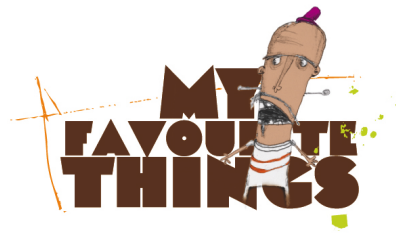


## TAILOR-MADE /TARGETED VISITS AND ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: BACHELOR & MASTERS STUDENTS



If you are planning a study trip to Barcelona, we can make your students' trip really worthwhile. And if you hadn't considered a study trip to Barcelona, well, it is a fascinating city that offers a wide variety of educational opportunities to all kinds of students. In addition to our targeted visits we also offer a great deal of alternative tours & activities, so students have the possibility to get to know the city in-depth. Here we can focus on certain specific topics if required. We are also more than happy to help you with accommodation in this vibrant city!

### ➤ TARGETED VISITS

\*We put together specialized visits as relevant as possible to students' field of studies. We propose a number of interesting projects/organizations/companies and creative agencies, so you can choose whatever is most applicable. In order to prepare the visits as well as possible, we always ask you in advance which specific fields you want to focus on so that students can get the very most out of their time here.

\* If you already have certain entities you would like to visit in mind (organizations, companies), we can help to facilitate this. Whenever necessary, we are happy to provide a translator.

\* Exchange visits to local universities

\* If students are looking for an internship in a certain field, we can offer a range of possibilities.

\* Additionally, we offer a great number of alternative, in-depth tours and activities that will give you the opportunity to discover the city in an interesting, informative way. Even here, we can tailor the activities in line with your preferences and needs. See Standard Activities section below.

### ➤ EXAMPLES OF TARGETED VISITS

**Architecture students:** visits to leading architects' offices, some housed in amazing Modernista houses, the Catalan Official Institute of Architects (COAC), an introduction to innovative and sustainable building projects such as 22@ in Poblenou, the new center of innovation, communication and technology.

**Social work/sociology students:** visits to innovative cultural centers, organizations working with street kids and gypsy kids, innovative neighborhood centers, young persons' trade union, introduction to social economy projects, visits to HR departments of leading

local companies.

**Art students (photography, sculpture, painting, digital arts, graphic design etc.):** Visit to artists' studios, workshops and design agencies, the Foundation Art and Design (<http://fad.cat/>), to the Hangar visual arts center, to numerous galleries and art centers, introductions to local art festivals, tour of the La Massana art school.

**Tourism/cultural studies students:** Introduction to alternative tourism in and around the city. Students can also participate in numerous alternative tours and activities in the city offered by My Favourite Things (we are, after all, an alternative travel agency!), visit to the local tourist board, sustainable tourism, visit to hotel organization, museum and festival management, and more...

**Fashion students:** visits to inspirational local fashion designers, visit to the El Liceu opera house and Theatre Institute (costume design), FAD (Foundation Art & Design), introduction to important fashion projects in the city (e.g. Changing Room)

In addition to our targeted visits we offer a range of alternative standard activities, so you can get to know the city in- depth!

## ➤ STANDARD ACTIVITIES

### IDEAL FOR ART STUDENTS

## ➤ STREET ART TOUR: BARCELONA AS AN URBAN ART GALLERY

Discover Barcelona through its graffiti, an ideal way for youngsters to get to know the city. Some of it is merely a form of political or social protest, some purely aesthetical or amusing. A fun way to find out what makes the city really tick!

For decades, this city has been a canvas for street artists, local and foreign, emerging and recognized, who have left their mark on its walls. This fascinating city offers those who know where and how to look a wide variety of street art in all its forms (graffiti, stickers, stencil, paste-up, etc.), not to mention a range of too-cool-for-school spots (alternative galleries, shops, cafés) where this subculture can take refuge and show off their wares.

The guide –an artist herself– will give a brief outline of their role in society, recount a number of interesting anecdotes and explain the codes behind many of these temporary works, the product of this ever-shifting, subversive scene.

The guide will also introduce you to the underground scene in Barcelona; cool events, artist workshops, bars and clubs. And, of course, on the way we stop off for a drink in some of the coolest cafés/galleries in town!

And no, you won't have to exit through the gift shop.

**Route:** the old city (Raval, Barrio Gótico) Optionally: Poble Nou /**Duration:** 3 to 4 hours /**Price:** 13 euro pp (max 25 students)- fewer then 20: supplement

## **IDEAL FOR STUDENTS ARCHITECTURE/TOURISM**

### **➤ CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE TOUR**

The guide -an architect- will explain how competition between the titanic egos of internationally-famed architects is shaping a unique district. This tour takes in some of the areas subject to the most ambitious redevelopment Barcelona has seen in recent years - Poble Nou and the Diagonal Mar area. We'll be looking at some prestigious, award-winning projects (including the Torre Agbar, Design Museum, the Fòrum building) by world-renowned architects (Jean Nouvel, David Chipperfield, Oriol Bohigas, etc.) considering them both on their own merits and their impact, individual and collective, on the surrounding area. Aspects looked at will include smart design, planning issues and sustainability (e.g. how a nitrogen capsule contributes to insulating a building).

We will be lingering a while in the 22@ district, which the authorities want to become a high-tech "hub", where different technology companies come together and cross-fertilise.

**Duration:** 3 hours (with stop)/**Price:** 15 euro pp (min 20 students, smaller groups: supplement)

### **➤ ART NOUVEAU TOUR: MODERNISM AND MODERN-DAY LIFE IN A SINGLE DISTRICT**

The Eixample, the district created around the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, is a mecca for fans of Modernista (Catalan Art Nouveau) architecture, unique in the world. It is more than just Gaudí, its most famous exponent. This area, and the Eixample Dreta part of it in particular, is full of gems designed by other architects. During this tour, we focus on lesser known, more unusual buildings and creations which house flats, pharmacies, shops, bars, markets, etc.

We will give you an overview on how Modernism (and the Eixample) developed and how it reflected the Catalans' search for identity. We have a closer look at diverse interweaving building materials and certain lightweight structures used at the time. You will witness how they reached the perfect symbiosis between interior and exterior, how the total artwork becomes organic and gives the sensation of being almost alive; fuel for imagination, letting your senses soar free!

An eclectic style of architecture that looked to the past for inspiration, and united art, craftsmanship and spirituality. Or as Gaudí used to say: "a radical new way of being radically old".

**Duration:** 3 hours with stop/**Price:** 13 euro pp (min 20 students, smaller groups: supplement)

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES: APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO WANT TO DISCOVER BARCELONA IN AN ORIGINAL WAY**

## ➤ ALTERNATIVE WALKING TOURS

All our alternative walks (culinary, Art Nouveau, contemporary architecture, etc.) on our website -[www.myft.net](http://www.myft.net)- are also possible for schools. Some are possible with max 10, others with max 15 or 20 people. For bigger numbers, we would advise you to split the group into smaller groups and do several walks simultaneously. We try to make them as interactive as possible.

**Price:** on request, depends on number of students

## ➤ GAUDÍ TOUR WITH A CLASSICAL GUIDE

If you want to visit the city's "classic" sites, such as the Sagrada Família, Casa Batlló, Casa Milà and Park Guëll or any other museums (Miró, Picasso), we can provide an excellent classical guide! This can be done with a bigger group.

**Price:** on request, depends on number of students

## ➤ CYCLING TOURS

Cycling can be a great way to discover Barcelona: unfortunately, not everywhere is as safe as it could be for cyclists. We have used our local knowledge to design a safe and interesting route through the old town and along the beach. On the way, our guide will entertain and inform the students with plenty of interesting tales of the city: its history, culture and cuisine, urban changes and other hot topics.

We kick off in the heart of El Raval (part of the Old Town) and then make our way via the Museum of Contemporary Art to the old port; explore the little alleyways of the Barceloneta (if necessary at this point, we will pop into a tapas bar for a fishy snack); cycle along the extended beaches; pass the Puerto Olímpico and the ultra modern site of El Forum. We come back via the unique area of Poble Nou, the former industrial area now home to the city's tech and web businesses.

We also pass Ciutadella Park and the Arc de Triomf, gateway to the first World Exhibition, to then make our way into the district of Sant Pere.

You get to see a lot in relatively short time span, with amazing contrasts. But we won't tire you out: there'll be plenty of chance for rest and a snack!

**Optional:** The complete city tour is also possible, including some of the Eixample district ((Sagrada Família, Casa Batlló, Casa Milà)

And if you want some music on the way, we have a guide with a gorgeous voice!

**Duration:** 3 to 4 hours/**Price:** 23 Euro pp. Inclusive; bike hire, monitor and guide (for every 15 students there is a monitor -obligatory in Barcelona). Min 15 students, max 25. Bigger groups are split into smaller subgroups.

## ➤ FLAMENCO (SEVILLANAS) SALSA, TANGO OR STREET DANCE /HIP HOP CLASSES

For two hours, the students are flooded with new rhythms. These classes are a basic introduction (suitable for everyone!) to salsa, flamenco, tango or street dance. The class is given in a suitable, centrally located space.

**Price:** 15 – 20 students: 15 euro pp /21- 25 students: 13 euro pp/26- 30 students: 12 euro pp

Included: space rental + professional teacher /**Duration:** 2 hours

The dance class can also be combined with a barbecue/paella on Tibidabo, an ideal way to finish your holiday!

### ➤ **BARCELONA FROM A DISTANCE: WALK ALONG CARRETERA DE LES AIGÜES + BARBECUE/PAELLA + DANCE CLASS**

We take the students to Tibidabo, the mountain from which you have amazing views over the city. This area belongs to Collserola, a stunning (but relatively hidden) natural park. We take the train from the city center and get off at Carretera de las Aiguas, a flat path that runs along the mountain. After a 20 min walk we finish up at a typical Catalan farmhouse (with great views over the city!) where a delicious three-course meal will be served in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. An ideal way to escape from the city and enjoy some of the Catalan countryside. For bigger groups, you can book this place privately, and enjoy its very relaxed and informal atmosphere, ideal for schools! This can be combined with a dance class (salsa, flamenco, tango, hip-hop) or DJ.

**\*Option 1:** shorter walk (20 min) + barbecue -**Total duration:** 3.5 hours Price, guide + organization: 130 Euro/**Price:** barbecue: 20 euro pp (complete menu with drinks) – in combination with dance class (1.5- 2 hours): +/- 26 euro pp. Not included in price: two return metro tickets

**\*Option 2:** longer walk (1h 15 min) + barbecue, here we start from another point on the Carretera de les Aigües-**Total duration:** 4.5 hours/**Price:** guide + organization: 150 Euro Price barbecue: 20 Euro pp (complete menu with drinks) – in combination with dance class (1.5 hours): +/- 26 euro pp  
Not included in price: two return metro tickets

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