

# Gap Program in Barcelona, Spain

## Individually Customized Programs

ANDEO's Gap programs are very flexible and can be customized to fit your goals and interests. The two core components are small-group language courses and a homestay with a local family. From there, you can choose your own path. For example, you can join art workshops, take a teacher training course, or prepare for the DELE exam. Programs can be as short as four weeks or as long as a full year and start any Monday. Academic credit is available.

**2010 Cost Estimate: \$6,450 for a 12-week program**  
(airfare not included; 4-week to 12-month programs possible)

## Barcelona

Located on the Mediterranean Coast, Barcelona is a beautiful city bursting with innovative architecture, lively markets, and traces of its fascinating history. Marvel at Gaudí's masterpieces, join animated conversations about soccer, try some delicious tapas, or just relax on the beach. Barcelona is also home to some of the best museums of the country and hosts many important music and art festivals. People in Barcelona speak the regional language Catalán, but your teachers and your host family will communicate with you in Spanish.

## The Language Institute

Study Spanish in the heart of Barcelona, near Plaza Catalunya. The language institute first opened its doors in 1972 and welcomes students from all over the world, including local students who take English classes there. You will find comfortable classrooms, a library and self-study center, a sun terrace, and free internet access.

## The Classes

Classes are usually held from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, with a twenty-minute break. During the summer, classes may be scheduled in the afternoon and early evening. With a maximum of 10 students per class, you will receive plenty of attention from your teachers and have ample opportunity to ask questions. The classes focus on solidifying your essential language skills such as grammar and listening comprehension, so that you are ready to improve your fluency through conversations and interactions outside the classroom.

## Cultural Activities

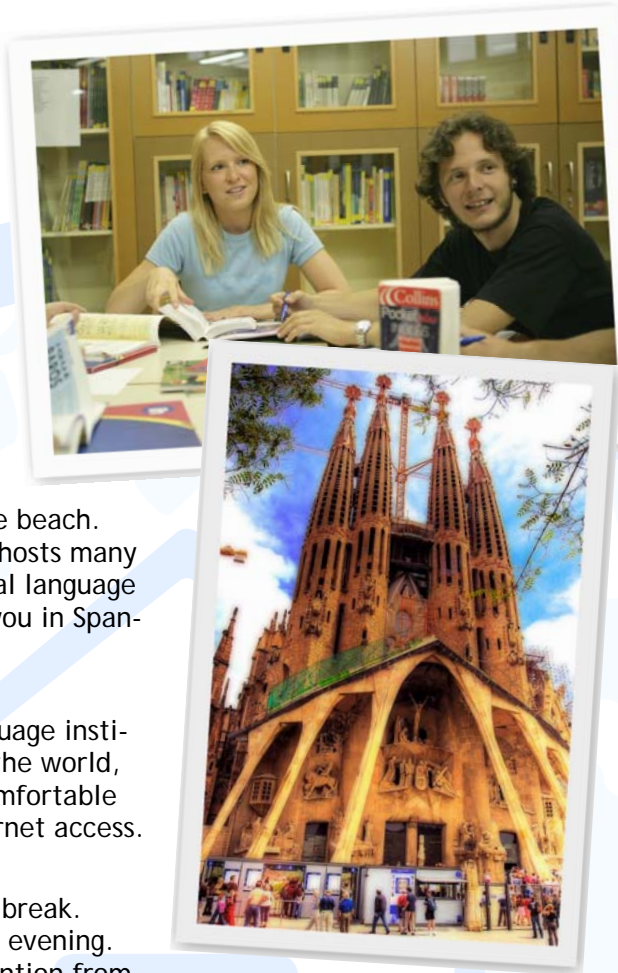
Try out your new language skills and learn more about Spanish culture through a variety of activities and local excursions! Many students' favorite choice is the *intercambios*, where you can meet and converse with local students who are looking to improve their English. In addition, you might visit places of historic interest in and around Barcelona, enjoy concerts by local musicians, or watch current Spanish movies. Most of these activities are free, but you should budget a little extra for entrance fees and transportation cost.

## Special Option: Spanish and Creative Arts

Explore your creativity and develop your artistic talent through art workshops! You can choose a workshop series dedicated to pottery, sculpting in clay, or drawing and painting. Workshops are divided into three eight-hour sessions that you can take over a two or four-week period. Be inspired by Spain's rich history of art!

## Accommodations

A homestay with a local family is the best way to immerse yourself into the daily life in Barcelona. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. Breakfast is included in your homestay; dinner with your host family can be arranged for an additional fee.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

**What does the cost estimate include?** The estimate includes tuition for the language course, study materials, home-stay placement with breakfast each day, some cultural activities, pre-departure orientation materials, and ongoing support in your preparations and during your stay in Barcelona. If you want to add special options, please contact ANDEO for a cost estimate.

**Can I study if I am a beginner?** Yes, you can start as a complete beginner. Call for specific beginner start dates!

**When will I receive my host family placement information?** You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date.

**Will I receive any orientation materials?** Yes. Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock. There will also be a welcome meeting on your first day at the language institute.

**Will I have access to email?** Yes, the language has a computer room with internet access that students can use. A wi-fi connection is also available.

**Will the institute be closed for any holidays?** Yes. The 2010 holidays are: August 15, September 11 and 24, October 12, December 8, 25 and 26.

**Can I get credits for studying abroad?** Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by *We Study Abroad*, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit [www.westudyabroad.com](http://www.westudyabroad.com) for details.

**Do I need travel insurance?** We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

**Will I need a visa?** That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Visa requirements change frequently, so we strongly recommend that you contact your nearest Spanish consulate or embassy to make sure you have the most up-to-date information about all rules and regulations that apply to your stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your program in Spain. If you need any documents from ANDEO or our partner organization abroad, we will do our best to provide them to you.

**Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before?** Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with the emails of students who have participated in this program.

**How do I apply?** To apply, complete the initial Gap application and return it with a \$500 deposit. You can download an application at [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org). Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

**What is your cancellation policy?** If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$200 non-refundable deposit as well as any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program, so please feel free to ask us about the cancellation fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$500 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the institute. If ANDEO cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

If you have any further questions or would like to start planning your program in Spain, please contact ANDEO at [info@andeo.org](mailto:info@andeo.org), 503.274.1776 or 800.274.6007. We look forward to working with you!



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