BARCELONA, SPAIN

Brief Overview: Barcelona, host city for the 1992 Olympic Games, is home to a wide variety of art, culture, architecture and life that easily blends the old Gothic Quarter with the new. As the center of the Modernism architectural movement, discoveries await around every corner. Perhaps the most well-known of these is La Sagrada Familia, Gaudi’s unfinished masterpiece and his final resting place. Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso and Joan Miro also resided in Barcelona and their works can be enjoyed at the Museu d’Art Modern, the Museu Picasso and the Fundacio Miro. Bullfighting, never very popular in this part of Spain, was outlawed in Catalunya in 2011. That has only increased the popularity of Futbol Club Barcelona (FC Barca), whose international renown makes Camp Nou a destination for devoted fans from around the world. Past meets present at night as well when the city is alive with traditional sounds of Rumba Cataluna, the smells and tastes of paella, the sights of dramatic lights and the Magic Fountain water and music display. Situated on the beautiful waters of the Mediterranean, Barcelona boasts the largest Aquarium in Europe.

Out of town: About an hour outside Barcelona is the breathtakingly beautiful Benedictine retreat of Montserrat. Please note that overnight programs to Madrid & Toledo as well as Zaragoza and Mallorca, will appear in the Valencia Field Program listing.

See some amazing pics in the Student Photo Gallery from 2013.

Highlights

Art and Architecture:
Day 2: BCN 110-201 Montserrat
Day 2: BCN 114-201 Sagrada Familia
Day 3: BCN 102-301 Gaudi’s Barcelona

Cultural highlights:
Day 1: BCN 110-101 Sporting Barcelona
Day 1: BCN 121-102 Old Town & Deep Rooted Traditions
Day 2: BCN 125-203 Event: Fire Running Evening in Barcelona

Nature/Outdoors:
Day 1: BCN 105-101 Barcelona by Bike
Day 2: BCN 123-201 E-Bike Barcelona: Air Land and Sea
Day 2: BCN 124-201 Horse Riding

Impact Opportunity:
Day 3: BCN 117-301 IMPACT: Meeting Casal dels Infants del Raval

Taste of Spain:
Day 2: BCN122-201 Human Towers Festival & Traditional Cuisine
Day3: BCN 119-201 Anthropology of Food

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Day 1: Saturday, October 17

Two-thousand-year-old Barcelona has long rivaled Madrid as Spain’s most important city. It is the capital of Catalunya and has its own language, distinct character, and turbulent history. After hosting the 1992 Summer Olympics, Barcelona has come into its own as one of Europe’s most attractive and modern cities, most notably for its impressive architecture.

This overview will whet your appetite and introduce you to the places you will most certainly want to come back to explore on your own during your time in Barcelona. Visit Pueblo Español, located on Montjuïc Hill, where you can view artisans at work. This area, which was built in 1929 for the International Exposition, features an open-air museum and a real “village” with houses, streets and squares that represent the culture, architecture and traditions from different regions of Spain. Take a few moments to climb the slopes of Montjuïc, the city’s 700-foot-tall hill, to Mirador Del Alcalde, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the city and harbor. This is the site of the 1992 Olympic Ring, as well as numerous parks, fountains and museums.

Driving down Passeig de Gràcia you will view numerous examples of Antoni Gaudí-inspired architecture, including the modernist-style Gaudí houses Casa Amatller and Casa Batlló. Pass La Pedrera (Catalan for “the quarry”), one of Gaudí’s most famous works, which is known for its unique façade, undulating smooth stone walls and elaborate iron balconies. Along the way, see La Sagrada Familia, one of the most visited sites in Spain. Designed by Gaudí in 1882, this awe-inspiring building remains unfinished after a century, lacking completed walls and a roof.

Get off the bus for a guided walking tour through the narrow streets of Barcelona’s Barri Gotic (also known as the city’s old Gothic Quarter), an area that is home to numerous historic palaces, plazas and cobblestone streets. Before leaving this area, visit the Cathedral of Barcelona, a 600-year-old Gothic cathedral located at the heart of the Barri Gotic.

“This is an ideal orientation tour! It just covers everything!” -- Keili, SU’13 Voyage

Read about one voyager’s highlights of Barcelona.

Please note: Proper attire is required to enter the Cathedral. Shoulders and knees must be covered.
This is for all you FIFA, UEFA and Messi fans! Go INSIDE the locker rooms, press boxes and the president’s box at Camp Nou, home to the Futbol Club Barcelona! And you’ll have plenty of time to browse the Camp Nou museum and store. **If you can't get enough of FC Barça, this is for you!** After basking in the glow of the team, head to Olympic Park and see the 1992 Olympic stadium. The views from here are incredible.

“*I could have stayed all day!*” – Alex, SU’13 Voyage

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Join with friends or form a team with members of your sea to compete in this fun scavenger hunt around the las Ramblas area. Along the way, you will not only learn your way around, but you will also learn something about its history, its tastes (yes, you will try some local flavors!), music and culture.

Teaser: Find this “street mural.” Which famous artist created it? Bonus points if you guess the year.

*A fun twist on a city orientation!*
Whenever possible, we make every effort to connect SASers with students at universities in the ports we visit. Hopefully a student exchange and welcome will be possible in Barcelona with the EU University – Barcelona Campus.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Student exchange

### Minimum Registration: 25

### Maximum Capacity: 50

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This walking tour introduces visitors to the traditional places and unusual activities that have been a part of Barcelona life for centuries. First, the Gothic quarter is the center of the old city of Barcelona, where many of the buildings date from Medieval and Roman times. Walk through the Ramblas, the Boqueria Market (a feast for your senses!) and the Liceo Theatre, a great example of the magnificence of the bourgeoisie. Uncover the secrets of Santa María del Pi gothic church, the old Jewish District, Sant Felip Neri Square and the imprint that was left upon it by the Civil War.

Once a year towns and villages throughout Catalonia celebrate the most important of all festivals held during the year: the “FESTA MAJOR”. The start of the celebrations is marked by the “cercavila”, a procession through the main streets of the town of a group of musicians accompanied by the giants, big-heads and fantastic creatures of papier-maché. (These are the original Fatheads!) Visit the Giants and Bigheads workshop. Learn everything about this deep rooted tradition and how they are made, in an authentic small old workshop in Barcelona. Conclude with a stop in a traditional Granja for delicious Churros and Chocolate before returning to the ship.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gothic Quarter
- Souvenir pictures with the big heads and giants
- Taste delicious “Xurros amb xocolata”
- Visit a real Workshop of Bigheads and the center where the City Giants are exposed

### Minimum Registration: 20

### Maximum Capacity: 50
BARCELONA BY BIKE

Explore the capital of Catalonia on a guided bicycle tour through the city streets. Visit the best corners of the city, including Parc de Ciutadell, the Barri Gotic Cathedral, Plaça del Rei, Plaça Sant Jaume, Las Ramblas, Columbus Avenue, Port Vell, Vila Olimpica, and Barceloneta—the old fisherman’s quarter and site of local beaches. In addition to your guide, a mechanic will also be on hand to ensure a safe and fun outing.

This has historically been the most popular SAS biking program.

Please Note: No children under 12 years; Max weight 260 pounds; Comfortable shoes and clothes are recommended for the bike tour. This tour involves physical activity—Guests must be in good health.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Port Olympic
- Parque de la Ciudadela
- Gothic Quarter
- Las Ramblas

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50

EVENT: FIRE RUNNING EVENING IN BARCELONA

Yes, this is just what it sounds like—usually part of La Merce Festival (in Barcelona, this unique tradition called “Correfoc” brings sparklers, drums, music and dancing together is an exciting celebration. Even though our port call doesn’t quite coincide with the festival, voyagers can still experience the excitement with this full recreation in the Spanish Village. You will experience how a group of villagers from all ages (“Colla de Diables), dressed like devils and percussionists will turn the Spanish village into a fiery cauldron of light and fireworks. It all represents the fight of the Good against the Evil. The experienced local guide will show the outfits and special clothes “devils” wear during their performance and will explain secrets and details behind this tradition; which is strongly connected to the history of the town.

You can take it all in from the side lines or get involved the same way a local does and get surrounded by locals, dance with the devils between the crowds or just watch the spectacle of fire as an observer. It will be a real and unforgettable experience anyway! NOTE: NEW DATE!

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Montjuic Hill
- Spanish Village
- Fire Running

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 100
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 160
Day 2: Sunday, October 18

**IMPORTANT:** If you are registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day. Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

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**BCN 124-201 HORSE RIDING**

Calling all horse-lovers and riders. Explore the Catalan countryside, surrounded by pines and tweeting wild birds. And uncover the stunning secrets hidden in the depths of the wood. Learn how to take care of the horses and after the energetic walk, build a relationship with the horses and learn how to communicate with them.

This could be the perfect experience for nature lovers looking to escape from the city!

**Please Note:** Closed toe shoes and long pants required. A light jacket is encouraged. Beginners to experienced riders welcome.

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**BCN 110-201 MONTSERRAT**

Travel from Barcelona to Montserrat, a breathtakingly beautiful Benedictine monk retreat about one hour northwest of the city. This trip is not to be missed, as many visitors call this the **highlight of their trip to Spain**.

Located 2,380 feet above sea level, Montserrat, which means “jagged mountain” in Catalan, is known for its religious significance and its interesting rock formations. Begin your visit with a trip to the Santa Maria de Montserrat monastery—a Benedictine Abbey and a 16th century Basilica. The monastery, which has hosted pilgrims and visitors since 1025, is still home to more than 80 monks who have dedicated their lives to prayer. Enjoy a performance of Gregorian chants and other religious music (if available) by the oldest boys' choir in Europe. Santa Cova (Holy Cave) in Montserrat marks the site of visions townspeople witnessed in the 880s.

According to legend, religious elders of the community found an image of the Virgin Mary in the cave, and from that moment on the site has been known as a holy sanctuary for religious pilgrims.

Following the tour, enjoy free time to walk through the mountain to view unusual rock formations or hike to the mountaintop for panoramic views of the Catalanian countryside.

**Enjoy a preview** of the beauty of Montserrat. **Read about** one student’s memorable visit to the ancient monastery.
This tour is a quick and precise immersion into the world of Gaudí, an architect closely identified with Barcelona. Discover Gaudí’s most famous works in the city, from the apartment buildings like Casa Batllo and La Pedrera to the soaring spires of La Sagrada Familia. Board your motorcoach for a drive up the Passeig de Gràcia, a wide boulevard lined with some of the city’s most celebrated Art Nouveau buildings. Drive slowly past Casa Batló (known locally as Casa dels ossos, House of Bones) and La Pedrera (known as the stone quarry).

We will take you inside Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia. Designed by Gaudí in 1883, this awe-inspiring building boasts three massive spires yet lacks complete walls or a roof. Construction is still being completed by Gaudí’s collaborators. Your guide will describe the church’s features, including the nativity façade, the flamboyant spires and the modern stained-glass windows. Visit the Gaudí Museum, located on the church’s lower level, to learn more about the architect’s life and achievement.

“I enjoyed it. It was great that we saw the inside and there was no line with our tickets.” — Andrea, SU’13 Voyage

One of the hottest architects in Barcelona met with SAS participants in 2012 to discuss the city’s remarkable architecture and urban landscape design. Read more here.

Cover more ground on an “e-bike” and enjoy Barcelona from all sides and heights: LAND, SEA and AIR. You will be transferred to the Gothic Quarter where you will start this adventure riding across the Old Town with a smart electric bike (by Mercedes Benz). You will be riding across Old Town till the cable car that will take you up to Montjuïc Hill. This will be for sure unique panoramic viewpoints of the city. Once reached Montjuïc outside.

From this point you will have a nice panoramic of the Olympic Ring (site of the Olympic Games 1992). After experiencing Barcelona from the Top, proceed with the bikes to the lowest point: The Sea. An eco-boat will be waiting for you to sail along the Barcelona’s seashore to the Olympic Harbor and enjoy the city seafront and its main beaches.

Of course, you cannot leave Barcelona without seeing the main Barcelona Highlights: Sagrada Familia. Take your e-Bike and ride through Ciutadella Park and Arc de Triomf to reach this still unfinished church designed by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí. Have some time to stroll around and take unforgettable pictures before riding back across the Passeig de Gràcia where you could admire the façade of the La Pedrera.

Return to the Gothic Quarter and take the bus back to the ship. NOT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS.
Raval neighborhood is a labyrinth of little streets. During the 1990’s open spaces were created among the old buildings and the neighborhood gained new light. Today, Plaça dels Angels has become a hub for young skaters and artists who gather in the area and enjoy the new public space. The modern shining-white building of MACBA Museum glows next to old buildings creating a mysterious architectonic disagreement. Biblioteca Nacional de Catalunya used to be a Hospital in the past and was built in amazing gothic style. We will also have the opportunity to see Sant Antoni market, which on Sunday the folk swap all kinds of printed materials.

After the walking tour, enjoy a traditional Diada at Sant Antoni neighborhood, learn Human Tower performance and experience how it feels being among the crowd by joining la “Pinya” (solid base in the tower). Castells (human towers) are a unique practice in the world and UNESCO declared it Intangible World Heritage. This is a must experience when visiting Catalunya!

Before returning to the Ship, relax and enjoy a traditional 3 course meal of Catalan and Spanish cuisine by savoring the exquisite taste of local Catalan food while sharing tales of your unforgettable human tower adventure in Catalonia.

The schedule has released for October. Sunday, October 18 the men in blue and red will be playing Rayo Vallecano (nickname: “Rayo”), a Madrid-based La Liga team sure to bring about some rivalries. We will get a block of tickets to see the most popular sports team in the world play in their home stadium. The trip includes ROUNDTRIP transportation with an escort and entry to what will undoubtedly turn out to be one of the voyage highlights! There will be a limited number of seats. DON’T MISS IT!

Check out these Go Pro moments from the Fall 2014 voyagers at a match here!
Day 3: Monday, October 19

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**BCN106-301 MARKETS OF BARCELONA MORNING**

This tour is the best way to experience how a Barcelonian lives. The old quarter, with its charm and little shops, colourful and busy markets are a part of a daily life here.

**Boquería Market**

It originated as an open-air market, in front of one of the gates of the old city wall (Pla de la Boqueria) where fruit and vegetable traders from local towns and farms nearby would sell their products. This market has a cover deck of iron compound of five identical bodies without perimeter closing that was constructed in 1914. The Market itself dates from a document of the year 1217. Today it is one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks, with an entrance from La Rambla, not far from the Liceu Barcelona's opera house. The market has a very diverse selection of goods.

**Santa Caterina market**

There used to be a church and the convent of Santa Caterina, of the Dominican order of the Preachers, on the site. Because of the discovery of the archaeological rests of the Church and the Convent of Santa Caterina, the market went through a restoration and re-inauguration, opening its doors in May of 2005. Its iron cover is already one of the emblematic images of the city.

Please note: This program does NOT include any tastings or tapas. If you would like to taste samples, bring some extra money.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Boquería Market
- Sta. Caterina Market
- Gothic Quarter

**MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25**

**MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50**
Enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the Spanish culinary world and prepare a typical Spanish Tapas. Depart from the pier to Columbus Statue and walk to the Gothic Quarter. Explore the Santa Caterina Market, one of the oldest markets in Barcelona in operation since 1848. Hundreds of fishmongers' stalls sell seafood so fresh it's still cold from the ocean; butchers offer lean cuts and exotic sausages, and fruit and vegetable stands span all three levels.

Next, you'll head to the Boqueria Market. Originated as an open-air market, in front of one of the gates of the old city wall (Pla de la Boqueria) where fruit and vegetable traders from local towns and farms nearby would sell their products. It dates back to the year 1217 and today it is one of the city's foremost tourist landmarks.

From the market you will go to the restaurant 3 Nusos, located at Barceloneta quarter, where a chef will show you how to do 3 typical Spanish Tapas and obviously taste them. After the workshop, enjoy a meat and fish paella, desserts and coffee.

Paella is a quintessential dish of Spanish cuisine. Read about SAS students’ experiences making this renowned dish on the 2012 Voyage. Warning: your mouth will water!

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HIGHLIGHTS
- Boqueria Market
- Santa Caterina Market
- Tapas Workshop at Barceloneta
- Paella lunch

MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40
Rarely is an architect so closely identified with a city as Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926) is with Barcelona—the Catalan master of Art Nouveau and Barcelona are inextricably linked. Discover Gaudí’s most important masterpieces on a drive through the city, from the soaring spires of La Sagrada Família to the undulating curves of Parc Güell and Casa Batllo.

First, stop at the Parc Güell (photo left), a garden with architectural elements designed by Gaudí and built between 1900-1914. The architect’s signature touches can be found everywhere in the park, from the whimsical shape of the cast-iron benches and porticoes to the stunning mosaic work. Enjoy free time to wander throughout the park.

Next, stop for a guided tour of architect Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece, La Sagrada Família. Designed by Gaudí in 1883, this awe-inspiring building boasts three massive spires yet lacks complete walls or a roof. Construction is being completed by Gaudí’s collaborators. Your guide will describe the church’s features, including the nativity façade, the flamboyant spires and the modern stained-glass windows. Visit the Gaudí Museum, located on the church’s lower level, to learn more about the architect.

Visit La Pedrera (Catalan for “the quarry”), one of Gaudí’s most famous works and the last secular building he designed. Built between 1906-1910 for the Milà family, this interesting building, which was recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage Site in 1984, features several exhibition spaces—the first-floor art gallery features shows of eminent artists; the fourth floor features an audio guide for a reconstructed Modernista flat, with a luxurious bedroom suite by Gaspar Homar; and the attic holds a museum highlighting Gaudí’s career. Visitors also may venture onto the roof to view elaborate chimneys that feature heads shaped like the helmets of medieval knights (pictured at right).

Finally, drive down Passeig de Gràcia, a wide boulevard lined with some of the city’s most celebrated Art Nouveau buildings. Stop at Casa Batllo (known locally as Casa dels ossos, House of Bones), a Modernist-style building restored by Gaudí, before returning to the ship.

Watch this video for a preview of Gaudi’s one-of-a-kind architecture in Barcelona. 

NOTE: AVOID THE LONG WAITS AND ENTRANCE FEES AT ALL OF THESE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE PARK!
The neighborhood of El Raval is located on the opposite side of las Ramblas, to the Gothic Quarter. This area was originally located within the city walls and nowadays has been slowly urbanized experiencing a huge transformation. Raval has historical buildings such Gaudi's medievalist Palau Güell, modern museums like Richard Meier's monumental MACBA; futuristic buildings like Barceló hotel or hidden gems like the Hospital de la Santa Creu.

But on the opposite site, Raval has been always the closest district to the port, that’s why since the early beginning of the 19th Century; the downtown area of Raval has been associated with large-scale immigration, poverty, prostitution and other social problems.

Casal Dels Infants del Raval – is an organization born in 1983 with the aim to look for an opportunity of growth as a district. Originally was focused on children problems, even though nowadays has been extended to families with social exclusion troubles.

You’ll meet one of Casal Dels infants del Raval representative that will take you to 3 different buildings located in Raval quarter

**Taller del Raval:** workshops and specific trainings for teenagers exposed to risks or social difficulties. The group will visit the studio and see how training takes place.

**Assistance Centre to families and children:** the group will visit the child’s centre (from 3 to 12 years old) where the school support and reinforce and other activities take place. They will talk about other projects focused on mothers with social exclusion problems with infants from 0-3 years old

**Assistance Centre to teenagers:** for school support and sport activities as well. They will explain other projects they have during the morning, following the same line as school reinforce but focused with specific students with academic failure problems

**Please Note:** The Centres will be opened and operating therefore we might split the group in smaller groups to respect their privacy, should they consider it necessary.

The SAS FUND will make a donation to the organization.

**NOTE: OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS WILL DEPART FROM VALENCIA**