

# PSSS 1014:

International Studies in Spain



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# SPAIN

## PSSS 1014: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN SPAIN

### DAY 1

Depart from home city.

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR AND ORIENTATION

Upon arrival in Madrid, get acquainted with Spain's capital. Your Course Leader will familiarize your group with the area around your hotel and share practical information about Madrid, such as banking, mail services, phone, personal security, and healthcare.

Explore some of the city's most famous landmarks. The tour will take you by **GRAN VÍA**, a lively street full of shops, hotels, and movie theaters, the Royal Palace, and the **PUERTA DEL SOL**, one of the busiest and most popular meeting places in the city.

### ◆ *Mas Tapas Por Favor!*

Enjoy lively Spanish conversation over a late-night meal of traditional tapas. A popular cuisine with locals, tapas offer a variety of flavors that will satisfy any appetite.

### DAY 3: OLD MADRID

Breakfast

Set off for **PLAZA CÁNOVAS DEL CASTILLO** and the **MUSEO DEL PRADO** – a prestigious art museum holding original works of the world's most famous artists. Don't miss the sections reserved for Spanish painters Goya and El Greco! Embrace Madrileño culture at beautiful **PARQUE DEL RETIRO**, the park adjacent to the Prado containing outdoor cafes, street performers, outdoor theaters, and fortune tellers.

### ◆ *The Mode of Modernism*

Understand the characteristics of Art Nouveau and Modernism as distinct combinations of Spanish culture.

Dinner

### DAY 4: MONASTERIO SCENARIO

Breakfast

Begin your day with a guided tour of the **REAL MONASTERIO DE SAN LORENZO DE EL ESCORIAL**. This immense palace was at first an austere monastery until Felipe II transformed it into one of the modern wonders of the world. A highlight of El Escorial is the **PANTEÓN DE LOS REYES**, a large tomb designed in gold and housing the bodies of nearly every Spanish monarch since Carlos I. The property also boasts a Basilica, a very unique library, museums of art collections and historic tapestries, and a small but luxurious palace built for a prince.

### ◆ *Islamic Spain*

Explore Spain's religious and cultural influences by analyzing migratory patterns and empires, and discuss the contributions to modern-day Spain from these historical events.

Dinner

Leave for airport and fly to Barcelona.

### ◆ *Sample Educational Insights*

Each day during your travel program, your Course Leader will facilitate activities that focus on global topics and are designed to ignite a desire for change and cultivate a hope for the future. The lessons provide students with the ability to understand other traditions, cultures, viewpoints, and environmental issues, and they prepare students to take an active role in our society. Sample educational insights are included in this itinerary to give an overview of the themes and subjects that will be discussed during your travel program.

### DAY 5: ¡BENVINGUT A BARCELONA!

Breakfast

Barcelona is the capital of the region of Catalunya. With their own language, history, and culture, the people of Barcelona have a fiercely independent spirit.

Head towards the **PLAÇA DE CATALUNYA**, the heart of the modern city. Follow the traces of the remarkable architect Gaudí throughout the **GOTHIC QUARTER**.

Known for his highly individualistic designs, Gaudí's unique style of Art Nouveau is apparent in the very extraordinary, yet still unfinished, **SAGRADA FAMÍLIA**.

Continue on your Gaudí-inspired tour as you head up to **PARK GÜELL**. Built 100 years ago, the park features many elements from religious mysticism and ancient poetry. Gaudí's design includes large, multi-colored mosaic walls and statues, such as an oversized iguana and dragon, and a massive sea serpent bench.

### ◆ *Picasso's Passion*

In the afternoon, visit **MUSEU PICASSO** and gain some insight into the formative years of Picasso through more than 3,500 pieces of his work. Explore Pablo Picasso's life and his global influence on the abstract art movement.

### ◆ *Paella Cooking Lesson*

Dine on your creation of one of Spain's most popular national dishes during a paella cooking lesson! Dig deep into the roots of Spanish culture as you find out about the different ingredients that each region has to add to the layers of the dish.

### DAY 6: DAY OF DISCOVERY

Breakfast

Optional Excursion: In the morning, board your bus and head to **LA COSTA BRAVA**. Spend your day relaxing on this famous stretch of beaches. La Costa Brava is known for its steep and rocky cliffs which dip into the Mediterranean Sea. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time back in Barcelona. This is an

ideal time to enjoy another taste of tapas or to join in the lively street life so typical of Spain.

-or-

Customize your day to meet your needs and interests with free time on your own in Barcelona.

Dinner

### DAY 7: ¡ADIÓS!

Breakfast

A motorcoach will take you to the airport for your flight home.

Depart for home.

*\*The itinerary may be modified and inclusions and airports substituted depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, hours of operation, and events beyond WorldStrides' control. Prices may vary depending on departure city and duration of program.*



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