

Where? Barcelona!

[Barcelona](#), the second largest city in Spain with 1.5 million people, is a vibrant city and "...certainly the most cosmopolitan and economically most active city in this country. It has always proved its will to be modern, to follow the latest international tendencies or be ahead of them. To the tourist this is evident specially in its architecture, which so well reflects the general approach to life in this always pulsating city." Known for its cultural and artistic heritage and its casual lifestyle on the Mediterranean, the city offers a wide variety of artistic endeavors and is becoming a major financial hub competing with Madrid.



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The kite shaped plaza in the center of this picture of Barcelona is the Placa Catalunya. IES is near the top point and the tail of the kite is the infamous Las Ramblas.

A meeting point for art and culture. The capital of the modernista movement. "Discover a modern, cosmopolitan, vibrant city which faces the sea. A convenient city which is the perfect place for a stroll. Barcelona opens its doors to you, so that you can enjoy its wealth of history and culture, its attractive range of shops, excellent cuisine, and a whole host of leisure attractions. The climate, the Mediterranean light, the people, the beaches and its atmosphere invite you to experience it to the full at any time of the day or night." (from [BarcelonaTurisme.com](#)). As a port city, Barcelona has always had a cosmopolitan flavor and a bustling business sector. [Guide to Barcelona.](#)

Our hosts will be [IES-Barcelona](#), known for their high quality programs for study abroad throughout the world. IES has a great deal of experience with study abroad and values its academic reputation highly. But they also know how and where to have fun, eat the best food, see the best shows after the studying is done.

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IES has a staff at its Center with student counsellors and administrative expertise. They will be helping us navigate the many cultural delights of Catalunya as well as helping arrange the best academic experience possible. We will learn a tremendous amount on this program. The length of our stay will allow us to go beyond the shallow interaction with the community and the culture and begin to understand the deeper context.