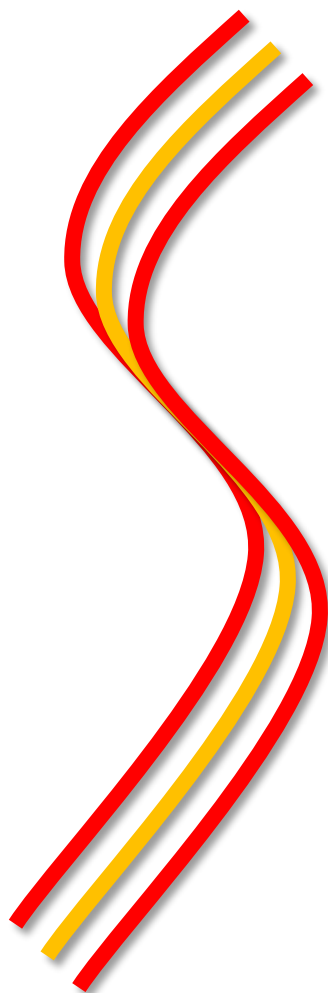


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MADRID

Capital of Spain, is the country's largest and most populated city in Spain and the second in the UE. Also known as "Villa del Oso y el Madroño" is the home of the Royal family at Zarzuela Palace and the Spanish Government. Madrid is the economic, political and cultural center of Spain.



3RD JULY - RETIRO

At the airport a bus will pick you up and take you to your hotel to do the check in.

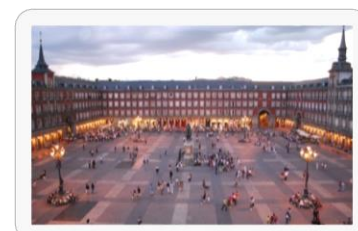
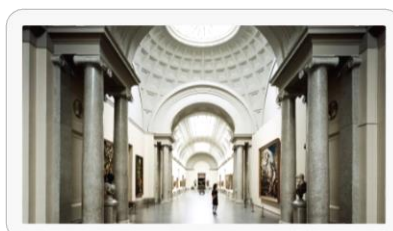
Today, we can go to The Retiro, the largest park in the capital and one of the main tourist attractions, right in the city center where we can have a stroll around the magnificent rose gardens "La Rosaleda", row at the lake, visit an art exhibition at the Crystal Palace or just have a rest in case you feel jet lagged. If the weather is too hot to be at the park, we might go to the swimming pool instead.

Later on, we will go up the Círculo de Bellas Artes building to admire the astonishing views of the city from the roof terrace and then we can have a walk to see Madrid's main buildings and landmarks.

4TH JULY – EL PRADO

In the morning we will visit El Prado, one of the biggest and most relevant museums in the world where you can learn lots of interesting things about paintings and artists.

In the afternoon we can go in the center to see Madrid's life, its people, do some shopping... and in the evening we will go to Plaza Mayor, the charming and lively main square where we can taste the famous and delicious Spanish tapas!!



5TH JULY – REINA SOFÍA



After breakfast we will visit the Centro Nacional de Arte Reina Sofía, which contains one of the finest collections of contemporary art including many of Picasso and Dali's pieces.

After the visit we will departure to Gijón and we'll make a stopover at Segovia to see the town and have lunch.

Segovia is a Unesco World Heritage City. Its old part with the Jewish Quarter, the Aqueduct and the Cathedral, make a visit worthwhile. The Aqueduct, 818 meters long, is an impressive Roman engineering civil construction from the 1st century that remains remarkably well preserved.



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Gijón



Gijón is a very nice and pleasant town of about 300,000 people. Right on the North coast of Spain in the region of Asturias, it is surrounded by green hills, rivers, lakes, forests... so within a few kms you can enjoy sandy beaches as well as the beautiful countryside.

During these 21 days you will study Spanish language and culture at La Asunción School with Rassias method; lessons will take place in the morning for 3 hours. At School, not

only will you learn the language but Spanish customs as well. Also, during the course, you will have the opportunity to set up a piece of theatre with the help of the teachers.

There are lots of activities we have planned for you; one day we can make a hiking tour along the coastline to bird-watch, look for wild flowers or just enjoy the nature and the breathtaking views from the cliffs.

We will go to the mountains on a hiking tour called "La Ruta del Cares". Cares is a river that runs in Picos de Europa National Park. Along the river goes an spectacular 12 km trekking trail that is carved on the rocks and make you go through caves and bridges. In former times, it was the only way to get to those villages during the snowfalls. An expert guide will accompany us during the excursion.



If you like sports you are lucky because Gijón host one very important club in Spain, Grupo Covadonga where you can practice a lots of different sports as you will be registered as a member of the Club. If you are interested in tennis, you will also become a member of Gijón Tennis Club and we will make sure we find you a family you can play with.

In case you are interested in surfing, using machines at the gym or going in the spa, you will need an authorisation from your parents.

Not far from Gijón is Oviedo, the capital of Asturias, a medium sized town; its medieval historic quarter and 9th century Cathedral are worth a visit, as well as the Archaeological museum situated in a convent and the Museum of Fine Arts.



The organization "Ovida Asistencia" that cares for the elderly has invited us to meet them and spend an afternoon with them. We have thought that it would be nice to put on for them the show that you have previously rehearsed at school; we are sure they will love meeting you. It would also be very nice of you to take them a souvenir from your town so they can get to know something from your culture as well.

22ND JULY BILBAO

We will make one day trip to this interesting city.

Bilbao is a city in the North of Spain, in the Basque Country. An industrial giant during most of the 20th century, it is since its decline in the mid 90's the modern face of the Basque Country, a cosmopolitan city constantly evolving due to urban renewal. One of the landmarks is the Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry, a timeless Underground by Sir Norman Foster or a community center designed by Philippe Starck amongst others.



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SANT FELIU DE GIXOLS (COSTA BRAVA)

26TH - 27TH JULY – COSTA BRAVA



At first time in the morning you will take a plane to Barcelona and from there a bus will take you to Sant Feliu de Guixols, a municipality on the Costa Brava in Gerona.

Before visiting Barcelona, you will spend two days in this lovely town by the sea just relaxing and enjoying the beaches, coves and

picturesque villages and ports of the Costa Brava where the climate is always mild and the Mediterranean sea gets its warmest!

BARCELONA

28TH - 29TH JULY - BARCELONA

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia. Situated by the sea, is a cosmopolitan and dynamic city with a rich heritage, from Roman remains to medieval quarters and the most beautiful examples of 20th century Modernism and avant-garde. A wide cultural offer, its lively streets, the emblematic buildings and its magnificent port among other attractions, make it a good choice to spend some days in this city.



Some interesting places to see are the Gothic district, the Boquería market, Las Ramblas, Güell Park, Montjuic, La Sagrada Familia, the Cathedral...there are so many we are sure you'll have lots of fun in this exciting city, you'll love it!



30TH JULY - DEPARTURE

The day of departure a bus will take you to the airport early in the morning.

We hope you have enjoyed your stay in Spain, you have learnt and experience many new things and your Spanish has improves a lot!!

We wish you a happy trip back home.

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