

**Jun 26 - Jul 5, 2017**

**Group Leader:**

Ms. Maria Fumic

**Group ID:**

70223

**Depart From:**

Chicago



## what's included



**Round-Trip Flights**



**Centrally Located Hotels**

- ✓ Barcelona Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Sagrada Familia
- ✓ Parc Güell
- ✓ French Food Challenge
- ✓ Pont du Gard
- ✓ Arles Roman Arena and Theater



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner  
(unless otherwise noted)**



**24-Hour Tour Manager**

- ✓ Pisa Cathedral
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo)
- ✓ Accademia with Reservation
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica
- ✓ Colosseum with Guide and Reservation

## our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

## cultural connections



**HIGHLIGHTS** waiting to happen

### Barcelona Tapas Evening

Savor the culture of Spanish cuisine as you dine like a local on tapas specialties such as traditional cheeses, jamón or tortilla española.

### French Food Challenge

The local gastronomy stimulates your senses—delve into favorite French foods through sight, smell, touch and taste.

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

**Matthew L. Participant**

# trip itinerary - 10 days

## Jun 26, 2017: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

## Jun 27, 2017: Barcelona

¡Bienvenidos a España! Meet your ACIS Tour Manager in Barcelona, capital of Catalonia and Spain's second largest city. Founded by the Romans in the 3rd century BC, it's known for its artistic treasures and fine architecture from Gothic to Modernist. Take time to wander the old town and acquaint yourself with this vibrant culture, including an evening stroll down the famous La Rambla. (D)

## Jun 28, 2017: Barcelona

Begin your day with a sightseeing tour that features spectacular views over Barcelona and the Mediterranean from Mirador del Migdia Park on the side of Montjuïc Hill. Our local expert will also point out, via personal headsets, all the major sights of Barcelona, including Gaudí's famous houses. Antoni Gaudí, one of Catalonia's most famous sons, was a Modernist architect whose distinctive style is revered to this day. After, you'll be able to study the intricate design inside and out of his still-unfinished Sagrada Familia and stroll whimsical Parc Güell. Tonight, we'll have a tapas dinner in true Spanish style: you try different local specialties as you sidle up next to the locals for whom this is a culturally important and typical way to spend an evening. Classic tapas dishes include items such as tortilla española, patatas bravas, bacalao, cheeses, olives or jamón. (B,D)

## Jun 29, 2017: Provence

Cross the Pyrénées to France. Your first stop is the medieval city of Carcassonne, whose ramparts and towers are so well-preserved that they have been featured in movies. Continue through vineyards to Provence. During your time in France, come to appreciate the local favorite foods through a French food challenge led by your tour manager. (B,D)

## Jun 30, 2017: Nice

Explore the Roman Empire's influence on France today with a visit to the Pont du Gard, a well preserved Roman aqueduct, where you'll have special guided access to the magnificent site's third level. Next up is the city of Arles, noted for its Roman Arena and Theater, which you will have a chance to explore. Then continue to Nice, the Queen of the Riviera. (B,D)

## Jul 1, 2017: Nice

Today, explore the winding streets and old shops of Vieux Nice. (B,D)

## Jul 2, 2017: Florence

Follow the coast to Italy, where you'll visit Pisa and see its Leaning Tower and Cathedral. Continue to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance, so called for its role as the center of the rebirth of arts and culture after the Dark Ages. Stroll the streets from where Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci drew inspiration. (B,D)



## Jul 3, 2017: Rome

On your city sightseeing tour with a local expert providing commentary via personal headsets, you'll see first-hand Brunelleschi's Duomo, Ghiberti's Baptistry Doors and Piazza della Signoria—the political center of this great Renaissance city. Breeze by the crowds with your own timed entrance to the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's David. Then head to Rome to end your day. (B,D)

## Jul 4, 2017: Rome

Rome is called "The Eternal City" because the ancient Romans believed that no matter what empires rose and fell, Rome would endure forever. Today's panoramic drive of the city is a great introduction to the many phases of Roman history. Our carefully-selected local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. The best part is that these are timed reservations, meaning you'll fly right by the long lines. In the afternoon, you'll go inside the iconic and historic Colosseum with a local guide (another line-avoiding timed reservation) and learn the many stories of this nearly 2,000-year-old Roman landmark that's considered one of the architectural wonders of the ancient world. Your ticket also includes entrance to the nearby Roman Forum if your group has time. Celebrate a unique and exceptional week with an authentic Roman pizza dinner and the fine Italian art of the evening stroll known as a passeggiata romana to the Piazza Navona. (B,D)

## Jul 5, 2017: Departure

Depart for the USA. Optional Extensions and Extra Nights: Further immerse yourself in the culture and wonders of la dolce vita with an extra night in Rome, including the services of your ACIS Tour Manager. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*





## learning objectives

1. Students will explore the interrelationship between French and Spanish history and culture as they discover the Catalanian region of Spain.
2. Students will explore the far reaching rise and fall of the Roman Empire in France as represented by the Gallo-Roman Pont du Gard and the Arena of Arles.
3. Students will learn about the political, artistic, social and religious underpinnings of the Renaissance in its birthplace and its lasting influence.

## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5085
Early Registration Discount	\$-100

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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$4985
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 05/01/16 with \$200 deposit.

### Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$760
Double Room Supplement	\$360
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$250

## notes from acis

Estimated tipping: \$6/day for Tour Manager, \$4/day for bus driver

- Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.
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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

## education



**81%**

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



**37%**

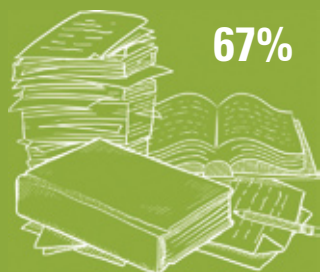
of travelers ,who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

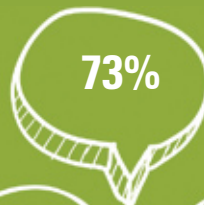
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

## personal development



**94%**

felt more independent after their trip.

**78%**

saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

**92%**

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



**65%**

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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