

San Mateo County Community College District
Art in Barcelona
Summer 2024



The AIFS program fee based on an enrollment of 15-20 participants is: \$4,625 and includes the following:

Accommodation:

- Individual, ensuite room in a student accommodation centrally located within 45 minutes travel time to the classroom facilities, with shared kitchen and living space, onsite laundry facilities, linens, and towels, and WiFi
- An independent housing option is available – **see optional components below**

Meals:

- Self-catering facilities at student accommodation, a welcome dinner and farewell dinner

Travel Pass:

- Travel pass for unlimited travel on the metro, buses, trams, and trains in the central zone of Barcelona for the duration of the program

Cultural Activities and Excursions:

- An orientation program in Barcelona consisting of a meeting with experienced AIFS staff, covering topics such as general acclimation to Barcelona, safety and security issues, cultural differences, travel, money, cultural activities, and a local area walking tour
- A half-day guided sightseeing tour of Barcelona by private bus with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide
- An Articket pass, allowing one free entry to each of the following museums: Museu Picasso, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Fundació Joan Miró, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, and Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona
- A standard ticket to Caixa Forum
- A guided tour of the Sagrada Família and Park Güell
- A guided tour of MACBA (Museum of Contemporary Art of Barcelona)
- A group cooking class
- A full-day excursion to Sitges including transportation by public train, entrances to the Cau Ferrat and Maricel Museum, guided walking tour of Sitges and the services of a professional guide and AIFS staff escort throughout
- A full-day excursion to Girona and Figueres including transportation by private bus, entrances to the Cathedral and Dalí Museum, guided walking tour of Girona and the services of a professional guide and AIFS staff escort throughout

Also included:

- Access to the AIFS Student Center with free internet access and a team of dedicated AIFS Student Services staff for information, personal advising/counseling, and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Medical insurance policy

Optional components:

- Transportation package including round-trip airfare between San Francisco (SFO) and Barcelona (BCN) and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the student housing on the standard program dates for \$975, and mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges of \$645 (subject to change)
- An optional two-day, overnight excursion to Madrid, including round-trip transport by high-speed train in standard class seating, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at a centrally located hotel, in twin-bedded rooms, a walking tour of the city, a guided tour of the Prado Museum, entrances to the Thyssen and Sorolla Museums, and the services of an AIFS representative throughout for \$595
- Independent Housing: Participants who wish to secure their own accommodation in Barcelona may select to do so at a reduced participant fee of \$2,595 and will be responsible for the airport transfer on the scheduled arrival and departure date, and to and from meeting points on travel days.

Program does not include the following:

- Textbooks
- San Mateo County Community College District tuition and/or administrative fees
- Meals other than those listed
- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Field trips or excursions required by your instructors
- Personal expenses
- Anything else not specified

2024 PROGRAM DATES

Sunday, June 2	Depart the U.S. for Barcelona.
Monday, June 3	Arrive in Barcelona.
Friday, June 28	End of program. Depart Barcelona.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

<u>Summer Program</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	March 8, 2024	Airfare	\$975.00	April 5, 2024
Balance of fees	<u>\$4,175.00</u>	April 5, 2024	Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	<u>\$645.00</u>	April 5, 2024
Total	\$4,625.00		Total Transportation Package	\$1,620.00	
Independent Housing	(\$2030.00)	(Credit)	Excursion to Madrid Deposit	\$50.00	March 8, 2024
			Excursion to Madrid Balance	<u>\$545.00</u>	April 5, 2024
Balance/Own Housing	\$2,145.00	April 5, 2024	Total cost	\$595.00	

All participants must submit the \$450 enrollment deposit and optional tour deposit, if applicable, when completing the online enrollment form. Subsequent payments may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." American Express, MasterCard and Visa are also accepted. **Participants who elect to make their own housing arrangements in Barcelona will be billed the reduced program fee of \$2,595.**

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, they cannot be rerouted, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation from the airport overseas to your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights only on the dates indicated on this application.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package should select this option on the online enrollment form, or if you wish to add the flight after you complete the form you must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, March 8, 2024. Participants wishing to cancel the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, April 5, 2024. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure city. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of the ticket. Stopovers are not permitted. Once overseas, participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

AIFS will not make your flight arrangements for you unless you sign up for the Transportation Package when completing your online enrollment form.

A minimum of 10 participants must take the flight for it to be offered.

Refund policy and important dates to remember should you need to cancel your participation:

If a participant withdraws on or before Friday, March 8, 2024, all fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded. If a participant withdraws after Friday, March 8, 2024, but on or before Friday, April 5, 2024, all fees paid less than the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the participant or by AIFS on the participant's behalf will be refunded. If a participant withdraws after Friday, April 5, 2024, they will receive no refund and the total program fee is due. *Please note that after the final payment deadline the full program fee is due to AIFS even if you have not yet paid and do not participate or plan to participate in the program. Non-refundable financial commitments have been made to secure your spot.* If a participant withdraws once the program has begun, there is no refund. **This refund policy applies whether a participant pays AIFS Abroad directly for all, part, or no program fees.**

Protecting your investment:

Participants will have the option of purchasing additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with travel insurance underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best 2019, are available on the Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) website - www.culturalinsurance.com. Students may purchase their plan directly through the CISI website. ***The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.***

Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE) general social identity resources:

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey, inclusive of your gender, race, religion, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. Everyone has a complex identity, and the different aspects of your identity are important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring the identities, you hold and learning about those of others is also an important part of this journey. We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.