

2024 SPAIN OUTREACH FAQ

JULY 12 –19

Overview

Spain is a beautiful and welcoming country, but it is also a country where many people are far from God. Working with Team Expansion and our field missionaries, we've set the objective to saturate the country of Spain in prayer, having members of our team physically praying on site, with insight, over all 17 regional capitals, meeting other missionaries and engaging with the Spanish people.

We understand you have questions, and we've made a commitment to ensure this trip is well – organized, safe, meaningful and meets specific objectives. Here are several of the frequently asked questions (FAQ's) that you should understand before you go.

Q: What are the objectives of this trip?

A: The primary purpose is prayer saturation. Everything Jesus ever did in his public ministry was predicated by prayer. Prayer is THE battle armor in spiritual warfare. Along the way, we will meet and partner with other missionaries and have meaningful engagement and spiritual talks with Spanish people.

Q: What If I am not good at prayer?

A: Part of the reason we are doing this mission is to help train prayer partners. As preparation for the trip, you will be instructed in spiritual skills that you'll carry with you for the rest of your life. Our team excels at taking the unfamiliar and helping you not only get comfortable but also enjoy and become confident in your abilities.

Q: When is the trip taking place?

A: The team will fly out of the U.S. on Friday, July 12, and will return on Saturday, July 20.

Q: Who is organizing and leading the trip?

A: Todd Bussey, Outreach Pastor, is the trip leader. Each region will also have a team coordinator. Travel logistics are being arranged through Vickie Edwards, of [TravelzAgency.com](https://www.TravelzAgency.com), and will be with us in country to address any logistic issues that might arise. Gabo Ayala is our Spain field leader.

Q: Who is eligible to participate?

A: This trip is designed for adults who can operate with a certain measure of autonomy, we expect participants to be fully devoted followers of Jesus; not perfect, just committed. While we won't turn away families, younger families will be discouraged from this trip because of the demands of the experience. We won't be able to accommodate the needs of young children and wouldn't want their first experience overseas to be a negative one.

Q: Is this trip for me?

A: This trip is specifically for those who are open to the adventure of a cross –cultural experience. Do you like discovering new things and meeting new people? Are you naturally curious? Do you enjoy being delighted by the little surprises along the way? Can you flex when the schedule needs to make a slight adjustment? Are you up for being stretched in your spiritual journey? If so, you are going to have an amazing time and yes, this is the PERFECT trip for you!

Q: Are there any physical restrictions?

A: Participants can anticipate a fair amount of walking, riding public transportation, sitting, engaging with others and warm sunny days.

Q: Are there pre –trip expectations?

A: Aside from paying the trip in full, divided quarterly over six months, you will be expected to attend four training modules:

- 1) Trip logistics – what to expect, how to prepare
- 2) Understanding and embracing culture
- 3) Prayer and spiritual engagement
- 4) Team formation and building

These training modules will be hosted at the Mandarin Campus on Wednesday evenings and will last about two hours each. (Schedule is below.)

Q: What is the budget and cost breakdown?

A: The trip will cost \$3,000 and will include economy airfare, breakfasts, meal cards, hotel stay and transportation.

Q: What expenses are not covered?

A: Souvenirs and that pastry you've been eyeing at the local panadería.

Q: Can we fly to Spain earlier or extend our stay?

A: The short answer is yes. Of course, it will require coordination to ensure that flights and fees are adjusted. We will need to talk.

Q: Can I use my frequent flier miles? Can I upgrade?

A: Yes, you can. Although, you will want to make sure they close that curtain in first class so you can avoid feeling the glaring stares of our teammates behind you for the duration of your trip.

Q: Can we raise funds?

A: Yes! All support raised for the trip is tax deductible. You will be given resources and training on how to do this.

Q: What is the trip itinerary?

A: The team will fly to Madrid and will be staying at a conference/hotel center together for two days. We will meet our Spain partners here and complete orientation and additional training. Then the group will divide up into 17 teams, who will travel to the 17 regions of Spain by bus, train or plane. The divided teams will spend the next four days in the capital of their region. All teams will return for a final night in Madrid, flying out Saturday morning together.

Q: Can I pick the region where I'd like to visit?

A: We really want to say yes. Let us know your top one or two choices and we will do our best to honor your wishes. Our highest priority is to saturate ALL the regions in Spain. The good news is that each region has so many cultural attractions. It is highly unlikely you will be disappointed where you go.

Q: What do you mean by 17 regions?

A: Spain is divided into 17 autonomous communities with their own statutes, but all are part of a larger national government. You can think of them like U.S. states. Each has a capital and then smaller regions that are called states.

Q: What will we be doing during the mission trip?

A: In one way you will be a cultural anthropologist – observing, learning and mapping, to understand the spiritual and physical climate of each region. This information will be used for future prayer initiatives and the daily online prayer project. In another way, you will be a prayer warrior for Spain – praying onsite, with insight – preparing the region for spiritual revival. Finally, you will be an evangelist as you engage new friends, learn their stories, tell them your story and hopefully, lay the groundwork to tell them about Jesus.

Q: How will we ensure cultural sensitivity?

A: As part of your advance training, you will be educated on cultural norms, etiquette and customs so that you will be able to promote respectful interactions and to avoid the stereotype of the insensitive American.

Q: What language is spoken?

A: Spain is the birthplace of.... get ready for it... SPANISH!

Q: Do I need to know Spanish?

A: All of those high school credits in Spanish will definitely come in handy and will remove another barrier for meaningful connection with the communities we will be in, but no, it is not necessary to know Spanish. Each team will have interpreters. If you are interested in a fun way to learn basic Spanish, we recommend the [Duolingo app](#). There is a free and paid version, search your app store to check it out.

Q: Are there any food and drinking (alcohol) restrictions?

A: We have all sorts of freedom in Christ, and we don't want to be in the business of creating a large list of rules or acting as chaperones, but we ask our teammates to always be aware that they may be sitting around a table where there are significantly held convictions about food and drink. Be sensitive and don't let your liberties become a stumbling block to others. Exercise restraint and discretion.

Q: What vaccinations or health precautions are required?

A: There are no current rules requiring documentation of Covid vaccination. It is ALWAYS good to revisit your health insurance policy benefits before you travel overseas. Sometimes your agent may recommend or require additional coverage. You can stay up to date with any recommendations from the U.S State Department on vaccination, and other travel guidance to Spain, by visiting <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Spain.html>

Q: Are there official documents required?

A: Yes, you must have a valid passport and your plane ticket. No visa is required.

Q: What about power converters, phones and other things like that?

A: Spain's supply voltage is 230v and requires a Type C socket. You can get a simple adapter, but if you use a device that is not dual voltage (think hair dryer), you will want to spend a little extra cash for a converter. If you plan to use your phone overseas (and who doesn't these days) talk with your provider to secure an overseas plan. Most data plans cost ten dollars a day with adjusted fees when adding additional phones.

Q: What time is it there?

A: Spain is on Central European Time. There is a six –hour time difference with Eastern Standard Time. (If it is noon in Jacksonville, it is 6:00 pm in Madrid)

Q: Where will we stay?

A: All accommodations are in hotels and will have twin bed/king bed configurations to meet the needs of your family/travel buddies. You can expect Hilton/Hampton level hotels in safe locations and with good hygiene standards.

Q: What is the weather like?

A: The majority of Spain will be hot...Florida hot... maybe not as humid. Some of the northern mountainous regions will be cooler.

Q: How will we dress?

A: This will be the most relaxed trip you will ever take. This is a “shorts and T's” experience. You will fit right in. Culturally, most Spaniards will dress up when they go out for the evening but think lightweight trousers and sun dresses – always short sleeves. The northern region may require jackets. Additional details will come. You will be on your feet a lot so wear comfortable walking shoes.

Q: How will we handle emergency situations?

A: Our team is prepared to respond to medical emergencies, security concerns and natural disasters with a clear plan. We will be in a first –world nation with modern care and support and strong police presence. You will feel safe in most places.

Q: Which supplies or equipment will we need?

A: We will be traveling light. Apart from your personal effects, your Bible or Bible device and a few digital tools we will provide, you should be good to go!

Q: How will we communicate with team members and families back home?

A: If you have a phone or a friend who has one, you will be good to go (apart from remembering the six –hour time variation).

Q: How will our team communicate?

A: We encourage every team member to get the BAND app, available for free from your local App Store. The whole team, as well as the regional teams, will be able to text and save files and images via this app. It is intuitive to use and will work everywhere we will be.

Q: What is the transportation plan?

A: You will experience the joy of planes, trains, and automobiles. Each team member will be supplied travel vouchers. The transportation system in Spain is exceptional and will serve our objectives well. Ubers will also be used but you should be able to walk or catch public transport to get anywhere you need to go. (And candidly, it is the best and only way to go see the culture and meet the people).

Q: What is the long –term impact of what we are doing?

A: We will discuss this in depth in our advance training, but history has taught us that every great revival was predicated in prayer. We are laying the groundwork for future evangelism, short –term trips and other prayer initiatives. Our vision is that 1700 simple churches will be established across the 17 regions of Spain. The Spanish team has been praying and fasting for revival.

Q: What is the code of conduct and expectations of team members?

A: Christ’s Church people are expected to act like Christ’s Church people – that is to say, we exhibit exemplary conduct and attitude. We approach this experience with humble anticipation that God is doing something big. We are kind, sensitive, patient and servant – oriented. We are flexible and good humor people. We approach our experience confidently knowing that God has already gone ahead of us, Jesus protects us and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

Q: Will there be advance training?

A: Absolutely. There will be four, two –hour training modules that will help you be fully informed and equipped to understand the culture and how to engage people, how to prayer walk and have spiritual conversations. You will get to meet some of our overseas workers and bond with your fellow travelers. By the time we are done, you should land in Spain confident in why you are there and how to do what you’ve been sent to do. You will not want to shortcut this part of our mission trip.

Q: How will we debrief and evaluate the trip?

A: There will be a debriefing event on the final day of our trip in Spain as well as a follow –up celebration at home, following our return.

Did we cover it? We’ve taken a stab at some of the most frequently asked questions. No doubt more will come to mind as the trip comes closer. You can always send those questions to Todd Bussey at toddb@christchurch.org, and we will get an answer back to you.

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