

Please Note: All Euro conversions are based on the Euro-USD conversion rate set at:
1.00 Euro = 1.3014 USD as of 1/3/12

Summary of Expenses:

Travel: \$467.24
Accommodations: \$320.00
Food: \$390.36
Transportation: \$298.77
Cultural Sites Admission Fees: \$278.78

Total Requested: \$1755.15

Itemized Expenses and Narrative:

Travel:

Flight roundtrip Madrid to Barcelona and returning:

SpanAir: \$109.00
Four Trips: \$436.00

Barcelona to Tarragona:

Regional Express Train: €5.00 = \$6.51
2 trips: \$13.02

Barcelona to Gerona:

Regional Express Train: €7.00 = \$9.11
2 trips: \$18.22

Total: \$467.24

Catalonia is over a six-hour bus ride from Madrid. In these trips I only plan to spend a long weekend in the city. Flying will provide me with more time spent in the region and is cheaper than the train ride. Both SpanAir and Iberia Airlines fly from Madrid to Barcelona. When I plan my flights I will choose the cheaper of the two.

I plan to spend two long weekends (Thursday night through Sunday) in Barcelona. One will be devoted entirely to studying the art and architecture of the city. The other will be spent continuing to visit sites and to conduct interviews with local Barcelonans.

The third weekend will be spent in Tarragona, a city important because of its Roman architecture. I intend to conduct interviews there and explore differences in how those in Tarragona view their place in Catalonia and the history of this with those in Barcelona. The best way to get to Tarragona is to fly into Barcelona and then take an hour and a half train ride south. The train is both faster and cheaper than the bus.

The fourth weekend will be spent in Gerona, a city important because of Cathedral, architectural forms, Moorish baths and Jewish Quarter. Similarly with Tarragona, I will be looking at the differences in how those in Gerona view themselves as a part of Catalonia.

Accommodations:

Barcelona:

Youth Hostels in Barcelona: approx. \$30.00/night
6 nights total: \$180.00

Tarragona:

Hotel Prices in Tarragona: approx. \$40.00/night
2 nights total: \$80.00

Gerona:

Hostel Prices in Gerona: approx. \$30.00/night
2 nights total: \$60.00

Total: \$320.00

Hostel approximations were found on Hostel World. Since I will be traveling alone, I will be choosing my hostel based on safety reviews as opposed to absolute lowest cost. There are no youth hostels in Tarragona.

Food:

Budget of €25.00/day = \$32.53/day
12 Days total = \$390.36

Transportation:

Taxi Airport to Hostel in Barcelona: approx €16.00 = \$20.82 per trip
4 Trips total: \$83.28

Taxi Airport to Train Station in Barcelona: approx. €8.00 = \$10.41
4 trips total: \$41.64

Taxi Train Station to Hostel or Hotel in Tarragona and Gerona: Estimated \$25.00 per trip
4 trips total: \$100.00

T10 Metro Ticket in Barcelona - 10 journeys - €1.25 = \$12.03

Estimated will need 20 tickets per 3-day trip = \$24.06 per 3-day trip

Estimated will need 10 tickets for trips from the Barcelona Airport to Train stations for
Tarragona and Gerona trips: \$12.03

10 Ride Bus Pass in Tarragona: €6.70 = \$6.70

Estimated Bus Fee in Gerona: \$7.00

Total: \$298.77

Taxi rides in Barcelona are fairly cheap averaging €10.00 per 15 minute ride. I was unable to find information on taxi rides in Tarragona and Gerona and I am estimating prices based on online discussions of the overall expenses of the cities. Since I will have all of my belongings with me, and will be alone, I will feel safer traveling in a taxi to and from the airport or train station. All other days I am completely comfortable on public transportation.

Cultural Sites Admission Fees:

Barcelona:

Sagrada Familia: €12.50 = \$16.27

Casa Batlló: €8.15 = \$23.62

Barri Gotic (Historic or- Gothic Quarter) Barcelona Walking Tour: €13.00 = \$16.92

Spanish Village: €9.50 = \$12.37

La Perdera: €14.00 = \$18.22

Picasso Museum: €10.00 = \$13.02 + approx. \$10.00 for special exhibitions = \$23.02 total

Miró Museum: €9.00 = \$11.72

National Museum of Art of Catalunya: €8.50 = \$11.06

Barcelona Center of Contemporary Culture €5.00 = \$6.51

Museum d'Hisòria de Catalunya: €4.00 = \$5.21

Maritime Museum: €2.50 = \$3.25

Catalan Museum of Archaeology: €3.00 = \$3.90

Total: 152.07

Barcelona Discount Card 3-Day Pass: €35,00 = \$45.55¹

Tarragona:

Cathedral: €2.50 = \$3.25

Estimated Monument and Museum Entrance Fees (not listed online): \$60.00

Total: \$63.25

Gerona:

Arab Baths: €1.50 = \$1.95

Cathedral: €5.00 = \$6.51

¹ The Barcelona Discount Card provides free transportation on metro lines and buses as well as a 20% discount at most cultural sites and free admission to smaller museums. The price of the card may rise depending on the time of the year and is not guaranteed as the Department of Tourism limits the amount of cards sold. The estimates in this budget, therefore, do not assume the 20% discount as it is uncertain as to whether I will be able to procure one when needed. The discount card is unlisted in my total for cultural sites admission fees and in my total requested.

Estimated Monument Entrance Fees (not listed online): \$55.00

Total: \$63.46

Cultural Sites Total: \$278.78

My project will require my own viewing of museums and architectural monuments so I do not have to rely only on others descriptions of these places.