

# **TOUR SNAPSHOT**

Take your students to Spain on a 9-day art-focused educational tour like no other. Your class will have the opportunity to visit art galleries like the Joan Miró Foundation, the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, the Prado Museum, and more. Experience what city life has to offer with a coach tour of Barcelona, a walking tour of Toledo, and an art walk of Madrid. Be immersed in a cultural experience in an art and performance hub that will inspire your students for years to come.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Guided Tours of:



#### Barcelona, Bilbao, Toledo, Madrid



#### Site Visits:

Palau de la Música Catalan, Barri Gòtic, Picasso Museum, Joan Miró Foundation, Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, The Cathedral, Museo de Santa Cruz, El Greco Museum, Prado Museum, Museo Reine Sofia, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza



Local Tour Leader



Accommodations 3-star centrally located hotels



**Transportation** *Flights, private motor coach* 



**Meals** Breakfasts, dinners





# **EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL**

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

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-ofthe-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.

"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime. Our tour leaders, Phillipe and Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff and Students, HWDSB

Day 1: Board your flight to Barcelona.

#### Day 2: Barcelona

- Meet your Tour Leader at the airport and transfer in to the city centre.
- Take a guided coach tour of Barcelona. Art is everywhere in this city! From the Moderniste architecture on the Block of Discord, to the still unfinished **Sagrada Familia** and **Parc Güell**.

## Day 3: Barcelona

- Visit the **Palau de la Musica Catalan**, a wonderful venue for concerts and incredible mosaics throughout the palace.
- Head towards el Born and the **Barri Gòtic**, Barcelona's medieval heart with narrow winding streets and colourful street art. See Els Quatre Gats, a small restaurant famous for the artists and literary figures who frequented it.
- Visit the **Picasso Museum** for a wonderful sense of Picasso's youth and the changes in his art from when he studied in Barcelona to his more famous blue, pink and cubist periods.

## Day 4: Barcelona

- Option 1: Make your way down Las Ramblas and stop at la Boqueria, the market of San Josep, where you can pick up something for a picnic lunch later. Continue down towards Barceloneta where you will see Roy Lichtenstein's Head of Barcelona.
- Ride the cable car from Barceloneta to **Montjuïc** for an incredible view of the city, before exploring this haven.
- Visit the Joan Miró Foundation to see the collection bequeath to the city by the artist in 1971.
- *Option 2*: Take a day trip to **Figueres** to search out the surrealistic life of **Salvador Dalí**.

## Day 5: Barcelona - Bilbao

• Board the motor coach and depart up through the countryside towards the Basque country to **Bilbao**.

• Visit the **Bilbao Guggenheim Museum** to see modern art housed in an incredible building designed by Canadian-born architect, **Frank Gehry**. Don't miss Jeff Koons' Puppy at the entrance.

#### Day 6: Bilbao - Madrid

 Board your motor coach and depart for Madrid with a stop at Guernica, which was bombed during the Spanish Civil War and immortalized by Picasso's painting of the same name.

## Day 7: Madrid - Toledo

- Enjoy a guided walking tour of Toledo, including admission to the Cathedral and Museo de Santa Cruz, and the El Greco Museum. This UNESCO World Heritage site is known for its confluence of Christian, Muslim and Jewish culture.
- Return to Madrid in the late afternoon.

## Day 8: Madrid - Toledo

- Embark on the art walk of Madrid's golden triangle to experience a guided visit of the Prado Museum, with the world's largest collection of Spanish art, the Museo Reine Sofia, to see Picasso's Guernica, and the Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, to see a collection of much of Europe's greatest modern art.
- Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant with a **Flamenco show** as your epic Spanish art adventure draws to a close.

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

