

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY

If you are arriving between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, IES Barcelona staff will be waiting for you at the airport to give you essential information for your first hours in Barcelona and give you directions on how to get to your housing arrangement.

If you arrive after that time, please call the Barcelona emergency number for instructions.

TUESDAY

INFORMATION SESSIONS (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE)

The information sessions will take place at **IES Center I**, Ronda Sant Pere, 5, in **rooms 2.1 and 2.7** located on the 2nd floor.

GROUP 1: (you will get information of your group upon arrival)

- 09:00 AM – 09:30 AM** Welcome
- 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM** Housing, health & safety
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** Field trips & Extracurricular Activities
- 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM** Academics
- 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM** Orientation information

GROUP 2: (you will get information of your group upon arrival)

- 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM** Welcome
- 12:00 AM – 12:30 PM** Housing, health & safety
- 12:30 AM – 12:45 PM** Field trips & Extracurricular Activities
- 12:45 AM – 13:15 PM** Academics
- 13:15 AM – 13:30 PM** Orientation information

ACADEMIC ADVISING (MANDATORY)

If you need to talk to your advisor regarding your classes, you can do so during the Academic Advising times. Please be aware that **you will need to have an appointment**. To schedule an appointment, please contact Jane Ewart at IES Center 1 on the 3rd floor between 11:00AM and 01:00PM. Your appointment will fall between 03:00PM and 05:00PM.

- 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM** Sign-up for Academic Advising @ IES Center 1, 3rd Floor, with Jane Ewart
- 03:00 PM – 05:00 PM** Meeting with Academic Advisor @ IES Center 1, 2nd and 3rd floor

PLACEMENT TEST (MANDATORY)

11:00 AM – 01:00 PM Placement Test. Beginner and Intermediate Track

The test will take place at the IES Center 1.
More specific information on the assigned classroom available upon arrival.

SIGN-UP FIELD TRIPS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Have you decided your field trips during the semester? To sign up for them, you need to talk to Manel Roman on IES Center 1, 1st floor. For information on IES organized field trips, please review the Extracurricular Activities & Field Trips section of this guide. Remember that field trips fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

02:00 PM – 05:00 PM Sign-up for Field Trips @ IES I, 1st floor, with Manel Roman

WALKING TOUR AROUND BARCELONA: GOTHIC QUARTER (SIGN-UP NEEDED)

03:00 PM – 05:00 PM Guided tour along the Barcelona Gothic Quarter.

You need to sign up for this activity at the front desk of IES I. Meeting point for the activity: IES II (entrance to the building).

CULTURAL PASSPORT (OPTIONAL)

AFTERNOON - At IES Barcelona we have prepared a cultural passport for you! This passport contains a list of places that we think you will find interesting. Every place is given a certain number of points. Point values range from 5 to 20. If you accumulate **125 points** you will be eligible to win one of the prizes. You can pick up your passport at IES Center 1, 1st floor and start visiting places and getting points right away!!!

WEDNESDAY

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE)

MORNING – Barrio visit with your RA.

Get to know your neighborhood with your Resident Assistant (RA). Your RA will help you to locate the shops, public transportation and services near your housing. You will also have the chance to have a coffee with your RA, talk about your first impressions and receive some practical information about the city. Upon arrival, your RA will inform you of the meeting place and exact time.

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ORIENTATION SESSION FOR INTENSIVE INTERNSHIP STUDENTS (MANDATORY)

10:00AM-11:00AM This is your opportunity to meet with the Internship Coordinator. He will provide you with specific information regarding the Intensive Internship Program.

The meeting will take place at the IES Center 1.
Information on the assigned room available upon arrival.

PLACEMENT TEST (MANDATORY)

11:00 AM – 01:00 PM Placement Test. Advanced Track.

The test will take place at the IES Center 1.
Specific information on the assigned classroom available upon arrival.

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WALKING TOUR AROUND BARCELONA: L'EIXAMPLE (SIGN-UP NEEDED)

03:00 PM – 05:00 PM Guided tour around the Eixample.

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ORIENTATION TRIP TO MALLORCA

Please, note that this is a tentative schedule for the Mallorca Orientation trip. Some of the activities may be changed.

Remember to:

- Bring **original passport**.
- If you are taking any medicine, do not forget to bring it along. You can also bring Dramamine (Biodramina).
- IES staff cannot administer any medication.
- All the activities are **mandatory**.
- Need to bring sun block lotion and swim suit.
- Don't be late!

Mallorca is the largest of the Balearic Islands with 554 miles of coastline. Mallorca's landscape is very varied, due to its geological formation. The first thing which attracts your attention is the Tramuntana mountain range, formed by a line of mountains running parallel to the north west coast, the highest of which is Puig Major. The mountains give way to a coastline of tiny villages, sand, pebble and rock beaches.

From the northwest to the southwest, the land gradually leads down to the sea, forming bays, long beaches and small coves of fine sand and transparent, green water, tinged with the reflection of the pines and fig trees which reach the shore. In the southwest of Mallorca is the huge Bay of Palma, which protects and shelters the former kingdom's capital.

THURSDAY

MORNING: Meeting at the Barcelona airport and departure towards Mallorca.

AFTERNOON: Arrival in Palma de Mallorca and guided visit of the old town, including the Cathedral, Almudaina palace and the famous Bellver palace.

EVENING: Arrival to the hotel. Room distribution, dinner and free time.

FRIDAY

MORNING: Departure to the picturesque village of Valldemosa, in the middle of the Tramuntana Mountains where we will visit the famous monastery.

AFTERNOON: Arrival in Port de Sóller and free time to discover this old fishermen's village including the old port and wonderful beaches.

EVENING: Arrival in Palma de Mallorca and dinner at the hotel.

SATURDAY

MORNING: Check-out from the hotel and departure to the Drach caves. Visit of this wonderful nature scenario.

AFTERNOON: Bus to Porto Cristo and free time.

EVENING: Bus to the airport. Departure towards Barcelona. End of the trip.