions given by the airline staff immediately and without question.

.... and in the hostel

Students will be expected to remain in their own rooms and to keep the noise to a reasonable level – remember, walls can be **VERY** thin! Boys are not allowed in girls' rooms under any circumstances and *vice versa*.

At meal times, noise should be kept to a reasonable level – we must show consideration for all other guests. Mobile phones are not permitted at meal times.

Smoking and alcohol are banned. Students will be supervised at all times in the hotel.

DIARY

The excursion will be a valuable educational experience. Students will be encouraged to speak Spanish as much as possible. They will be able to note and appreciate the different customs of the country we are visiting. They will also have the opportunity to visit a number of places of historical and cultural interest.

As a souvenir of the visit, students will be asked to complete a diary of the visit. They should collect postcards and other mementoes to include in their diary during the visit. Prizes will be awarded for the best diaries.

VALUABLES

All valuables (cameras, mp3s, iPods, iPads, etc.) are taken at the student's own risk. We are insured for loss or theft, but we expect students to take care of their own belongings at all times.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones may be taken, but it would be advisable to check, prior to departure, whether they will work abroad. Pay phones will be available for use. Students often share the cost of a phone card and it is the most economical way to phone home.

ALCOHOL & CUSTOMS RIGHTS

It is illegal for students to purchase alcohol (of any sort) and cigarettes in Spain; it is illegal for students to bring any alcohol drinks or tobacco products (cigars, cigarettes, tobacco) into this country. It is also illegal to bring flick knives or any other offensive weapons (however innocent it may be or look e.g. "flick combs"), fireworks and pornographic literature into this country. Replica guns of any type, however innocent they may be, **MUST NOT** be bought.

THINGS TO TAKE

Normal washing requirements, books/magazines and games for the journey and for free time, pens, pencils and crayons. Towels will be provided.

Please notify staff of any medical requirements. Do let us know if these have changed recently.

We shall take a first-aid kit with us, but if:

- You need to take any medicines, bring an adequate supply.
- You think you are going to have a headache or an upset stomach bring something that works for you.
- All medication should be packed in your carry-on luggage NOT your checked-in luggage
- If you are a poor traveller, remember to bring plenty of travel sickness pills.

Make sure that you sit at the front of the coach and that you take your tablets!

In case of emergencies only!

Trip Leader's mobile phone number: 07967 196220

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