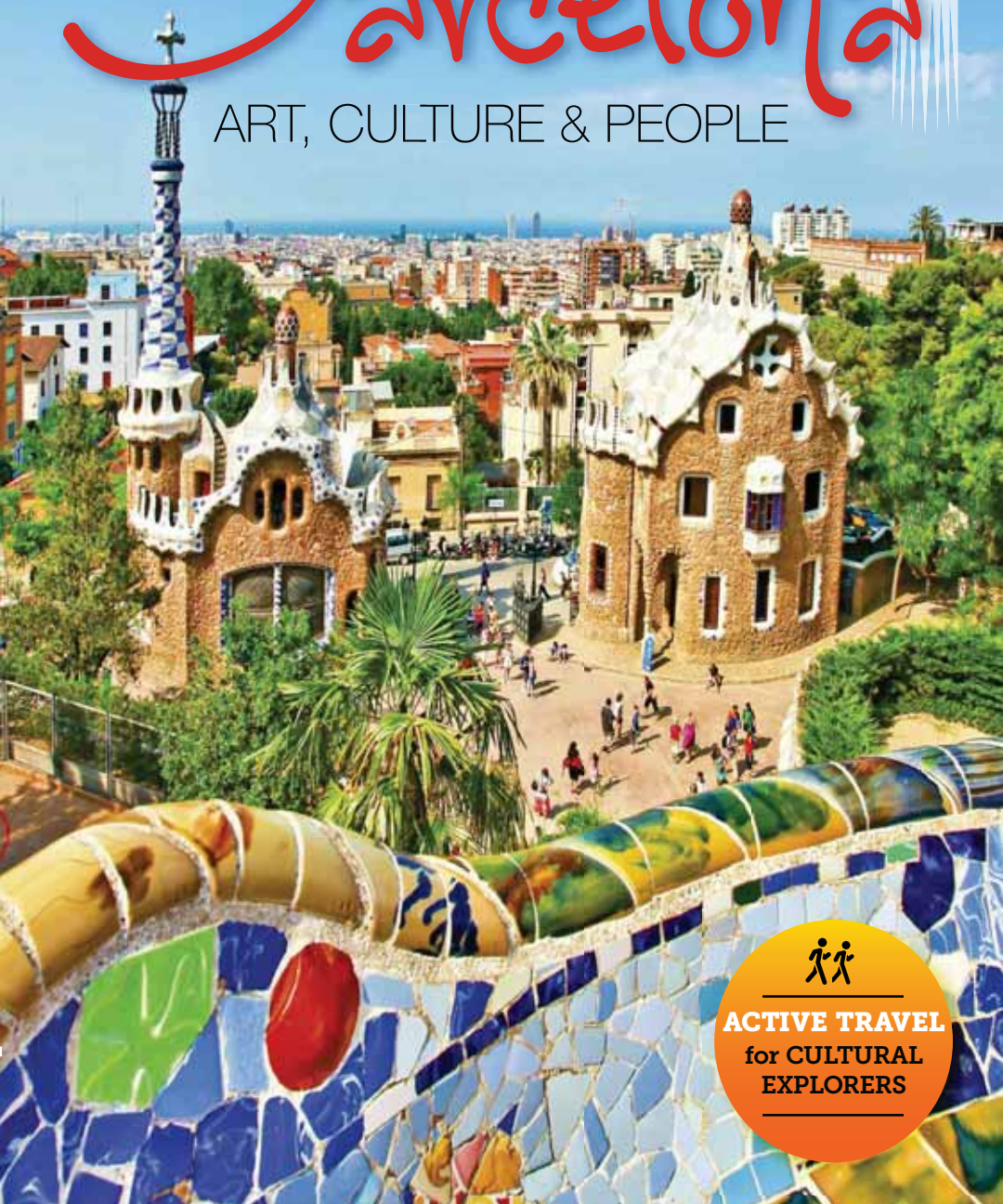


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Accompanied by Ruth Waalkes



A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Look forward to diving into your newest travel chapter, set in exhilarating Barcelona, where you'll discover an ever-ebullient local lifestyle, world-class architecture and tantalizing cuisine!

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Stroll through this **vibrant seaside city** along leafy boulevards lined with architectural treasures.
- ▶ Marvel at the incredibly inventive details of **Antoni Gaudí's masterpieces.**
- ▶ Admire a remarkable collection of **Pablo Picasso's artwork** from his formative years.
- ▶ Learn how to **prepare classic Catalán dishes** during a fun, hands-on cooking session.
- ▶ Sip a refreshing glass of sparkling cava in the **Penedès wine region.**
- ▶ Explore **Montserrat**, a ninth-century monastery nestled in the mountains.



Ruth Waalkes

Ruth Waalkes is associate provost for the arts and executive director of the Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech. Ruth oversees strategic campus-wide integration of the arts at Virginia Tech, and leads community-based arts initiatives on behalf of the university across the region. Since joining Virginia Tech in 2009 as the founding executive director of the \$100 million Moss Arts Center, which opened in 2013, Ruth established the vision for, launched, and now directs the center and its professional presenting and exhibition programs. Ruth is a graduate of the University of Michigan, with more than 30 years' experience in nonprofit management in both the arts and social service sectors.

Dear Virginia Tech Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join me on an exhilarating exploration of Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonian region. Immerse yourself in Barcelona's unparalleled architecture, history, art, and cuisine. Witness the Mediterranean hospitality and distinctive flair of Spain's seaport jewel which appeals to all the senses. See Barcelona's celebrated landmarks and venture outside the city to nearby fascinating destinations for a deeper understanding of Catalonia's heritage.

We will discover this world-class destination together, taking advantage of the ease, value, and fun of group travel. Our itinerary has been thoughtfully planned for Hokie alumni, family, and friends who love the arts, and our unique educational sessions will offer insights, perspectives, and historical details that enrich our daily sightseeing. You also will have plenty of time to settle in, enjoy free time on your own, and truly feel part of Barcelona's richly textured culture.

Please ensure that you are one of the 28 travelers on this incredible journey by making your reservation today. I look forward to seeing you in Barcelona in May 2019!

Sincerely,

Ruth Waalkes
Associate Provost for the Arts and
Executive Director, Moss Arts Center
Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech's Moss Arts Center presents renowned artists from around the globe and from close to home, with a special focus on experiences that expand cultural awareness and deepen understanding. Uniquely partnered with the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology, the Moss Arts Center houses the Street and Davis Performance Hall and its Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, visual art galleries, experimental venue the Cube, and research studios.

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Plaça d'Espanya

Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Barcelona, Spain. †

Day 2

D

Barcelona, Spain

Arrive in Barcelona and transfer † to the Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

Enrichment: *The History of Catalonia and Barcelona.* Gain insights about one of Spain's most independent-minded regions.

Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception in the hotel, then enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a fine restaurant in the area.

Day 3

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Barcelona

Discovery: *The Barri Gòtic.* Stroll with a guide through the atmospheric Gothic Quarter, where medieval Barcelona flourished. Visit Plaça St. Jaume, where civic leaders have run the city since Roman times. See the Plaça del Rei, the powerhouse of medieval Catalonia and

the site of the Palau Reial Major. Admire the Gothic cathedral and the Roman walls that defined the perimeter of their colony, Barcino.

AHI Connects: *Barcelona Cook and Taste.* Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make Catalán cuisine, including traditional appetizers and delicious paella. Then feast on the tasty dishes you've prepared!

Free Time: Head off to see more of the city.

Day 4

B | D

Barcelona

Enrichment: *Modernism and the Architecture of Gaudí.* Antoni Gaudí is one of the most famous figures of Catalán culture and world architecture. Learn how Gaudí's love of God and nature inspired his creations.

Discovery: *Gaudí's Barcelona.* Seven of Gaudí's buildings in and around Barcelona are recognized together as a UNESCO World Heritage site and attest to his exceptional contributions to architecture. Visit his fanciful Parc Güell, a public park featuring storybook gatehouses, colorful mosaics and lovely vistas of the city and sea. Then enter La Sagrada Família, his unfinished masterpiece, and appreciate his ingenious interplay of color, light and form to create a sense of spirituality and grandeur. At every turn, observe the imaginative design touches inspired by Christian symbolism and nature's geometry.

Free Time: Barcelona is yours to explore! Tonight, dine together in the Eixample district.



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This program is moderately paced with a good balance of included activities and excursions and time to explore on your own. Travelers should be physically fit, able to walk distances of up to 3 miles, exit and enter trains quickly and navigate stairs, hills and uneven terrain.



Monastery of Montserrat



La Sagrada Família

Day 5

B

Barcelona

Free Time: Spend your day at leisure in Barcelona, or join today's Elective Activity.

ELECTIVE | Girona and Dalí's Figueres. Journey to Girona, an important Catalan town during the Middle Ages. On a guided walking tour, meander through the Call, the medieval maze of narrow streets that was home to the town's Jewish community. Then travel to Figueres, the hometown of surrealist artist Salvador Dalí, and visit the Dalí Theater-Museum, designed by the artist himself. The colorful building topped with giant eggs is as whimsical and dramatic as the artwork inside.

Day 6

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Barcelona

Discovery: Barcelona – Through the Eyes of Picasso. Arriving in Barcelona at the age of 14 to attend art school, Picasso

drew creative inspiration from the city and embraced its progressive attitudes about art. Today, view one of the largest collections of his early works at the Picasso Museum. Later, follow in his footsteps as you walk through the neighborhood where he and other artists congregated. Continue to El Born, site of medieval jousting tournaments and trade guilds, and see Santa Maria del Mar, a 14th-century church in the Catalan Gothic style.

Free Time: Set your own agenda for the remainder of the day.

Day 7

B | L

Montserrat | Penedès Wine Region

Discovery: The Monastery of Montserrat and Penedès Wine Region. Travel to this ninth-century Benedictine monastery, built along a sandstone mountain and surrounded by towering pillar formations. Explore the monastery grounds, and once inside the basilica, contemplate the serene statue of the Virgin of Montserrat, the patroness of Catalonia. Then delight in the pastoral scenery of the Penedès wine region, best known for producing cava, a sparkling wine.

Discovery: Cava in the Countryside.

At a family-owned winery, relax over a countryside lunch, complemented by a tasting of their light, effervescent cavas.

Day 8

B | D

Barcelona

Enrichment: Contemporary Catalonia.

Many Catalans think of their region as a separate nation from Spain. Discuss their ongoing push for independence from Spain.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Walk through the medieval Barri Gòtic.
 - Learn how to prepare authentic Catalán cuisine.
 - Admire Gaudí's inventive architecture.
 - View the Picasso Museum's extensive collection of his early works.
 - Stroll through historic El Born, site of medieval trade guilds.
 - Explore the lovely Benedictine monastery in Montserrat.
 - Sip sparkling cava over lunch in the picturesque Penedès wine country.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



UNESCO World Heritage

The Works of Antoni Gaudí, Barcelona

Free Time: Make your own plans for your final day. Take a relaxing stroll along the lively waterfront in seaside Barceloneta, or hop on the port cable car for a pleasant ride up the Montjuïc hillside. Montjuïc is known for its acclaimed art museums, the Museu d'Art de Catalunya and the Fundació Joan Miró, featuring works by the Barcelona-born artist. Celebrate your stay in this enchanting city at a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 9

B

In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

🌐 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



Above: Terrace | Deluxe room



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

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Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Barcelona, Spain, to depart from:

Departure City

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$995 (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

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Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card # _____

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(Signature as it appears on credit card)

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 25 – June 2, 2019

Land Program dates: May 26 – June 2, 2019

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Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,245	\$250	\$2,995

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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Penedès wine region

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VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for arrival and departure transfers, and any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

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