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# Good Counsel College Barcelona



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## Day 1      Friday, 13 April 2018

04:15hrs      Meet your GTI representative at Dublin airport (**Terminal 2**) during your check in.

04:15hrs      Check in for your Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Madrid at Dublin Airport – **Terminal 2**

**10 Kilos of hand luggage included per person**

**No checked luggage is included**

**Carrier:**                      Aer Lingus

**Destination:**                Barcelona

**Flight Number:**            EI 562

**Locators:**                    **2P5CCJ & 26JJMS**

Aer Lingus staff are available at the check-in machines should you encounter any difficulties.

Please make sure you keep your boarding card in a safe place with your passport for presentation at the boarding gate and also at security check.

06:45hrs      Depart on flight EI 562 from Dublin - (**Terminal 2**)

10:20hrs      Arrive Barcelona Airport

**When you are ready to depart please call this number: 0034 6089 34747 to contact your bus company and you will be told where to meet your bus driver**

10:30hrs      Meet your coach driver from (**LUX BUS**) who will be waiting in the **COACH PARKING** and he will have a GTI sign in the front window of the coach.

**Coach Driver:**    To be advised

**Mobile No:**        To be advised

10:45hrs      Depart by coach from Barcelona Airport and transfer to central Barcelona for lunch

12:00hrs      Walk down Las Ramblas

Las Ramblas, Barcelona's most famous street is both a tourist magnet and a window into Catalan culture, with cultural centres, theatres and architecturally intriguing buildings lining its sides. Set between narrow traffic lanes and flanked by plane trees, the middle of La Rambla is a broad pedestrian boulevard, crowded every day until the small hours with a wide cross section of society. A stroll will enchant you with souvenir hawkers,

buskers, pavement artists, mimes and living statues all part of the ever-changing street scene.

It takes its name from a seasonal stream (raml in Arabic) that once ran here. Unofficially, La Rambla is divided into five sections, which explains why many know it as Las Ramblas.

The initial stretch from Plaça de Catalunya is La Rambla de Canaletes , named after a turn-of-the-20th-century drinking fountain, the water of which supposedly emerges from what were once known as the springs of Canaletes. It used to be said that barcelonins 'drank the waters of Les Canaletes'. Nowadays people claim that anyone who drinks from the fountain will return to Barcelona, which is not such a bad prospect. This is the traditional meeting point for happy FC Barcelona fans when they win cups and competitions.

The second stretch, La Rambla dels Estudis (Carrer de la Canuda to Carrer de la Portaferrissa) is also called La Rambla dels Ocells (birds) because of its twittering bird market.

12:30hrs Lunch at own expense

**Note:** There is a Burger King at Las Ramblas 26 (4 minute walk from Columbus Statue and a McDonalds at Las Ramblas, 60 (7 minute walk from Columbus Statue)

13:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer to the Cosmo Caixa Science Museum

14:00hrs Visit to **Cosmo Caixa Science Museum Barcelona – Confirmed**

Teodor Roviralta 47 - 51  
08022  
Barcelona  
Spain  
Tel: +34 932126050  
[www.fundacio.lacaixa.es](http://www.fundacio.lacaixa.es)

**Important: Please remember to bring your letter from the school, dated and stamped listing the names and dates of birth of the students along with the teachers names**

This amazing museum, which opened in 2005, has been heralded as the finest science museum in Europe. CosmoCaixa Barcelona has an enormous variety of content and an innovative layout, turning it into one of the most modern museums of its kind. The new 50.000 m2 building increases the scientific offer of its predecessor.

The exhibitions are distributed throughout various rooms, including the Amazon Forest, the Geological Wall, Planetarium, etc. Visitors are invited to interact with many of the scientific experiments, making the whole experience richer and more entertaining, particularly for children.

**Cost included in your tour price – Pre paid on your behalf.**

15:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer to Tarragona

16:30hrs **Independent sightseeing in Tarragona**

Tarragona manages to be both a stylish contemporary and historic centre. You can combine both cultural and leisure pursuits here, touring Tarragona's many Roman and Medieval sights - its spectacular Medieval Gothic/Romanesque cathedral is particularly striking. Tarragona's centre, a mix of Medieval and Roman architecture, is also one of the most attractive in Catalonia. The Romans stamped their mark on Tarragona first calling it Tarraco. Tarragona during the Roman period around 27BC was a key Spanish centre.

It's not all Roman however in Tarragona. The Christians adopted it as a centre around 1089, and Medieval buildings and monuments here in Tarragona are equally absorbing - take the striking central old town Gothic cathedral with its intricate wall carvings, an old Jewish Quarter and a Medieval hospital. Add to this a long list of superb museums including a maritime museum, archaeological museums focusing on the Roman, a Tarragona harbour museum and a weapons museum, not to mention Tarragona's Museum of Modern art and its selection of beaches including town beach Platja del Miracle, oh and fantastic specialist shopping, Sunday markets and a choice of divine restaurants all come together to make Tarragona an exciting place to be!

18:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point in Tarragona and transfer to your hotel for check-in

19:00hrs Check into your hotel

3 night's accommodation at

**Hotel Calypso**  
**Pompeu Fabra, 54 -62**  
**43840 Salou**  
**Spain**  
**Tel: +34 977 384 900**

**IMPORTANT: €15 security deposit per person payable on arrival**  
**€0.50 tourist tax per person per day (over 16 years)**  
**payable on arrival**

**\*\*\* PJ ALSO PLEASE COLLECT YOUR MATCH TICKETS AT RECEPTION – THEY WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL THE COACH PARKING PERMIT SHOULD ALSO BE IN THIS ENVELOPE\*\*\* PLEASE GIVE THIS PERMIT TO THE DRIVER TOMORROW**

Buffet dinner at your hotel (19:30hrs – 21:30hrs)

Group can make use of the games room this evening after dinner. Please liaise with Ruben (event coordinator) on arrival for events at the hotel for all students staying at the hotel

Overnight accommodation

## **Day 2      Saturday, 14 April 2018**

08:00hrs      Breakfast at your hotel

Morning at the beach

12:30hrs      Depart by coach from your hotel and transfer to the Maremagnum Shopping Centre in Barcelona

**\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING MATCH TICKETS WITH YOU AND THE PARKING PERMIT FOR THE DRIVER\*\***

14:00hrs      Arrive at the Maremagnum for lunch at own expense

15:00hrs      Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer to the coach parking area at the Nou Camp

15:45hrs      Arrive at the Nou Camp to take your seats for the match

16:15hrs      **Camp Nou Stadium – Confirmed**  
Barcelona  
Spain  
Tel: +34 93 4963608

**Match: FC Barcelona v Valencia**

16:15hrs      Kick off of match between FC Barcelona v Seville

18:30hrs      Depart by coach from an agreed point with the coach and transfer back to your hotel

20:00hrs      Arrive back at your hotel

Buffet dinner at your hotel (19:30hrs – 21:30hrs)

Overnight accommodation

## **Day 3      Sunday, 15 April 2018**

08:00hrs      Breakfast at your hotel

09:30hrs      Depart by coach from your hotel and transfer to Barcelona centre

11:00hrs      Visit to **Camp Nou Stadium – Confirmed**

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### **Camp Nou Stadium**

The stadium has been the home of FC Barcelona since its construction in 1957. It is a UEFA 5-star rated stadium, and has hosted numerous international matches at senior level, and UEFA Champions League finals. It has a capacity of 98,772, making it the largest stadium in Europe, and the tenth largest in the world. Its official name was Estadi del FC Barcelona (FC Barcelona Stadium) until 2000, when the club membership voted to change the official name to the popular nickname, Camp Nou, Catalan for "new field".

### **Cost included in your tour price – Pre paid on your behalf.**

- 13:00hrs Lunch at own expense near the Camp Nou Stadium
- 14:00hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer to Montjuic
- 14:30hrs **Montjuic**

From various points of the city, and particularly from its tallest buildings, we can see the mountain of Montjuïc, the mountain situated between the city and the sea. At its summit is a castle, and at the foot of the abrupt precipice of its southern, seaward face lies the New Cemetery. On its eastern flank there is a garden of tropical and sub-tropical plants. Montjuïc is, together with Tibidabo, one of the two mountains that give our city character, described in an old song as the "pearl of the Mediterranean", surrounded by mountains and the sea, the "sentinels of its peace".

The northern slope, which descends gently towards the city, is covered with gardens. The upper part, where an amusement park operated for many years (built in 1966), is to become an area free of leisure facilities, thus favouring the existence of the natural landscape.

If we want to make a tour of the hill, we will find, in addition to the exotic gardens, a rose garden, some of the city's museums, various sculptures representative of traditional arts (The Lacemaker), historical figures (The Drummer Boy of El Bruc) and others dedicated to popular characters, writers and poets.

In Montjuïc we can visit some of the city's most significant museums: [the Museum of Popular Arts and Industries](#), the [Museum of Art of Catalonia](#), the [Archaeological Museum](#), the [Ethnological Museum](#) and the [Miró Foundation](#).

The castle which crowns the hill of Montjuïc is an old watchtower. At its entrance there are two engraved stones bearing the dates 1679 and 1704. By the road up to the castle there is a winged victory sculpture on a pedestal, which commemorates the aviator Juan Manuel Durán, one of the

heroes of the seaplane Plus Ultra which in 1926 made a non-stop Transatlantic flight from Spain to Argentina.

In 1751 the castle was enlarged by the engineer Juan Manuel Cermeño, giving it its present appearance. Interesting features are the parade ground, the well, and the bastions named San Carlos and Santa Amàlia in honour of King Carlos III and his wife

After 1940, and as a result of long negotiations, the state returned the castle to the city, and it now houses the Military Museum, which contains a collection of arms and armour, some of them exotic, and the portraits of the count-kings of Catalonia by Filippo Ariosto. The equestrian statue of General Franco, by Josep Viladomat, was removed from the courtyard with the restoration of democracy.

15:30hrs Depart by coach from **an agreed point with the driver** and transfer to Las Arenas Shopping Centre

16:00hrs Shopping at **Las Arenas Shopping Centre**

Gran Via de Les Corts Catalanes, 373-385  
08015 Barcelona,  
Spain  
+34 932 89 02 44

Formerly **Barcelona Bull fighting ring**, this spectacular shopping centre is home to over 110 top brand shops and restaurants over 6 floors. Don't miss your chance to stroll on the free Arenas Skywalk roof terrace with restaurants and 360 degree panoramic views of Montjuic Hill and Barcelona City. Open daily except Sunday, from 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

18:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer back to your hotel

20:00hrs Buffet dinner at your hotel

21:00hrs Possible DVD (bring your own DVD) in the Apple Room - **(please liaise with Ruben (event coordinator) at hotel on arrival as this room is available to all groups at the hotel)**

Overnight accommodation

## **Day 4 Monday, 16 April 2018**

08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel

09:00hrs Check out of the hotel and load luggage onto the coach

09:30hrs Depart by coach from your hotel and transfer to Port Aventura

10:00hrs Visit to **Port Aventura Adventure Park (10:00hrs – 19:00hrs) – Confirmed**



Amigos de Port Aventura  
Avda. Pere Molas  
km.2 Vila-s  
Barcelona 43480  
Spain  
Tel: +34 977779210

Enjoy a 1 day visit to Port Aventura theme park and get ready to embark on a trip through five exciting lands featuring rides, shows and attractions. Experience the Dragon Khan roller coaster with 8 inverted loops, try out the two track roller coaster Stampida entirely made of wood and get soaked on Tutuki Splash.

At the end of the day there will be a Halloween Parade – a procession of music and colour in the Mediterranean Area. No fireworks show will be held today

**Cost included in your tour price – Pre paid on your behalf.**

- 17:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point near Port Aventura in and transfer to the Sagrada Familia in central Barcelona for a walk around and photostop
- 19:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point near the Sagrada Familia and transfer to Barcelona Airport
- 20:30hrs Check in for your Aer Lingus flight at the desk displaying flight number EI 565

**10 Kilos of hand luggage included per person**

**No checked luggage included**

**Carrier:** Aer Lingus  
**Destination:** Dublin  
**Flight Number:** EI 565  
**Locators** 2P5CCJ & 26JJMS

- 23:00hrs Depart on Aer Lingus flight EI 565 from Barcelona El Prat Airport

**Day 5 Tuesday, 17 April 2018**

- 00:40hrs Arrive Dublin Airport – **Terminal 2**

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**There are three main branches to GTI: Escorted Holidays, Tailor-Made Tours for Groups and School/Youth Tours.**

## **Escorted Holidays**

GTI specialises in high quality Escorted Holidays. We pride ourselves on unique & fascinating itineraries, meticulously designed for those looking for something a bit different and simply incredible. We sell our escorted holidays exclusively to the Irish Market which means we have small, friendly groups sizes that are suitable for couples, friends, family & solo travellers alike. Our holiday prices include flights, transfers, guides, accommodation & excursions so all there is left for you to do is enjoy your holiday.

One of diverse categories is sure to spike your interest! We offer Historical & Battlefield Tours, Europe and Worldwide Cultural Holidays, Agricultural Tours, Sports Tours, Activity Tours and more.

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GTI organise tailor-made tours for special interest groups of 15 people or more. Whether it's leisure, sports, agriculture, music, charity, youth or simply a group of friends wishing to travel together we can help. We understand that the requirements of each group are different and we use our extensive knowledge to plan your ideal itinerary based around your group's interests and budget.

GTI are the Group Leader's best friend - we take away the administration & stress of organising a group trip abroad!

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