

SCHOOL EXCHANGE IN VALENCIA



MARCH 1 – 10, 2019*

10 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

**Travel dates to be confirmed upon flight booking*



DAY 1: USA | SPAIN (Friday)

- Fly overnight to **Madrid**.

DAY 2: MADRID (Saturday)

- *iBienvenidos a España!* Your **Forum Tour Manager** will meet you at the airport and will remain with your group during your stay in the capital.
- Board your private motorcoach and enjoy some time to explore Madrid at your own pace. You can explore the narrow streets around the famous Plaza Mayor, said to be "the most elegant square on the continent," the Puerta del Sol, the official center of Spain or take a stroll in the 350-acre Parque del Retiro.
- Later, catch the AVE high-speed train to Valencia. Transfer by private motorcoach to **Colegio la Purísima – Hermanas Franciscanas de la Inmaculada**, located in Valencia.
- Upon arrival, meet your exchange partners and host families.
- Start your **exchange program**. You will quickly discover that Spanish is more than just a textbook language as you fully immerse into the daily life of your family and school community. You will attend school with your exchange partner, apply your language skills in real-life situations, and experience life as a true local!
- Dinner and night accommodation with your host family.



DAY 3: SUNDAY IN FAMILY (Sunday)

- Today, spend a relaxing day with your exchange partner and family.

DAYS 4 – 5: EXCHANGE PROGRAM (Monday – Tuesday)

- After breakfast with your host family, attend school with your exchange partner.
- Afternoon activities and workshops may be organized at the school during your visit (to be confirmed with your partner school).
- Dinner and evening with your host family.



DAY 6: VALENCIA (Wednesday)

- This morning after breakfast, meet your **Forum Tour Manager** and head to the **Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias**, one of the most important modern tourist destinations in the city of Valencia and one of the 12 Treasures of Spain. Visit the **Museo de las Ciencias** and enjoy a 3D projection at the **Hemisfèric**.
- Return to your host family for dinner and night accommodation.





DAY 7: EXCHANGE PROGRAM (Thursday)

- After breakfast with your host family, attend school with your exchange partner.
- Afternoon activities and workshops may be organized at the school during your visit (to be confirmed with your partner school).
- Dinner and evening with your host family.

DAY 8: VALENCIA | BARCELONA (Friday)

- After breakfast, say a fond "*iadiós!*" to your exchange partner and host family, then board your private motorcoach to Barcelona.
- Upon arrival, meet your **Forum Tour Manager** and drop off your bags at your hotel.
- Free time for lunch at **Parc Güell** – Gaudí's "garden city" – a town unto itself with a beautiful view of the Mediterranean Sea.
- This afternoon, explore the "**Montjuïc Mountain**" including the **Montjuïc Castle** and the **Olympic Stadium**.
- Then, see the **Magic Fountain Show**, a spectacular display of color, light, and water acrobatics.
- Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.
- Overnight in Barcelona.



DAY 9: BARCELONA (Saturday)

- After breakfast, meet your local guide and discover the astonishing **Sagrada Família**, designed by Gaudí and under construction since 1883!
- Next, follow your Tour Manager to the chic **Paseo de Gracia** for some window shopping.
- Later, stop in front of **Casa Batlló** and **Casa Milà** for a photo opportunity.
- Practice your Spanish at the **Mercat de la Boquería**, the city's main food market, and enjoy lunch on your own.
- Next, follow your Tour Director for a **walking tour of Barri Gòtic**, the medieval heart of Barcelona. See the 15th-century **Cathedral** and admire its beautiful Gothic architecture.
- Take a stroll down **Las Ramblas**, a pedestrian promenade where you will experience the vibrant atmosphere of Barcelona!
- Tonight, enjoy the sounds and colors of Spain at a **flamenco dinner show**.



DAY 10: DEPART (Sunday)

- Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA.

iHasta pronto y buen viaje!

**YOUR EXCHANGE PARTNER:****Colegio La Purísima Franciscanas**

Av. de les Tres Creus, 49, 46018 València

An exchange program is a once-in-a-life time opportunity for students to truly explore, understand, and dive deep into another culture and language. As students fully immerse into the life of their host family and school, they'll experience a type of personal growth and empowerment that can only happen in this unique setting. Students not only travel but host their exchange partners resulting in a lifelong bond between both students and families.

The conditions and details of the exchange will be agreed upon between the two participating schools. Schools should agree beforehand what hosting arrangements will be made if the final number of students participating in the exchange differs between schools (e.g. additional host families are recruited, families host more than one student, or the number of students traveling is reduced to match the partner school). Forum cannot guarantee that schools will have the same number of participants traveling and, therefore, cannot be held responsible if the number of traveling students from each school differs.

HOSTING A VISITING STUDENT

The primary responsibility of a host family is to create a welcoming and safe environment for their visiting student. We encourage families to get to know their student and spend time together both inside and outside the home. Visiting students look forward to learning about American culture and customs and practicing their English in daily life. Families will receive a profile form with information about their student prior to hosting.

This is your tailor-made travel experience – you will not be combined with another group!

PRICE PER PERSON

15+ participants	\$ 2,350
12 to 14 participants	\$ 2,460
10 to 11 participants	\$ 2,580

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

May 5 th , 2018	\$ 500
July 5 th , 2018	\$ 600
September 5 th , 2018	\$ 600
November 5 th , 2018	\$ 600
January 5 th , 2018	Balance

PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare* from Philadelphia to Madrid and from Barcelona to Philadelphia
- ✓ Departure taxes and airline fuel surcharges of \$521 per traveler
- ✓ Associated transportation costs while in Europe
- ✓ 2 nights multiple occupancy (3/4 students per room with private bath) in quality three-star hotels
- ✓ 2 Breakfasts / 0 Lunches / 2 Dinners (includes one beverage and a vegetarian option)
- ✓ All cultural and aforementioned visits, activities, tours, and admissions as per itinerary
- ✓ Service of a dynamic professional bilingual Forum Tour Manager with the group on tour
- ✓ \$50 check (sent before departure) to purchase a prepaid cell phone with phone card for the duration of your exchange
- ✓ **Two free travelers regardless of the group size – based on twin occupancy at the hotel**

EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

- ✓ Spanish host family stay with your exchange partner's family
- ✓ Meals with the host family (exceptions might apply)
- ✓ Classes and workshops during the exchange program (confirmed between the partner schools prior to departure)

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✓ Meals not indicated in your itinerary
- ✓ Tips are at your discretion – these are standard guidelines:
 - Forum Tour Manager: 4 Euros per day, per traveler
 - Bus Drivers: 1 Euro per day, per traveler
- ✓ Rooming and Adult Supplements:
 - Twin Room Guarantee Supplement \$40 pp/night or Single Room Guarantee Supplement \$80 pp/night
 - Adult Activity Supplement \$10 pp/day

NOTES

- *Airlines have the legal right to increase fuel surcharges to flight tickets after bookings have been made. In the event of an increase in airline taxes and/or fuel surcharges, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.
- **Forum Language Experience** has purchased the **Student Protection Plan** from Travel Insured International on behalf of all participants. **Cancel For Any Reason** is an available **option** that must be purchased at the time of trip deposit. ***CFAR is not available to residents of NY***
- Forum has quoted this package at an exchange rate of 1 Euro = 1.25 USD. In the event of a significant change in the exchange rate, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.

Date of quote: March 16, 2018 | Prices are valid until: First payment deadline | Your Forum Tour Consultant: **Anaïs Boschet**

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