

In the Footsteps of St. Ignatius and Early Jesuits

Jul 20 - Aug 1, 2019

Group Leader:

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Depart From:

Sacramento



what's included

- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Azpeitia
- ✓ Bilbao
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Sagrada Familia
- ✓ Torres Winery tasting and lunch
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation



our promise

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“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 - 13 days

Jul 20, 2019: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jul 21, 2019: Bilbao

Arrive in Bilbao. Meet your Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel. (D)

Jul 22, 2019: Bilbao

This morning a guided sightseeing tour that shows you the riverside, Parque Etxebarria and Casco Viejo, the beautiful medieval quarter. Visit the house where Father Pedro Arrupe was born (entrance not included) before a free afternoon. (B)

Jul 23, 2019: Azpeitia

This morning drive to Azpeitia, birth place of Ignatius and also where he later experienced his deep conversion. Visit the Shrine and 300 year old Loyola Basilica. (B)

Jul 24, 2019: Azpeitia

Visit additional sites: Chapel of Conversion in Loyola; the Loyola Manor (Santa Casa) where Ignatius was born; St. Sebastian de Soreasu where Ignatius was baptized; the hermitage of Our Lady of Olatz, where Ignatius used to pray. Travel to the shrine at Aranzazu, where Ignatius made a vow of chastity to our Lady. There will be opportunities to enjoy the countryside and enjoy leisure. (B)

Jul 25, 2019: Barcelona

On the way to Barcelona, visit Javier. We visit Xavier Castle and call to mind the life of Francis Xavier, one of Ignatius' first companions. We pass by cities such as Zaragoza and Lleida, as did Ignatius riding on a mule. Possible visit to Our Lady of Pilar in Zaragoza. Arrive in Barcelona in the evening. (B)

Jul 26, 2019: Barcelona

Visit Monserrat to see Shrine of the Black Madonna at the Benedictine monastery. Here, Ignatius held an all-night vigil where he offered his armor and sword to Our Lady. Visit the cave of Manresa where Ignatius led a life of prayer and penance for 10-11 months. (B)

Jul 27, 2019: Barcelona

Visit Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar where Ignatius attended daily mass. Visit la Sagrada Familia Cathedral with a guide. This is where the statue of Ignatius was installed on July 30, 1999 in the Nativity Facade. (B)

Jul 28, 2019: Barcelona

Visit to Torres wine cave for tasting and light snack. Return to Barcelona for free evening. (B)

Jul 29, 2019: Rome

All roads may lead to Rome, but your morning flight will get you there faster. The rest of the day is free for exploration. (A Papal Audience appointment is pending during our time in Rome. Our local Priests will be working on confirming this in the coming months.) (B)



Jul 30, 2019: Rome

Today our local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. Afterwards visit St Mary Major Basilica with your Tour Manager. (B,D)

Jul 31, 2019: Rome

Today's visits include the Chapel of La Storta, Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, the rooms of Ignatius at the Gesu, the Church of St. Ignatius. There will also be a mass on St. Ignatius' Feast Day (location TBD). (B)

Aug 1, 2019: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5731
Saver Date Incentive	\$-200

Total Participant Fees ²	\$5531
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² Valid through 04/01/18 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Single Room Supplement	\$525
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$390
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

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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%



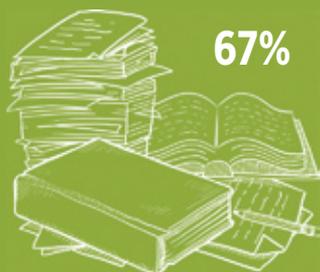
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



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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