

TY Tour - Barcelona

24th-27th March 2026



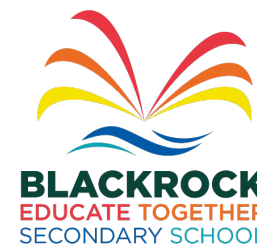
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Educational Aims & TY Links



The trip to **Barcelona** provides students with an opportunity to experience their subjects in a real-world context, linking classroom learning with practical application while supporting the core aims of Transition Year.

Subject Links

- **ES Spanish:** Students develop confidence in speaking and listening through real-life interactions and gain insight into Spanish and Catalan culture.
-  **Geography:** explore urban environments, tourism, and coastal features, deepening their understanding of city development and sustainability.
-  **History:** Students engage with the historical development of Barcelona, including its Roman origins and key events such as the Spanish Civil War.
-  **Art:** The trip provides exposure to significant artistic and architectural works, particularly those of Gaudi.
-  **DCG / Construction:** Students observe real-world applications of design, structure, and spatial planning through Barcelona's architecture and urban layout.

Transition Year Student Dimensions


- **Personal Growth:**
Students develop independence, confidence, and adaptability through travel and new experiences.
- **Social Awareness:**
Engagement with a different culture fosters respect, empathy, and a broader global perspective.
- **Educational Achievement:**
The trip reinforces classroom learning through direct experience across multiple subjects.
- **Career Exploration:**
Students gain insight into careers such as tourism, architecture, design, and urban planning.

Overall Summary

This trip supports Transition Year by promoting **holistic student development**, combining academic learning with personal growth, cultural awareness, and real-world experience.

Tuesday 24 March-2026

Trip Itinerary to Barcelona

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- 04:00** Assemble in Dublin Airport (DUB) - Terminal 2
 - 07:05** Depart from Dublin Airport (DUB) to Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) on Aer Lingus flight, EI562
 - 10:50** Arrive at Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) - Terminal 2B
 - 11:30** Meet your 55 seater Giovanni Bus Travel coach and transfer to Venetian towers
 - 12:00** Free time for lunch near Venetian towers
 - 13:00** 3 hrs Coach guided tour of Barcelona - Stops at Scenic Locations
 - 16:30** Meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation.
 - 19:30** Evening meal at your accommodation.



Wednesday 25 March-2026

Trip Itinerary to Barcelona

- 08:00** Breakfast at your accommodation.
- 09:00** Meet your coach and transfer to Montserrat.
- 11:00** Arrive at Montserrat
- 12:30** Free time for lunch under your own arrangement.
- 13:30** Meet your coach and transfer to Cosmo Caixa Science Museum.
- 15:00** Arrive at Cosmo Caixa Science Museum.
- 17:00** Meet your coach and transfer to Bowling Diverland Les Gavarres.
- 18:30** Bowling at Bowling Diverland Les Gavarres.
- 20:00** Evening meal at your accommodation.



Thursday 26 March-2026

Trip Itinerary to PortAventura

09:00 Breakfast at your accommodation.

10:30 Meet your coach and transfer to PortAventura.

11:00- TBC - Arrive at PortAventura.

18:30 Meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation.

20:00 Evening meal at your accommodation.



Friday 27 March-2026

Trip Itinerary in Barcelona

- 09:00** Breakfast at your accommodation.
- 10:00** Meet your coach and transfer to La Rambla.
- 12:00** Arrive at La Rambla.
- 13:30** Meet your coach and transfer to Maremagnum shopping centre.
- 14:00** Arrive at Maremagnum shopping centre and enjoy your lunch.
- 17:45** Meet your coach and transfer to Barcelona - El Prat Airport (BCN).
- 18:30** Assemble in Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) - Terminal 2B.
- 19:50** Depart from Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) to Dublin Airport (DUB) on Aer Lingus flight, EI565.

Nearby Amenities

Mercadona Supermarket:

7 minute walk from the Hotel

Salou Beach:

10 minute walk from the Hotel

McDonalds:

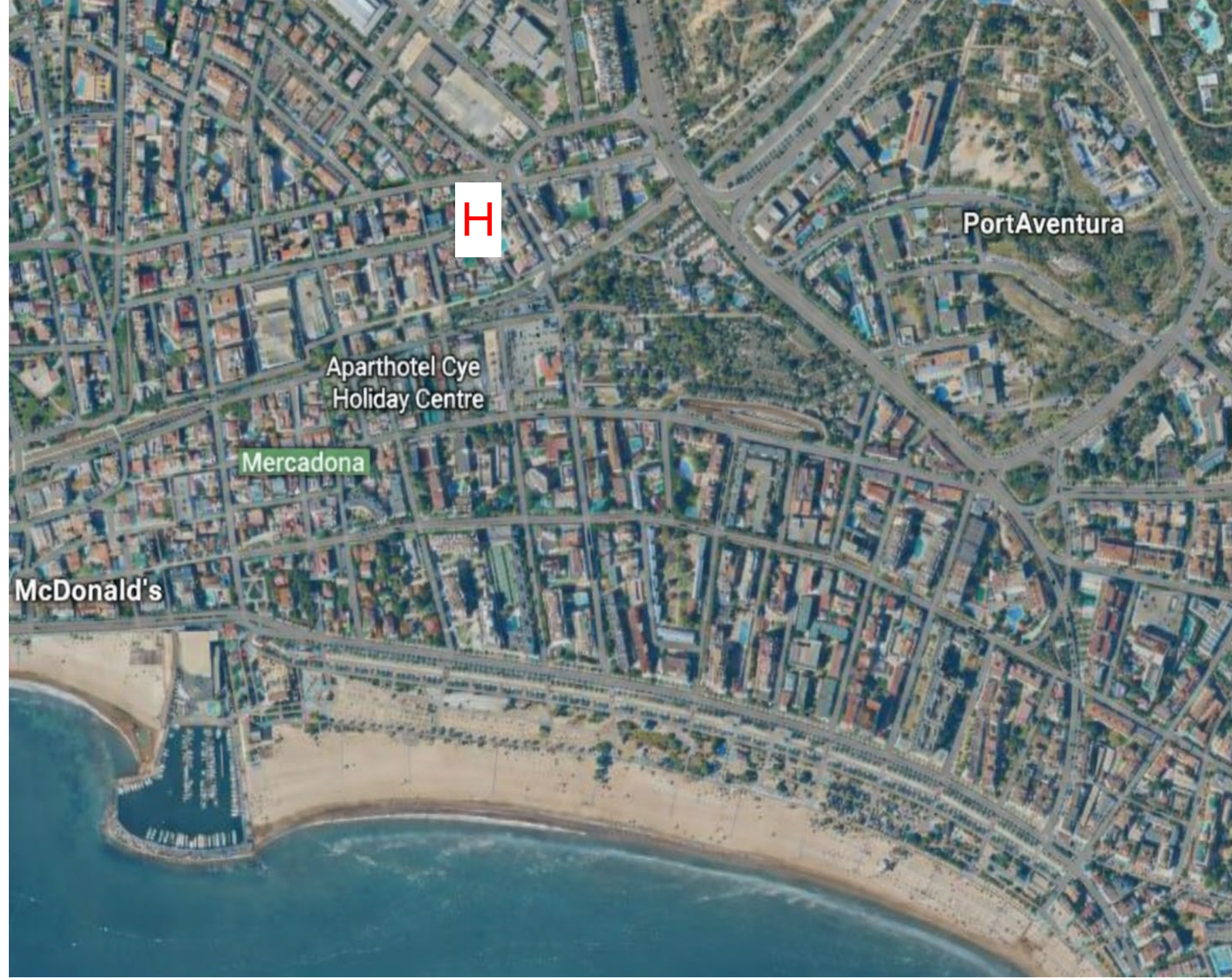
8 minute walk from the Hotel

Portaventura Theme Park

30 minute walk from the Hotel

Hospital

10 minute walk from the Hotel



Hotel



<https://www.cyeholidaycentre.com>

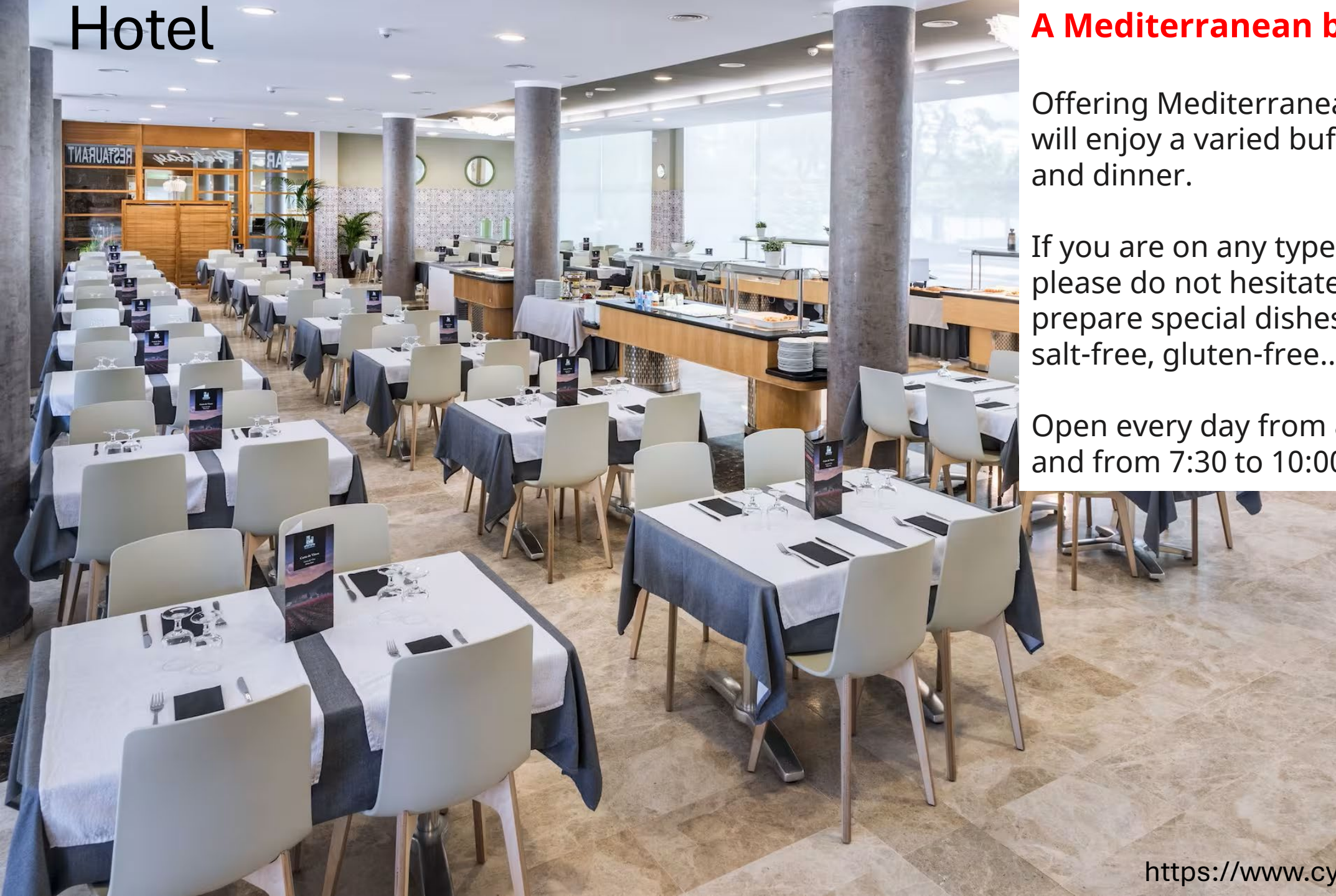
Hotel

A Mediterranean buffet...

Offering Mediterranean cuisine, you will enjoy a varied buffet for breakfast and dinner.

If you are on any type of special diet, please do not hesitate to ask. They can prepare special dishes for vegetarians, salt-free, gluten-free...

Open every day from 8:00 to 10:30am, and from 7:30 to 10:00 pm.



Accommodation

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- Twin bedroom with two single beds
- Living room with two individual sofa beds
- Kitchenette with the necessary equipment
- Complete bathroom with a shower

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Staff Attending & Roles - Gary



The trip will be led by Gary the **Group Leader**, accompanied by **three additional members of staff**, each with specific responsibilities to ensure the safety, wellbeing, and educational value of the trip.

- **Group Leader: Gary**
- **Staff Member 2: Meadhbh**
- **Staff Member 3: Caelan**
- **Staff Member 4: Emer (SNA)**

All staff will share supervision duties and work collaboratively to ensure a safe, enjoyable, and educational experience for all students.

Trip Ethos

Documents

Student must bring

- Their passport to airport
- Group Leaders hand back all EHIC cards on Friday 27th of March



Baggage Allowance

- 1 small cabin bag – max 40x30x20cm
- 1 checked in bag – max 10kg (55x40x24cm) – place all liquid items into check in bag

Prohibited Items

- ✗ Weapons (guns, fireworks, explosives)
- ✗ Dangerous chemicals (bleach, fuel, gas canisters)
- ✗ Sharp objects (scissors, knives)
- ✗ Tools or anything that could be used as a weapon
- ✗ Explosives or flammable items
- ✗ Gas container
- ✗ Loose batteries (like power banks) 👉 Keep power banks in your **carry-on bag**
- ✗ Big toiletries (Aim for 100ml)
- ✗ Drinks in carry-on bags
- ✗ Small scissors in pencil cases

No big liquids, no sharp objects, nothing dangerous

Packing List

- Barcelona is usually **mild to warm**, but check forecast before leaving.
- 3–4 T-shirts/tops
- 1–2 pairs of trousers/shorts
- 1 light jacket or light weight (TY) hoodie
- 1 pair comfortable walking shoes
- Optional extra pair sandals/trainers

Temperature

Precipitation

Wind

Precipitation: 0%

Humidity: 83%

Wind: 21 km/h

Results for **Salou, Spain**

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Thu



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Fri



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Sat



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Sun



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Mon



16°

Tue



17°

Wed



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Fri



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Packing List

- Pack light – it's only 4 days
- Roll clothes to save space
- Keep valuables in carry-on only
- Comfort over style – lots of walking in Barcelona
- Label luggage clearly - Ribbons
- Bring Phone Charger & 2 plug pin adaptor
- Sun Cream
- Travel-size toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, preferably roll on deodorant)

Extras

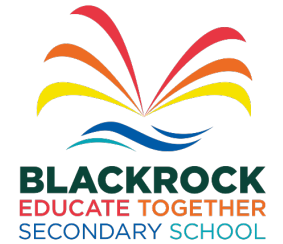
- Snacks
- Reusable water bottle (empty through security)



Safety and Security

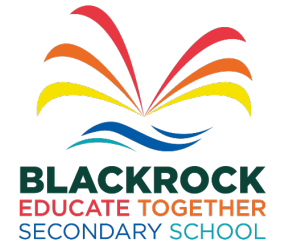
- Safety protocols
- Health and medical considerations
- Sticking together
- Being vigilant and mindful
- 083 099 0943 – Number for Group Leader

Behavior Expectations: Donal



- Code of conduct applies from start to finish
- Students' cooperation is essential at all times
- Protocol with bags and back packs e.g. getting onto bus, teachers may ask students to show contents of bags – students' cooperation is expected at all times
- Phone – phones will be collected by teachers in the evening time and returned to students in the morning time

Consequences for rule violations



What happens for minor to moderate breaches of the Behaviour Code while on the trip?

- Conversation with the teacher
- Warning
- Have to sit beside teachers on the bus
- Have to sit beside teachers at meal time
- Loss of privileges

What happens for significant breaches of the Behaviour Code while on the trip?

- Student will have to come home if there is a serious breach of the Behaviour Code e.g. consuming alcohol
- Parent will have to go and collect their child and bring them home or give them consent to travel home independently
- Breach will then be dealt with under Behaviour Code on return to school i.e. suspension

Priority for the school

- No.1 priority is that everyone returns safely.
- Everyone has a nice, fun time.
- Everyone has an educational time.
- Students develop their independence.
- Students are good ambassadors for their school community and their country.
- Everyone looks out for each other and minds each other.



Contact Numbers for Group

083 099 0943 – Direct number to Group Leader
(Gary) in Case of Emergency