



# St Joseph's Secondary School Foxford Barcelona



**21 Oct 19 - 24 Oct 19**

**Group Leader**

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## Day 1 **Monday, 21 Oct 19**

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

Check in for your Aer Lingus flight from Dublin Airport (**Terminal 2**) to Barcelona

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

**No checked luggage is included**

**Carrier:** Aer Lingus

**Booking Reference:**

**Destination:** Barcelona

**Flight Number:** **EI 562**

Proceed to the Aer Lingus electronic check-in machines. Follow the on-screen directions to print your boarding card

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 Airport – **Terminal 2**

10:20hrs Arrive Barcelona Airport – **Terminal 2**

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

10:30hrs Depart by coach from Barcelona Airport and transfer to central Barcelona

11:30hrs Meet your guides for your **Half day Guided Tour of Barcelona – Confirmed**

**Guides x 2:** To be advised

**Mobile Nos:** To be advised

**Meeting Point:** Columbus Statue

Tour includes a **selection of visits** to Placa Cataluna, Monument of Christopher Columbus, the Sagrada Familia, walking tour of the Barrio Gothic

## Finishing at Las Ramblas

- 14:30hrs Lunch at own expense near Las Ramblas area
- Las Ramblas where the group can take a stroll to immerse themselves in true Barcelona. **Beware of pickpockets in this area!**
- La Rambla** (Catalan pronunciation: [lə 'ramblə]) is a street in central Barcelona, popular with tourists and locals alike. A tree-lined pedestrian mall, it stretches for 1.2 kilometers between *Barri Gòtic* and *El Raval*, connecting *Plaça de Catalunya* in the centre with the Christopher Columbus Monument at Port Vell. The promenade is crowded during the day and until late in the night. It is full of kiosks that sell newspapers and souvenirs, flowers and birds. It also has many street performers, cafes, restaurants and shops.
- Strolling along La Rambla one can see such historic buildings as the Palace of the Virreina and *La Boqueria* market and the famous Liceu Theatre (*Liceo* in Spanish), in which operas and ballets are staged. One of the side streets, only a few metres long, leads to the Royal Square (*Plaça Reial*), a plaza with palm trees and porticoed buildings containing many pubs and restaurants, and in which stamp and coin collectors gather on the weekends.
- 16:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with the coach driver and transfer to Salou
- 18:00hrs Visit to **Bowling Diverland – on request**  
CC Port Halley,  
Avda. Pare Molas, s/n,  
43480 Vila-seca,  
Tarragona,  
Spain
- 1 game and shoe-hire €3.90 payable locally (GTI will transfer funds to your account before departure)
- 19:00hrs Depart by coach from Bowling Diverland and transfer to your hotel for check-in

19:30hrs 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**

20:00hrs Buffet dinner at your hotel (19:30hrs – 21:30hrs)

Group can make use of the pool or the games rooms at the hotel

**(The pool is open (subject to weather) from 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs when a lifeguard is on duty). On request, students may use the pool from 18:00hrs to 20:00hrs under supervision by the teachers in the group with prior agreement with reception.**

Overnight accommodation

## **Day 2 Tuesday, 22 Oct 19**

08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel

09:00hrs Depart by coach from your hotel and transfer to Cosmo Caixa in Barcelona

10:30hrs Visit to **CosmoCaixa Barcelona – On Request**  
Teodor Roviralta 47 - 51  
08022  
Barcelona  
Spain  
+34 932126050

**Important: Please remember to bring your letter from the school, dated & stamped listing the names and dates of birth of the students along with the teacher's 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 with an innovative layout, turning it into one of the most modern museums of its kind. The new 50,000 square metre 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 students!.

- 12:30hrs **Depart by coach from an agreed point with driver and transfer to / Port Olympic for Lunch..**
- 13:00hrs Lunch and free time at Port Olympic
- 16:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with your driver and transfer to back to Hotel for Dinner
- 18:00hrs Arrive back at hotel
- 19:30hrs Buffet dinner at your hotel (19:30hrs – 21:30hrs)
- Please liaise with (event coordinator) on arrival regarding planned entertainment for all school groups at the hotel
- Overnight accommodation

### **Day 3 Wednesday, 23 Oct 19**

- 08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel
- 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) – on request**
- Amigos de Port Aventura  
Avda. Pere Molas  
km.2 Vila-s  
Barcelona 43480  
Spain  
Tel: +34 977779210

**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 teacher's names**

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.

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

- 18:00hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point and transfer from Port Aventura back to the hotel
- 19:00hrs Buffet dinner at your hotel (19:30hrs – 21:30hrs)
- Overnight accommodation

**Day 4 Thursday, 24 Oct 19**

- 08:00hrs Breakfast at your hotel
- 09:00hrs Check out of your accommodation
- 09:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with the driver and transfer to Tarragona
- 10:30hrs Visit to **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!

- 10:30hrs **Circo Romano, Tarragona – No reservation required** (Open 09:00hrs – 19:00hrs)

**Entrance for School Groups:** Free on presentation of a letter from the school

**Important:** Letter from the school on school headed paper, dated and stamped listing all student's names and dates of birth, along with the accompanying teacher's names

The circus was, without a doubt, the most popular mass show in the Roman world. In this enclosure the races of cars, usually thrown by two or four horses (beams or quadrigues) were disputed.

The building was built at the end of the 1st century AD, during the reign of Domitian, and was part of the large provincial monumental complex, which occupied the lower terrace. Its state of conservation is exceptional.

The Roman circus of Tarraco had approximate dimensions of 325 meters in length and a width of between 100 and 115 meters. It was built on powerful cement turns that fulfilled a double function: on the one hand, they were the foundation on which the stands, the stairs and the upper platform were located; On the other hand, they served as internal runners that allowed spectators to be distributed throughout the building. On this network of vaults rested the upper platform of the building and the stands, arranged along three sides, while in the fourth the carras or point of departure of the cars were placed.

The stand was separated from the sand (the space where the show was developed) for a wall of more than 2 meters high, the podium, which had the function of protecting viewers in the event that there was a type of accident (*shipwreck*) during the show. Approximately in the center of one of the long sides of the circus, the northern part, and joined to the buildings that formed the provincial forum, was pulvinar.

One of the short sides of the building was occupied by the shells, in which they generally opened twelve exit chambers, six on each side of a front door. Recent archaeological excavations have located these structures in the subsoil of the current building of the City Council of Tarragona. The carcasses were flanked by a tower. The whole sector was known by the name of *oppidum*. The game organizer (*editor spectaculorum*), who had the honor of leaving the game, enjoyed a place reserved for the terrace on the shells, while the magistrates that controlled the race, the correct behavior of the chariots, order of arrival, a tribune (*tribunal iudicum*) was reserved to them.

Current data suggests that during the 5th century the building lost, at least partially, the original function. Some of the vaults that formed it happened to occupy themselves as room spaces.

11:30hrs

Group to walk from the Circo Romano, Tarragona to the Amphitheatre – 5 minutes walk (see google map enclosed)

**Amphitheatre, Tarragona – No reservation required** (Open 09:00hrs – 21:00hrs)

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The Amphitheatre was completed the trilogy of buildings of shows (theatre, circus and amphitheatre) badges of a top-tier Roman city, the capital of one of the imperial provinces. The building is the result of the evergetica of a provincial flamen (imperial priest) whose name is unknown but it is

known that he lived in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.

The building was located outside the town, although very close to the city. This location is not occasional, as it was very close to the Via Augusta, shortly before ending in the city, and near the beach, where they unloaded the animals that were to participate in the shows.

In the amphitheatre there were two types of activities: the struggles of gladiators (munera) and struggles or beasts hunts (venationes). In addition, the Amphitheatre was also the place where unjustly convicted are condemned to death

12:30hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with your driver and transfer to the Parc Shopping Centre Shopping Centre in Tarragona

Lunch & Shopping at **Parc Shopping Centre (Open 10:00 – 22:00hrs)**

Parc Central Shopping Centre

It is the benchmark shopping centre of the city of Tarragona. Since it opened its doors in 1997 it provides one of the largest shopping deals, entertainment and catering of all around the province. The shopping centre offers a range of more than 120 specialty stores: food, fashion, accessories, footwear, textiles, furniture shops, catering, cosmetics, beauty, telephones, appliances, toys and so. The Parc Central shopping centre is very strongly fashion-oriented; about 70 establishments feature the latest trends with top national and international brands such as Zara, Desigual, Mayoral, Bershka, Botticelli, Phil Park, H&M, Mango, Massimo Dutti, Superdry, Pull & Bear and many others.

14:45hrs Depart by coach from an agreed point with your driver and transfer to Parc Guell

16:30hrs Visit to **Camp Nou Stadium – Confirmed**  
Carrer d'Aristides Maillol, 12  
Barcelona 08028  
Spain  
Tel: +34 93 4963608

### **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".

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**stamped listing the names and dates of birth of the students along with the teacher's names**

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

19:30hrs Check in for your Aer Lingus flight from Barcelona to Dublin at the desk displaying flight number EI 565

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

**No checked luggage included**

**Carrier:** Aer Lingus

**Booking Reference:**

Dublin

**Destination:**

**Flight Number:** EI 565

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.

23:00hrs Depart on flight EI 565 from Barcelona Airport – **Terminal 2**

## **Day 5 Friday, 25 October 2019**

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

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