



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

CoSN EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SPAIN



SPAIN: Barcelona & Madrid

May 3-11, 2024

\$3,999 (double occupancy/own air)

\$4,999 (double occupancy with flights)

\$799 (single supplement)

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The Kingdom of Spain is the largest country in southwestern Europe, bordering both the Mediterranean and Atlantic Ocean. Education is one of the pillars of their society, providing the foundation for children to go to university. Barcelona and Madrid are both delightful and this program will provide the opportunity to explore both and view the countryside via train as you travel between them. Spain is known for its cultural and geographical diversity.



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Program Highlights

- 7 nights / 9-day journey to Spain

Focus on Education

- Join **CoSN – the Consortium for School Networking**, the premier North American professional association for K-12 EdTech leaders,
- Attend a 1.5-day **Global Education Forum**. This will include a half day of breakout sessions and school visits in Madrid.
- Interact with **education professionals** from a variety of facilities and organizations in both Barcelona and Madrid, such as the **Ministry of Education & Professional Formation** to learn how students are being prepared for success and what the learning environment looks like today (post the height of the pandemic).
- Visit a **local primary school** in Madrid and learn about their Learning Path program.

Focus on the Culture

- Explore Barcelona and Madrid with a local guide on a **narrated panoramic tour** of each city. You will pass by incredible sites like Plaça de Catalunya, a lively square and the meeting point of the old and new sides of Barcelona.
- Enjoy a Tapas **cooking class** while sipping on sangria during your farewell dinner.
- Enjoy a guided tour of **Sagrada Familia basilica**, the largest unfinished Catholic church in the world. Begun in 1882 by the Sagrada family, it is part of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Consecrated by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 it was then proclaimed a minor basilica.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Barcelona's **Gothic Neighborhood**, The Cathedral of Barcelona, Plaza del Rei and walking through the famous Avenue Las Ramblas.

What's Included:

- Accommodations in 4* hotels.
- Transportation and activities as outlined.
- Local English-speaking tour manager/guide.
- Meals as mentioned including breakfast daily.
- Train transport from Barcelona to Madrid.
- Most tips
- Economy class flights from Washington DC area.

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotels.
- Meals not specified.
- Passport renewal or issuance.
- Travel insurance (*optional*).
- ETIAS 'visa' to enter Spain.



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📍 Washington DC

DAY 1, Friday, May 3, 2024

Depart for Spain

Those on the group flight will depart today for Barcelona, Spain. *Departure airport subject to change.*

📍 Barcelona, Spain

DAY 2, Saturday, May 4, 2024

Welcome to Spain!

Upon arrival the group flight will be met for the transfer to the hotel with check in at 3pm. Baggage storage will be possible with the front desk as needed.

The **Catalonia Eixample 1864 Hotel** is just two blocks from Passeig de Gràcia, a central location for visiting the city. The hotel has onsite dining, a bar, outdoor terrace, pool, solarium, free Wi-Fi throughout, gym, 24-hour reception, meeting rooms, massage services, dry cleaner and more. Guest rooms have all the amenities you will need for a comfortable stay including a safe, tea/coffee maker, minibar, hair dryer, soundproof windows, free Wi-Fi in the rooms, satellite TV, bathroom amenities and Chromecast.

Those arriving earlier in the day will enjoy a local lunch and then explore the area with your tour manager. They will take you on a walk of the area including The **Gothic Neighborhood**, The **Cathedral of Barcelona**, **Plaza del Rei** and walking through the famous **Avenue Las Ramblas** (*no admissions*).

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Catalonia Eixample 1864 (or similar)

Included meals: Lunch



📍 Barcelona, Spain

DAY 3, Sunday, May 5, 2024

Cultural Explorations

Please Note: *Breakfast is included daily at your hotel.*

After breakfast, start adventures this morning in the very heart of Barcelona during a panoramic tour. Your guide will point out or stop for you to visit sites like the **Plaça de Catalunya**, a lively square and the meeting point of the old and new sides of the city. From here you'll travel along **Passeig de Gràcia**. As you continue, you'll pass by some of the most important sites of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics on Montjuïc. There's plenty to do up top: fantastic views, the spectacular Montjuïc castle and the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today.

Later today you will visit **Sagrada Família**, the largest unfinished Catholic church in the world. Discover one of the most astonishing buildings in the world, still unfinished after more than 130 years.

The delegation's educational activities will officially start this afternoon to include an **orientation meeting** followed by a **welcome dinner** and discussion about Spanish education and technology at a local restaurant over dinner.

Overnight: Catalonia Eixample 1864 (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Barcelona, Spain

DAY 4, Monday, May 6

Professional Program in Barcelona

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily in your program at the hotel.

Today is dedicated to meetings with local **educators, policymakers,** and to visit a **local school.**

The goal of the program is to explore the conditions for Spain's education success by visiting schools, learning about innovative policies and implementation approaches to Ed Tech, and meeting with key policymakers and government officials in the Spanish Ministry of Education & Professional Formation. In addition, we will create a dialogue around lessons learned from America and Spain around the effective use of technology in K-12.

Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

Overnight: Catalonia Eixample 1864 (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast



📍 Barcelona, Spain

DAY 5, Tuesday, May 7

Meetings & Train Ride to Madrid

Professional **meetings and site visits** will focus on the program goals and will provide a chance for personal questions and interaction with Spanish educators and administration members.

Depart for **Madrid** via train late this afternoon with lunch on own. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your local hotel to get settled.

The **Catalonia Las Cortes Hotel** was built above a former eighteenth-century palace that was home to the Duke of Noblejas. They have completely restored this beautiful building, keeping the main staircase and indoor frescoes. It is also set in a prime location, just a five-minute walk from the Prado Museum and a little more to Plaza Mayor. Guest rooms have kettle, minibar, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi, slippers, bathroom amenities, laptop-capable safe, Nespresso coffee machine, free welcome bottle of water and soundproof windows. The hotel has 24-hour reception, meeting space, free Wi-Fi throughout, onsite dining and a bar, room service and more.

Dinner reception with SEK will be included for attendees today.

Overnight: Catalonia Las Cortes (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Madrid, Spain

DAY 6, Wednesday, May 8

Conference, Meetings & School Visits

Today for part of the day you will attend the **Global Education Forum** hosted by SEK Education Group and the Brookings Institution's Center for Universal Education Leadership Council. The Forum will explore new visions for higher education and K-12 to transform learning.

The delegation will have senior meetings with key Spanish education leaders around successes and failures around use of technology in K-12 and highlight best practices. **More information will be provided on the specific agenda for today and tomorrow closer to travel but will include school visits and more.**

Dinner will be provided this evening as part of your participation on the conference.

Overnight: Catalonia Las Cortes (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Madrid, Spain

DAY 7, Thursday, May 9

Breakout Sessions & Video Conference

For this morning and early afternoon, we will hold **workshops and key conversations** as well as school visits.

Lunch will be included for attendees today.

Late this afternoon take part in a **live video streaming event** with North American school system leaders on lessons learned.

A **networking dinner** will be provided at a local restaurant this evening.

Overnight: Catalonia Las Cortes (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Madrid, Spain

DAY 8, Friday, May 10

Morning Wrap Up & Afternoon Explorations

A meeting room will be provided for 3 hours this morning to **wrap up your professional exchange** with your program leader(s). Snacks and refreshments will be provided with lunch on your own.

A visit will also be arranged at **SEK Santa Isabel** primary school, located near the hotel (walking distance). The school's educational community is made up of more than 30 nationalities, thus offering a multicultural environment and an international education. Learn about their Learning Path program among other topics of interest with their faculty.

This afternoon head out with your local guide to **explore Madrid**. This panoramic guided tour will showcase the capital of Spain and all the important places that make Madrid the most amazing city in the world such as the **Royal Palace**, Puerta de Alcalá, Palacio de Cibeles, Temple of Debod, Teatro Real, Opera House, and the Plaza Mayor.

This evening the group will enjoy a **Tapas cooking class** while sipping on some Sangria with fellow travelers at a nearby restaurant.

Overnight: Catalonia Las Cortes (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Madrid, Spain

DAY 9, Saturday, May 11

Departure Day

Say farewell to Spain and return to the U.S. today with arrival the same day.

Included meals: Breakfast



FOCUS AND GOALS OF DELEGATION

The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) is committed to a global dialogue focused on the strategic uses of technology for the improvement of teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. CoSN has convened senior U.S. policy delegations to visit: Canada (2019); Finland & Norway (2018); New Zealand (2017); Ireland (2016); India (2015); Singapore (2015); Portugal (2013); Argentina & Uruguay (2011); Australia (2004) and others.

Spain is a global leader in education technology at the primary and secondary levels. Education is administered at the state level, and every state public school has 1:1 computing past year 5. The delegation will be focusing on the following essential questions during its visit:

- How are Spanish educators and policymakers advancing a commitment to digital equity and equal access for all students?
- What can our countries share around the opportunities and risks of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education?
- Are there lessons to be shared around how technology enables or inhibits wellbeing of students, teachers, and our communities?

I originally joined the last two CoSN delegations because of the opportunity to visit other countries and see how they were using technology. Both times I came back with a much deeper appreciation of the impact we as CIO/CTOs have on teaching and learning. I was able to see how other countries have met challenges and how I could think differently about finding solutions. The CoSN delegation trips are some of the most valuable experiences I have had in education.

▪ **Tom Ryan, Former CISO, Santa Fe Public Schools**



Program Leader | Keith R. Krueger, MPA, CAE | Chief Executive Officer

Keith R. Krueger is CEO of CoSN - the Consortium for School Networking, the premier nonprofit professional association organization that serves as the voice of K-12 Ed Tech leaders in North America. CoSN's mission is enabling inclusive and nimble technology leadership to drive innovation. He was selected by Ed Tech magazine for its 2021 K-12 IT influencers. He serves on many Advisory Boards and is principal investigator of the Driving K-12 Innovation series. Keith has a global reputation as a key thought leader and has led senior level U.S. delegations to visit Australia, Asia, Europe, and South America to examine best practices in Ed Tech.



Program Organizer | Carla Wade, MS

Carla Wade is Senior Director of External Relations at CoSN where she oversees corporate sponsorship, professional learning, and advocacy programs. Prior to joining CoSN, Carla served as the Digital Innovations Lead at the Oregon Department of Education where she provided leadership in technology for learning in Oregon and nationally working with federal grants, STEM, online learning, professional development, creating state technology standards and plans. Carla has served on numerous boards and as a technical advisor to the US Department of Education on digital learning, evaluation, data collection, analysis, and reporting. Most recently, she served on the technical working group for the US Department of Education's National EdTech Plan to be released early in 2024.



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