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5th October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RE: Transition Year Trip to Barcelona/Salou**

The transition year end of year trip will be to Barcelona and Salou this year. This trip will last for four days from Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th May, 2024. This trip will allow us to complete the event planning requirements for the Gaisce programme. The following is a sample itinerary which is subject to change:

**BARCELONA/SALOU - MAY 2024**

**Day 1: Arrival & Day in Barcelona**

Assemble at the school and transfer to the airport for your flight to Barcelona. On arrival, transfer to Barcelona for a guided tour of the city. Some of the sights you can see along your tour, time permitting, could include: **La Sagrada Familia Exterior**; a monumental church dedicated to the Holy Family and Gaudi's most famous work, **The Gothic Quarter and Cathedral**; the oldest part of Barcelona, home to a maze of old narrow cobbled streets with a fantastic atmosphere. There are scenic old squares and a museum to be found along the way, **Passeig de Gràcia**; Barcelona's most magnificent and elegant avenue contains several of the city's most celebrated pieces of architecture. On your way to Salou, stop off in Tarragona for some free time. A city full of surprises with thousands of years of civilization just waiting to be discovered. Spend time at the beach in Salou before an evening meal at your accommodation.

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## **Day 2: Full Day in Barcelona**

Your group can visit Barcelona's largest football stadium, **Nou Camp**, home to Barcelona FC. You can be taken around the renowned stadium, allowing you to sense and re-live the history of the club. Alternatively, you can tour **Estadi Cornellà-El Prat**, home of RCD Espanyol. Explore the centre of Barcelona and enjoy a walk down **La Rambla**, the well known shopping and tourist promenade. Following all of this, you may go to the shopping centre, Parc Central, which is full of shops, restaurants and fast-food places. You can also visit the famous **Picasso Museum**. Meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation for an evening meal. After the meal you can visit the centre of Salou for an evening walk.

## **Day 3: Full Day in Port Aventura**

Today you will enjoy a fun filled day at **Port Aventura**. Here you will be spoilt for choice with exhilarating rides, magical parades and exciting shows on offer. Return to your accommodation where you can have an evening meal before enjoying a game of bowling at a nearby bowling alley.

## **Day 4: Day in Barcelona & Departure**

This morning you may transfer to **Montserrat**, a spectacularly beautiful Benedictine monk mountain retreat about one-hour North West from Barcelona. Not only is Montserrat Monastery of significant religious importance but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breathtaking. You will have the chance to travel to the top of the mountain in the **Funicular de San Juan** cable cars. Another highlight of your visit to Montserrat Monastery is to listen to the famous Basilica choir boy performances of Gregorian chants and other genres of religious choral music. The performances can be heard free of charge in the Basilica at 13:00 daily. The Basilica is also home to the Reverend La Moreneta. Return to Barcelona to visit the **Cosmo Caixa Science Museum**. Depart by coach to the airport for your return flight home.

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**Flight Details:**

Tuesday 14th May 2023

Times to be confirmed

Friday 17th May 2023

Times to be confirmed

Flights are going up weekly so we have to move quickly to ensure our booking.

**Tour Price:**

€675

**Price includes:**

- Dublin/Barcelona return on scheduled airline services.
- One small item of hand luggage per person (40x20x25cm).
- One item of luggage per person (10kg).
- 3 nights B&B hotel accommodation in Salou.
- 3 evening meals served at the hotel.
- Coach transfers on arrival and departure and continued coaching on these days.
- Use of coach for a visit to Montserrat and Barcelona.
- Guided sightseeing tour of Barcelona.
- Entrance to Spotify Camp Nou
- Entrance to Cosmocaixa Science Museum.
- Entrance to Picasso Museum.
- Coach transfers to and from Port Aventura.
- Entrance to Port Aventura theme park.
- Game of bowling.
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover.
- Emergency number while abroad.

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## Payment:

This is the link to the website that you can use for online payments:  
<https://payments.schooltour.ie/>

You will need to set up an account and once you have done that, log in at any time to pay deposits and make payments.

You will need a booking ID to pay. The booking ID is **2002153**.  
Please select **Barcelona** as the destination from the dropdown box.

- €200 by Monday 16th October
- €150 by Thursday 16th November
- €325 by Tuesday 20th February

It is the responsibility of the student/parent to ensure their passport is valid. If passports need to be renewed, we advise that this is done as soon as possible as there can be long delays in the passport office. Students will also need a valid European Health Insurance card for this trip. This can be applied for, free of charge, at the following link:  
<https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/ehic/apply/>

As this is a school trip, students will be expected to follow normal school rules at all times. Any student not following the school's code of conduct prior to the trip will not be permitted to attend.

If you have any further questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind regards,

Transition Year Programme Team

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