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# MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Date: November 3, 2015  
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler  
From: Mr. Tom Rogers  
Re: Out-of Country World Language Spring Break 2017 Trip

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World Language teacher, Lynn Fors, would like to request permission to organize a summer 2017 trip to Spain. The purpose of the trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience for our students that will reinforce and enhance their language abilities and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with the unique opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain. Tentative itinerary and trip details are attached:

1. Trip Dates: Spring Break 2017  
Approximately March 24 through April 1, 2017  
9 days
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 8-10
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier / ACIS, Student Tour Company
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$3800
5. Adult Chaperones: Mrs. Lynn Fors
6. Goals:
  - a. To provide opportunity for student participation in sightseeing and language immersion experience.
  - b. To reinforce and enhance student language mastery and cultural appreciation through the experience.
  - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain through their participation in this activity.

**Date:** November 3, 2015

**Memo to:** Dr. Kent Mutchler and School Board Members  
**cc:** Tom Rogers, Gina Nolan

**From:** Lynn Fors, Spanish teacher, Geneva High School

**Subject:** Proposal for 2017 student trip to Spain

At this time, I would like to propose a trip to the Geneva School board to Spain during spring break of 2017. In past trips of 2009, 2011 and 2013, these board-approved trips related to language immersion and cultural relevance for our Spanish students and are an important part of our curriculum. As world language teachers, we incorporate culture into our curriculum on a daily basis. The language guided trip is a very important educational opportunity for language students, to change their perspective and apply their language skills. One goal is for students to become global citizens. Our students had the opportunity to experience first-hand the beauty, history, and current culture of the countries they are studying in Spanish language classes, as well as the opportunity to use the language in real-life situations.

I would like to submit for your approval a student trip to Spain during the spring break of 2017. This trip is 9 days, leaving Friday, March 24, 2017 and returning Saturday, April 1, 2017. Students will not be absent for any school days, and flight will leave in the afternoon on Friday, March 24 after classes have ended. This trip is intended to introduce students to the culture, history and cuisine of Spain. It is also for students to use their classroom language skills throughout the trip. This trip is intended for all levels of Spanish students, focusing on language and culture of Spain. The attachment will provide additional goals and the itinerary provided by the company. Language students who travel make more connections to their own learning as well as expand their interest and perspectives about other countries and cultures. This trip will also create a more worldly perspective for each student, as language teachers create more global minded citizens through travel.

I, Lynn Fors, have experience leading three student trips through Spain and also Spain and France. I will be working with the acclaimed, and widely used company, ACIS. This company ACIS is a national, bonded, experienced student tour company will provide us with a highly-skilled guide that will accompany us on the entire trip. The tour guides are usually from Spain, so the tour guides also provide authentic language experience. ACIS will also have local guides in the cities travelled. The students are placed in centrally located hotels and offer additional opportunities and excursions. We have used ACIS previously with excellent results.

The itinerary and cost of the trip is included on the attached sheets. I will be happy to answer any additional questions you might have, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Fors  
Geneva High School Spanish Teacher

# Spanish Capitals

**Mar 24 - Apr 1, 2017**

**Group Leader:**

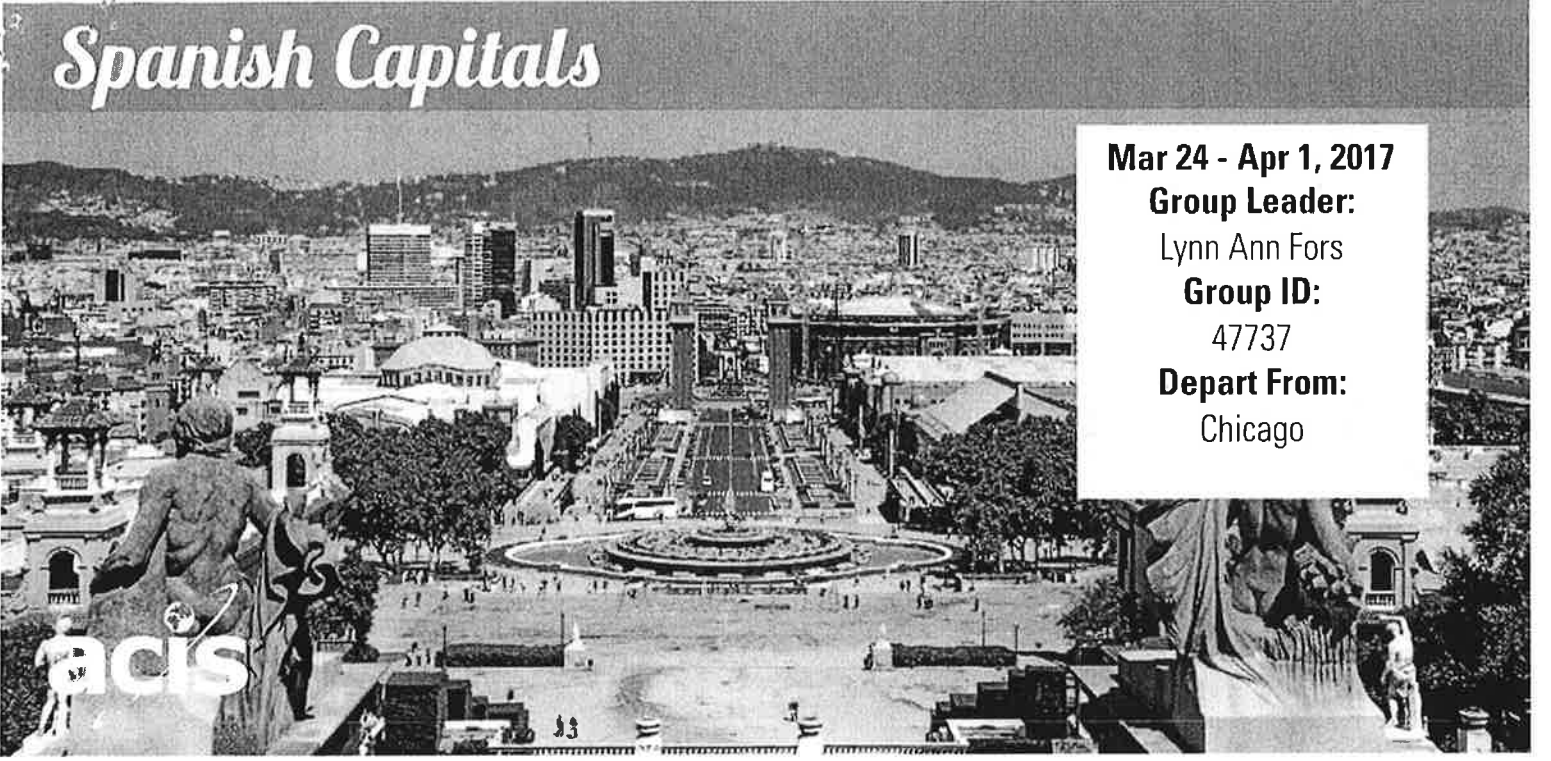
Lynn Ann Fors

**Group ID:**

47737

**Depart From:**

Chicago



## what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Daily Breakfast and Dinner  
(unless otherwise noted)



Centrally Located Hotels



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Madrid Tour with Guide
- ✓ Prado Tour with Personal Headsets
- ✓ Bull Ranch Visit and Lunch
- ✓ Bullfighting Lesson and Demonstration
- ✓ El Escorial with Guide
- ✓ Segovia Tour with Guide
- ✓ Segovia Alcázar

- ✓ Toledo Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Toledo Gothic Cathedral, Synagogue, Church of Santo Tomé
- ✓ Panoramic Lunch in Toledo
- ✓ Madrid-Barcelona AVE
- ✓ Barcelona by Bike
- ✓ Barcelona Tour with Guide
- ✓ Parc Güell
- ✓ Sagrada Familia

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## cultural connections



HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

### Bull Ranch Visit, Bullfighting and Lunch

Visit a working bull ranch for a tour, a lesson in bullfighting and a demonstration of this important Spanish art form.

### Barcelona by Bike

Cycle the unique port area and historic neighborhoods for a closer look at the city and the locals who live here.

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

**Matthew L. Participant**



## trip itinerary - 9 days

### Mar 24, 2017: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

### Mar 25, 2017: Madrid

Arrive in Madrid, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain, and begin exploring. You may want to start by sampling tapas at the little mesones in the Plaza Mayor. (D)

### Mar 26, 2017: Madrid

A local guide offers a city panorama you won't forget, from the priceless artwork of the Prado's vast collection (with your guide's commentary provided over personal headsets) to the unique architecture and history of Madrid's monuments and buildings. In the afternoon participate in a legendary part of Spain's culture with a visit to a local bull ranch, where you will get a first-hand look at how famed Spanish bulls are bred. Explore the ranch, participate in a bullfighting lesson and then enjoy a demonstration of Matador skills with a real bull. Lunch at the ranch is included today instead of dinner. (B,L)

### Mar 27, 2017: Madrid

In the morning journey to the palace monastery of El Escorial, built by King Philip II to honor San Lorenzo after he defeated the French in 1557. Then drive on to ancient Segovia, where a local guide will show you its impressive 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct and dreamlike Alcázar. (B,D)

### Mar 28, 2017: Madrid

Experience the essence of traditional Spain on your excursion to Toledo. With a local guide providing commentary over personal headsets, walk the winding streets to the Gothic Cathedral, the medieval synagogue and El Greco's great painting in the Church of Santo Tomé. Lunch is included today instead of dinner. Return to Madrid for the evening and perhaps shop in the Mercado San Miguel or stroll past the illuminated Royal Palace. (B,L)

### Mar 29, 2017: Barcelona

This morning depart Madrid aboard the high-speed AVE train to Catalonia's capital city, Barcelona. Upon arrival, explore Barceloneta and the Olympic Port on a guided Barcelona by bike tour. (B,D)

### Mar 30, 2017: Barcelona

In the morning a panoramic city sightseeing tour with a local guide introduces you to Barcelona. Enjoy spectacular views over Barcelona and the Mediterranean from Mirador del Migdia Park on the side of Montjuïc Hill, stroll whimsical Parc Güell and visit the inspiring interior of Gaudí's still-unfinished Sagrada Família. Then walk through the city's Gothic Quarter. The narrow cobbled streets, peaceful squares and towering old buildings that characterize Barri Gòtic were at times home to both Picasso and Joan Miró. In the afternoon you may opt to learn about Barcelona's famed football club with a tour of Nou Camp Stadium. Take a walk down La Rambla this evening and experience the brightly lit, bustling atmosphere of Plaça de



Catalunya. (B,D)

### Mar 31, 2017: Barcelona

Take an optional full-day excursion along the Costa Brava featuring a visit to the Salvador Dalí museum in Figueras. Alternatively, enjoy a day to explore more of the sights in Barcelona—perhaps finding souvenirs along La Rambla or discovering your favorite piece at the Picasso Museum.

### Apr 1, 2017: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*





## learning objectives

1. Students will learn about the creation of modern Spain under Franco's rule and its evolution from the Spanish Civil War to the modern day.
2. Students will learn how the location of a port city plays a part in its evolving history.
3. Students will discover Art Nouveau in Spain.

## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3814
Early Registration Discount	\$-100
Weekend Surcharge	\$80

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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$3794
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 12/01/15 with \$200 deposit.

### Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$665
Double Room Supplement	\$315
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$270
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$225
Full-day Excursion to Figueras and the Dali Museum	\$85
FC Barcelona Nou Camp Stadium Tour	\$50

## notes from acis

- Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.
- All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan within My Account ([www.acis.com/accounts](http://www.acis.com/accounts)). To learn more, visit [www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay](http://www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay)
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<http://pages.acis.com/ebook>



Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

## education



**81%**

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



**37%**

of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

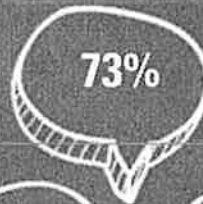
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



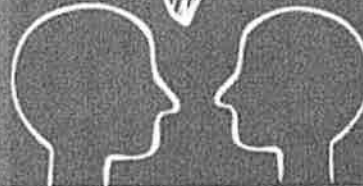
**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.



## personal development



**94%** felt more independent after their trip.

**78%** saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

**92%** noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



**65%**

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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Enter your Group Leader's ID & Last Name (on page 1) about halfway down the page. Click Register Now on your Trip Site when you're ready to sign up.

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Boston, MA 02210

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