



Ignatian Camino

Suitable for End-Of-Year / Senior class trips, athletic team tours, history classes, spanish language classes, religious classes, faculty and school community in general

From the Basque Country to Catalonia

Azpeitia, Laguardia, Logroño, Zaragoza, Montserrat, Manresa, Barcelona



This lifetime experience is an excellent tool for all participants, whether they are students, athletic coaches, faculty, or members of the school community in general, to review the life of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** by visiting and partially hiking the *Camino* Iñigo de Loyola took almost 500 years ago, changing his life and the world forever. This trip offers faculty the possibility to reinforce what is taught in class during the school year. The itinerary can be customised to each group's needs. Add cultural, athletic, religious and social service activities as you need to create the trip itinerary that best suits your group.

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SAMPLE 10 NIGHT / 11 DAY TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 0 |

Departure from your local international airport

DAY 1 | AZPEITIA

Arrive in Bilbao at noon

Meet and greet at the airport by **VARSIITY'S tour coordinator**

Transfer to Azpeitia (60 miles / 96 km)

Visit to Loyola's Sanctuary



- **Loyola Sanctuary**
- **Loyola family house**
 - *The family home of Inigo's mother, Marina Sánchez de Licona y Balda, is located in Azkoitia. Two walking sticks said to have belonged to Ignatius and Francis Xavier are preserved there.*
- **Hospital of La Magdalena**
 - *When Ignatius returned to Azpeitia in 1535 to regain his health, he decided to stay at this hospital.*
- **Parish Church of Azpeitia**
 - *The Church of San Sebastian de Soreasu in Azpeitia contains the font where Inigo of Loyola was baptized.*

Group lunch and dinner in Azpeitia

Optional: late afternoon practice at local athletic grounds

Night in Azpeitia

DAY 2 | AZPEITIA to ARANTZAZU

Breakfast at your accommodation

Athletic teams: Morning practice at local athletic grounds

Partially hike the first stage of the Ignatian Way, departing from St Ignatius' home towards the town of Zumarraga.

Continue by bus to the Sanctuary of Arantzazú

Group dinner

Night in Arantzazú



DAY 3 | ARANTZAZU to LAGUARDIA



Breakfast at your accommodation

Optional: Morning Mass at local Sanctuary at regular hours

Option 1: morning basque mountains hike

Option 2: bus to Laguardia medieval town

Group lunch and free time in Laguardia medieval tour

Athletic teams: Afternoon practice at local athletic grounds

Group dinner

Night in Laguardia

DAY 4 | LAGUARDIA to ZARAGOZA

Breakfast at your accommodation

Athletic teams: fixture at local school or sport club

Continue by bus to Zaragoza (105 miles / 170 km)

Arrive in Zaragoza and check in at your accommodation

Group dinner

Night in Zaragoza

DAY 5 | ZARAGOZA



Breakfast at your accommodation

Visit to Our Lady of Pilar Basilica and Zaragoza

Optional: Visit to Roman Ruins of Cesaraugusta (Zaragoza)

Optional: Visit to Alfajería Palace (11th Century Arab castle)

Athletic teams: fixture at local school or sport club

Free time to explore Zaragoza on your own

Group dinner

Night in Zaragoza

DAY 6 | ZARAGOZA to MONTSERRAT



Breakfast at your accommodation

Option 1: Bus to Montserrat, enroute visit to St Pere Claver SJ Sanctuary in Verdú. Group lunch at Verdú.

Option 2: Bike along the Ignatian Way, along the Ebro river or through the Monegros desert (5, 10, or 15 mile long routes available). Continue by bus to Montserrat.

Arrive in Montserrat

Group dinner

Night in Montserrat

DAY 7 | MONTSERRAT

Breakfast at your accommodation

Morning Mass (optional)

Guided visit to Montserrat Monastery

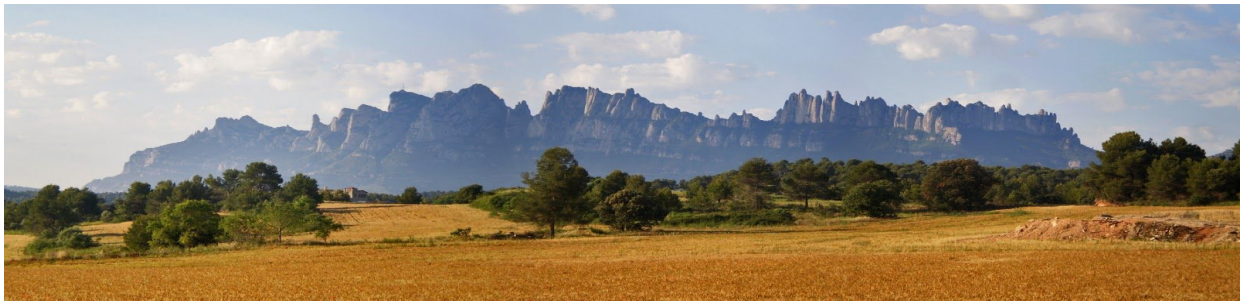
Group lunch

Optional: Adventure/fun activities in the mountains

Athletic teams: fixture at local school or sport club

Group dinner

Night in Montserrat



MONTSERRAT

DAY 8 | MONTSERRAT to MANRESA to BARCELONA

Breakfast at your accommodation

Bus to Manresa. Visit to St Ignatius' Cave, the chapel of the Rapture, the well of the hen, Balç Street, Basilica of Santa Maria 'La Seu'. Mass at St Ignatius' cave (optional).

Social service project

Group lunch

Athletic teams: fixture at local school or sport club

Group dinner

Night in Barcelona



MANRESA

DAY 9 | BARCELONA



Breakfast at your accommodation

Walking tour of Barcelona's Gothic Quarter with special emphasis on St Ignatius' history: Marcus Chapel, St Ignasi Street, Estudi General, Sant Just i Pastor Basilica, Our Lady of the Sea Church, Sacred Heart Church.

Free afternoon to discover the city's main tourist attractions:

- Las Ramblas
- Barceloneta district / waterfront
- Barcelona FC stadium and museum
- Sagrada Familia Church
- Güell Park
- Gaudí's Battló House and La Pedrera building

Night in Barcelona

DAY 10 | BARCELONA



Breakfast at hotel

Visit to Sacred Heart Church, where St Ignatius' sword on display. Optional: Attend Mass at regular times.

Mass (optional)

Group lunch

Free afternoon to discover the city's main tourist attractions:

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- Guadí's Battló House and La Pedrera building
- *Athletic teams: fixture at local school or sport club*

Night in Barcelona



OUR LADY OF THE SEA CHURCH

DAY 11 | BARCELONA

Breakfast at your accommodation

Check out and bus transfer to Barcelona International Airport

Flight back home