



EF Experiential Training Tour: Barcelona

EF is committed to safety and support and we make it our priority to ensure that educators are fully prepared to lead educational tours. During an EF Training Tour, Group Leaders will collaborate and learn from peers along with EF staff and experienced EF Group Leaders to cover a wide range of important topics such as tour safety, traveller engagement, and on-the-ground logistics. By exploring a new destination and experiencing an EF tour first-hand, Group Leaders develop the skills and practical know-how to handle any situation and will be ready to confidently lead a safe and successful tour.

What you'll experience on an EF Training Tour

Experiential learning

This Training Tour is a simulation of what you will experience with your students on tour. Experiencing an EF tour first-hand will not only help prepare you to lead students, but will also foster confidence as an educator and Group Leader.

Connection

Engage in thoughtful discussions with new and experienced Group Leaders as well as EF staff. Discover new ways of connecting your tour to the curriculum—and bring your classroom to life.

Reflection

Get insight into how to better engage your students in reflection exercises that connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons to encourage students' personal growth through travel.

Building perspective

Group Leaders will build a richer understanding of what it means to lead a tour and gain a better perspective of a tour experience from a student's point of view.

Barcelona

Experiential Training Tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

Day 2: Experiential Learning

Arrive in Barcelona: “Bienvenidos” and welcome to Barcelona. At the airport, you will be greeted by your Tour Director and EF staff, who will remain with you for the duration of the tour. Your hotel will likely not be ready for check-in, so you will head right into the city.

Walking tour of Barcelona: Explore open-air plazas and wander along Las Ramblas, a pedestrian mall where you'll find endless entertainment, restaurants, markets, and monuments.

See La Sagrada Família: Artist and architect Antoni Gaudí designed this basilica to require construction methods that had not yet been invented, and 130 years later, its ever-changing edifice still sets the dreamlike tone of the city.

Welcome dinner: Become acquainted with your colleagues, experienced EF Group Leaders, and EF staff members as you enjoy a typical on-tour meal.

Key learnings:

- Experience international travel while considering the logistics of airport security, customs, and potential delays—and learn how to navigate each with your group
- Keep your group energized and set the tone for a positive tour experience while experiencing jet lag on arrival day
- Familiarize yourself with the pace of a student tour
- Check into a standard EF hotel property and practice organizing rooming and managing your group at the hotel
- Experience a typical on-tour meal with your group

Day 3: Experiential Learning

Workshop session: This collaborative session offers the opportunity to hear from EF staff and experienced Group Leaders about the on-tour experience with EF. In a panel discussion, we will review best practices surrounding safety, group management, student engagement, and various Group Leader responsibilities on tour. You'll also learn about on-tour reflection exercises, which can be brought back to your classroom.

Sightseeing tour of Barcelona: Gain first-hand understanding of the value of expert, local guides as you explore cultural and historical highlights of Barcelona. Visit the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, and get a panoramic view of the harbour from atop Montjuïc Hill.

Park Güell: Playful and unusual, Park Güell is a feast for the senses and one of many examples of Gaudí's vivid imagination. This vast public park features colourful mosaics and remarkable architecture.

Key learnings:

- Discuss safety on tour as it applies to your role as a Group Leader, as well as EF's approach to safety
- Gain a better understanding of EF's worldwide presence
- Hear from experienced Group Leaders on how to facilitate tipping local guides, bus drivers, and your Tour Director on tour
- Learn how to safely move as a large group in a major city
- Practice navigating public transportation in an international city with your group
- Collaborate with experienced Group Leaders on how to best maximize student engagement during long bus transfers
- Learn how to best set expectations and provide structure during free time on tour

Day 4: Experiential Learning

Workshop session: During this session, collaborate with new and experienced Group Leaders on different ways to ensure your students have positive physical journeys while travelling, but also meaningful personal growth. Discuss a range of important pre-tour topics, such as curricular alignment, successful recruiting strategies, student-driven learning, building your travel team, and creating a global education plan.

Farewell dinner: Reflect on what you've learned during your last evening in Barcelona at tonight's farewell dinner.

Flamenco evening: Feel the pulse of Spain when you attend an unforgettable flamenco performance!

Key learnings:

- Practice engaging your students in reflection exercises to connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons
- Collaborate with fellow educators and staff on EF's learning outcomes
- Understand how to best prepare yourself and your group for departure meetings
- Learn creative ways to generate student excitement and promote your tour
- Discuss best practices on how to build a sustainable travel program in your community

Day 5: Return home

Your Tour Director will facilitate your transport to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

Key learnings:

- Tour Departure procedures- packing, early morning transfers, and other logistics

Please note: Itinerary subject to change.

Accommodations and flight details to be announced approximately 14 days prior to departure.

EVERYTHING YOU GET



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: Barcelona



Entrances: Park Güell



Training workshops with EF and experienced Group Leaders.



Key learning opportunities:

Every EF Training Tour has been designed to provide enhanced key learning points each day of the program—to ensure Group Leaders are fully prepared to lead a tour with students.



Round-trip flights on major carriers; hotel accommodations; comfortable motor coach; breakfast daily and additional meals as specified.



Not included: Global Travel Protection Plan; activities during free time; select meals as per itinerary; customary gratuities for your Tour Director and driver



The tour was absolutely amazing and prepared me to travel with students. No other preparation would ever have been able to do that.

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