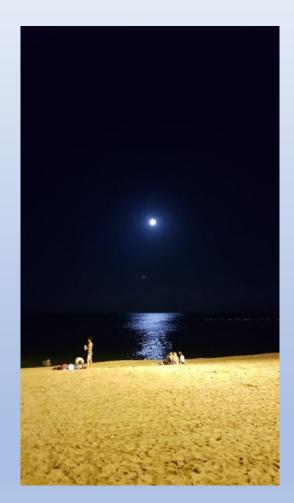
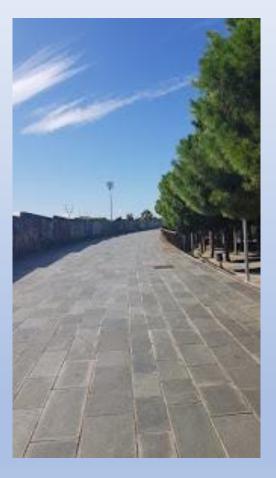
Barcelona

14th-18th August 2019









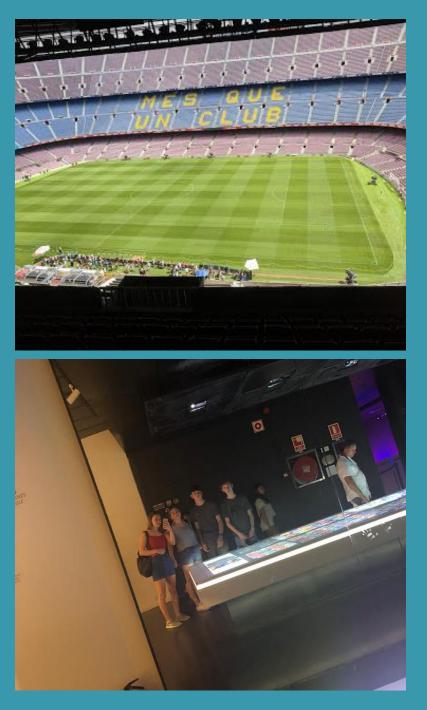
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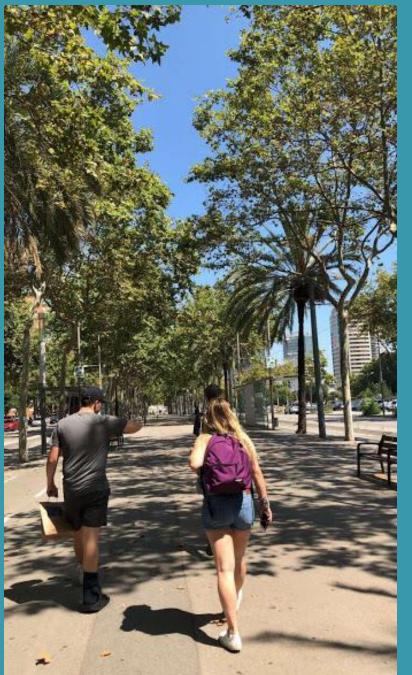
Once we landed, we headed straight to the Metro where we had our first opportunity to use Spanish and explore independently. After meeting the owners of our apartment and completing our final payments, we dumped our bags and went for a to a local market within walking distance to get food for the apartment. After this, we went to explore the city and began to learn how to travel on the Metro. We first went to the harbour, and looked at the boats the city had to offer. We found somewhere to try some Spanish tapas and get our first taste of the Catalan cuisine. As a group we then decided that we were tired from travelling and wanted to recharge for the next day so we headed back to the apartment using the Metro system.



Thursday 15th August

We woke up early in the apartment and discussed the plan for the day over breakfast. We agreed that we would go to Camp Nou. All of us were blown away by the size of the stadium as well as the history that the club holds. After our tour had ended, we decided to explore 'Las Ramblas'. We found a tapas restaurant in a square just off of the main Rambla to get some late lunch. This is where we decided we would go to the beach for the rest of the afternoon and come back to explore 'Las Ramblas' the next day as we were all a bit overwhelmed by the area that it covered and realised that we would prefer to have more time there.









Friday 16th August

On the Friday, we all got up and ready earlier than the previous day so that we could spend the whole day admiring the city. Our first destination was the Sagrada Familia. Despite it not being finished until 2026, it was still astonishing. The detail of the architecture was amazing, as was learning about Gaudi's life and his dedication to the building.

After the visit to the Cathedral, we travelled to 'Las Ramblas' to explore the area further. Once we looked around the shops and patisseries, we ended up in the Gothic Quarter which is where we found a small tapas restaurant to try new versions of the famous Catalan dishes. We then travelled back to the apartment and spent the rest of the evening in that area.











Saturday 17th August

On the Saturday, we spent the day walking around the city. This helped us to get a feel for Barcelona as we discovered streets with lots of character and spent time with the local residents. This experience was useful as we got to use our Spanish skills effectively.

We ended the day and our last night in Barcelona at the surreal coast where we spent a few hours admiring our surroundings before getting a taxi back to the apartment.

















Sunday 18th August

Our flight back was at 6:50am so we rose early and caught a taxi to the airport. During the taxi ride, we all shared our favourite moments of the trip. All four of us were thrilled to have had the experience of independent travel and were left wanting to travel even more.

Our trip ended when we were flying over the city and we caught Barcelona waking up.



As a group we would like to thank the Henry Morris Memorial Trust for helping us make this trip happen. Without the money they provided we would not have been able to put our plans into action. We would all highly recommend the organisation to people our age wanting to travel or complete home tasks. We would also love to apply again!

Thank you again from Theo Darvill, Scott Bennett, Eve Prior and Katy Catterall!

