

SOUTH OF FRANCE & BARCELONA

9 Days | European Student Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Take advantage of the sunshine during your 9-day student tour of the south of France and Barcelona, Spain. Visit ancient sites, marvel at modern architecture and explore the culture in these beautiful countries. Experience history up close in the south of France with tours of Pont du Gard, a 2,000 year old Roman aqueduct, the Nîmes arena, built during the 1st century, and Carcassonne, a fortress which was fortified in the 4th century. In Barcelona, you will visit masterpieces by Antoni Gaudí and Salvador Dalí before learning the secret to a delicious paella.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Guided Tours of:

Baux de Provence, Avignon, Carcassonne, Barcelona



Site Visits:

Palace of the Popes, Grotte des Demoiselles, Carcassonne Fortress, Sagrada Familia, Camp Nou, Santa Maria del Mar Church



Local

Tour Leader



Accommodations

3-star centrally located hotels



Transportation

Flights, private motor coach, public transportation



Meals

Breakfasts, dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%

OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

60+

YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



"It's always a pleasure being back in France. The hotels are great. They are modern and very clean. The restaurant in Nice had the best Foie Gras."

Teacher, TDSB

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Day 1: Board your flight to Marseille.

Day 2: Marseille - Baux de Provence - Avignon

- Meet your tour leader at the airport.
- Start your day with a guided tour of the **Baux de Provence**, a beautiful town ideally located on a steep hill. The fortress that overlooks the village is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Travel to the city of **Avignon** and have dinner in a restaurant located near the **Place de l'Horloge**, the main square in the city.

Day 3: Avignon - Pont du Gard - Châteauneuf-du-Pape

- Enjoy a guided walking tour of **Avignon's** historical center, which is famous for the **Palace of the Popes**, one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe, and the **Saint-Bénézet Bridge**.
- Visit the **Pont du Gard**, the ancient Roman aqueduct that's over 2,000 years old, and stroll along the **du Gard River**.
- Discover the Candy museum **Haribo** and learn the history while enjoying some tasty treats.

Day 4: Nîmes - Carcassonne

- Explore the **Nîmes arena**, a Roman amphitheatre built around AD 70 and still active as a bullring and other public events.
- Visit the **Grotte des Demoiselles cave**, which is among the most beautiful in the region and is filled with stalactite and stalagmite formations.
- Travel to **Carcassonne**.

Day 5: Carcassonne - Lastours

- Discover the city of **Carcassonne** with a guided tour. This medieval town was formerly a castle and has been occupied for more than 5,000 years.
- Enjoy free time in the medieval city and see the local shops and museums.
- Head over to the **Châteaux Cathares** in **Lastours**.
- Take a short hike to the four castles: **Cabaret**, **Tour Régine**, **Surdespine** and **Quertineux**. This dramatic setting on a rocky hill dates back to the crusade against the Albigeois.

- Travel back to **Carcassonne** for an evening stroll to the **Old Bridge** to view the illuminated medieval town.

Day 6: Figueras - Calella

- Start the day travelling to **Figueras**, Spain.
- Stop at the **Dalí Museum**, one of the most popular museums in Spain, to marvel at the surrealistic work of **Salvador Dalí**.
- Continue travelling towards **Calella**, a small town located on the **Costa Brava** and take advantage of the beautiful beach.

Day 7: Barcelona

- Head over to the centre of **Barcelona** to discover the masterpieces of talented architect **Antoni Gaudí** and stroll on the luxurious **passeig de Gracia** to see beautiful examples of Modernisme architecture.
- Visit the extraordinary **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** by Gaudí and venture to the top of the towers to see a great view of Barcelona.
- Stroll through **Park Güell**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and another of Gaudí's works. Here you will see two fairy pavilions, many galleries, a large bench covered in mosaics and **Salá Hipostila**, a forest of columns.
- Tour the **FC Barcelona soccer stadium**. Founded in 1899, it is the third largest soccer stadium in the world.

Day 8: Barcelona

- Spend the morning exploring the winding streets of the medieval quarter and see the **Santa Maria del Mar Church**, outside the **Royal Palace**, the **Gothic Quarter** and the **Generalitat Palace**.
- Enjoy free time visiting the famous **Ramblas**, a beautiful boulevard in the middle of the city centre. Don't miss the **Boqueria**, the open air market filled with all types of fresh produce.
- Learn the secret of paella with a workshop by professional chefs.

Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

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