



## ***Educational Tours***

International Study Travel Program (ISTP) / Operated by EF, an Approved FCPS Vendor



### ***Live the language***

To learn Spanish, it helps to fall in love with Spain. The International Study Travel Program (ISTP) makes both happen by combining authentic cultural experiences with interactive lessons taught out on the road. Each day has a theme—like art, history or food—that connects the day's lesson to hands-on activities and conversations with locals. Your fluency expands along with your confidence and passion for the language. And through it all, your Language Immersion Program Director is by your side, supporting your language learning and highlighting every breakthrough moment.

### ***FCPS Portrait of a Graduate***

International travel is an opportunity to transform and inspire students. Experiencing different cultures, navigating new languages and exploring historic sites will help develop global perspectives needed for success in today's interconnected world. The skills and confidence gained on these cross-cultural experiences give FCPS students the chance to learn and succeed beyond the classroom – the driving goal behind Fairfax County's Portrait of a Graduate.

# GLOBAL COMMUNICATORS: LANGUAGE IMMERSION THROUGH SPAIN

8 days / Spain

## What you'll experience on your ISTP Language Immersion Program

Each day in Spain is built around a daily theme that explores topics you can relate to like food, history and culture. You'll improve your Spanish skills and confidence as you discover a new appreciation for the local culture.

### LANGUAGE LESSONS

You'll learn and practice vocabulary relevant to each day's theme during an interactive lesson led by your Language Immersion Program Director. Your lessons are a chance to have conversations with fellow students as you prepare for each day's immersive activities.

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Learning how to cook a meal with local ingredients or exploring daily life through a market challenge adds authentic cultural richness to your language development. And your specially trained Language Immersion Program Director will be by your side, helping and encouraging the beginners while challenging the more advanced students.

### INTERACTIONS WITH LOCALS

Conversing with locals at an exchange or over a home-cooked meal offers you an opportunity to put your new skills to use while learning more about local culture. With each conversation in Spanish, you will gain more confidence in your speaking and listening abilities.

> Use your Spanish to order *paella mixta*



Prepare traditional Spanish dishes



^ Interact with vendors at Madrid's produce market



Enjoy a traditional flamenco show



## DAY 1: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SPAIN

### DAY 2: MADRID

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's vibrant capital city. You're greeted at the airport by your Language Immersion Program Director, who will be with you throughout your experience. Begin your adventure at la Puerta del Sol, the bustling square where the country's radial network of roads begins. Continue on to Plaza Mayor, Madrid's regally beautiful central square designed and constructed during Philip III's reign.

- Explore Spain's national art museum, the Prado.

### DAY 3: MADRID

*Daily Theme: Culinary Traditions*—Traditional Spanish cuisine ranges from full plates of local seafood to small tapas shared with friends. As you'll discover, Spanish cuisine relies heavily on Mediterranean ingredients like fish, tomatoes, garlic and olive oil.

- Review and practice food-related vocabulary in an interactive language lesson.
- Visit Madrid's central produce market overflowing with fresh fruit, vegetables, seafood, sausages, cheeses and meats (including the finest Jabugo ham). This morning you'll interact with local vendors during a market challenge while trying traditional Spanish foods.
- Make traditional Spanish dishes at a cooking class led by a local Spanish chef.
- Debrief your day during a facilitated Spanish reflection. What new foods did you try? What is different and similar between culinary traditions in Spain and in your country?

### DAY 4: MADRID

*Daily Theme: Spanish Heritage and Religion*—Thanks to the diversity of people who have lived on and ruled the Iberian Peninsula, the connection between history and religion is particularly strong in Spain.

- Uncover stories from Spain's rich history and practice speaking about your own personal histories during an interactive language lesson.
- Travel to Toledo, where Muslims, Jews and Christians peacefully coexisted for generations after the 8th-century arrival of the Moors.
- Explore Toledo with an expert local guide. You'll see St. Mary's Synagogue, the Church of Santo Tomé and the Toledo Cathedral.

- Experience the soul of Spain as you observe a traditional flamenco performance. Born of Indian, Moorish, Arabian, and gypsy influences, flamenco dance is a passionate display of intricate heel-work and clapping.
- Debrief your day during a facilitated Spanish reflection. How are religion and history interconnected in your country?

### DAY 5: MADRID

Welcome to Barcelona, Spain's Mediterranean gem. As the capital of proud Cataluña, Barcelona was the heart of resistance under the rule of General Franco. The city, which hosted the 1992 Olympic Games, celebrates its unique identity through language, art and culture.

- Travel by AVE, Spain's high-speed train, to Barcelona.
- Your Program Director leads you on a walking orientation of Barcelona. Start at Las Ramblas, a mile-long pedestrian boulevard which begins at the vibrant Plaza de Catalunya. Continue on to the oldest part of the city, Barrio Gótico, with many buildings dating back to medieval times.

### DAY 6: BARCELONA

*Daily Theme: Spanish Art and Artists*—Antoni Gaudí, one of Spain's most renowned architects, has left his mark throughout Barcelona. Explore how his influence affects the whole feel of the city.

- Master art-related terms while practicing your conversational Spanish in an interactive language lesson.
- Explore the fantasyland of Park Güell, a beautiful municipal garden designed by Gaudí.
- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's cathedral masterpiece. Construction started in 1882, yet no one knows if the finished product will be what Gaudí intended. Marvel at the intricate facade and mosaics—or climb one of the many towers for a spectacular view of the city.
- Enjoy a homemade dinner with Spanish locals. This is the perfect opportunity to gain insight into Spanish culture.

### DAY 7: BARCELONA

*Daily Theme: Daily Life in Spain*—Imagine a world where dinner doesn't start until well after 9 p.m., and where businesses close for a couple hours each day for siestas. Today, explore what daily life is like in Spain compared with the United States.

- Practice conversational Spanish as you learn about daily life in Spain.

- Participate in a cultural exchange activity with local young people. Whether it's a trivia night, a pickup soccer game, a student-guided walking tour or a community project, you'll hear about life in Barcelona and what it's like to be a Spanish teenager. Of course, they'll have questions for you, too.
- Take time to further explore Barcelona, and reflect on your experiences today in Spanish with the group. How does daily life in Madrid differ from that in Barcelona?

### DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME

Your tour may be coming to an end, but your lifelong love of the Spanish language is only beginning.

\*Itinerary is subject to change



### LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Your local, certified Program Director works alongside your teacher to provide linguistic insight, in addition to handling all on-tour logistics. They're here to:

- Teach daily classes to help prepare you for the day's activities
- Facilitate key language-learning moments while exploring the country
- Help you with regional slang and colloquial phrases
- Stay with your group 24/7, handling all on-tour details, from meals to transportation



### START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, visit [www.eftours.com/enroll](http://www.eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364.

For complete financial and registration details, go to [www.eftours.com/bc](http://www.eftours.com/bc)

### ALL THE DETAILS ARE COVERED

Round-trip flights on major carriers; ground transportation; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Daily Breakfast and dinner; Gratuity; Insurance

### NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR

Beverages and lunches; Portage; Any applicable baggage handling fees imposed by airlines; Passports; Visas and reciprocity fees



### THE LANGUAGE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

*Program price includes*



#### FULL-TIME LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Your bilingual Program Director is by your side 24/7, building your language confidence through lessons and providing cultural context throughout your trip—all while handling on-tour logistics everywhere you go.



#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Market challenge; Cooking class; Interactive activities with locals; Dinner with locals



#### ENTRANCES

Royal Palace; Prado; Toledo; Cathedral Church of Santo Tomé; St. Mary's Synagogue; Flamenco show; Sagrada Familia; Parque Güell



#### LANGUAGE LESSONS

Daily interactive language learning with your certified Language Immersion Program Director



#### WESHARE

Our online platform for a deeper learning experience