

Spain Missions Trip — September 2018

Short-term Missions FAQs

What can I expect? The main activity that you will be doing in Spain will be hosting English coffee houses, both in Zaragoza and in some of the towns that the Tagliatalatas have been working in. I have attached a copy of one of the posters that they put up in the Official Language Schools, as well as passing out invitations in the street with the same images, the morning of the meeting. One thing that they learned from the last experience is that these English speakers and students all have WhatsApp groups to announce activities that have to do with English, and 95% of the people who visited came from those groups. So, this would be the main method of announcement and the group wouldn't have to spend as much time passing out invitations. There may also be opportunities to speak English in a bar/cafeteria setting. Every night of the week there is a different place in the city where people go to practice their English, so you would have lots of people to talk to there also, like Jesus at the feast of publicans and sinners at Matthews house! Having an English service is also a good idea for the Sunday night of the trip and would be something else to invite people to.

Are there any unexpected expenses? Other than traveling to and from the USA, and personal items in Spain there should be no other unexpected expenses. I tell everyone to travel with \$100 American in a safe place and that will cover almost all surprises that could arise. The exchange rate is about 1 US Dollar to .80 Euro.

Where will we be staying?

At the hotel that the Tagliatalatas host their church service at.

What will we be eating?

Spanish food has a lot of varied influences. Being on the Mediterranean Sea affords a good seafood selection as well as traditional paella. Spanish food is not like Mexican food. Tapas are a very popular thing to eat, which is basically like munching on a variety of appetizers as a meal. Some examples of Spanish cuisine can be found here:

<https://travelaway.me/10-of-the-best-things-to-eat-in-spain/>

<https://www.thespruce.com/meals-and-the-culture-of-spain-3083066>

Is the water safe to drink?

For the most part, yes. In the villages you may want to go with bottled water.

What is the voltage for electricity? 220 Volts.

What types of medicine or vaccinations are recommended? None.

What will our schedule be in Spain?

September 24 – October 5, 2018

What should I bring?

Regarding clothing, the weather is hotter and drier than Rochester, but in September and October it can get chilly at night, so wearing layers is recommended. Of course, being from Rochester, Jim suspects that we will most likely be hot most of the time. In

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regards to any other types of supplies, bring what you need, but in case you lose something, you can buy just about anything you need in Spain without any problem, it's just a little more expensive. There are familiar brands of shampoo, food, drinks, etc.

What happens in case of emergency?

Everyone should have a medical insurance card with them. There are all of the modern means of communication available should someone need to get in touch with home. Many people in Spain use the What's app application for free texting.

Can I bring supplies to donate? That would probably be a waste of time, money, and suitcase room. Lots of public assistance for any kind of needs the people might have.

What if I need a refund? European hotels do not give refunds. Once you book a room you pay for it. Any food purchased can be refunded. All other costs are subject to supplier / vendor refund policies.