

BARCELONA 2022 NEWS

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EURO RAIL PASS



A feature of many travel plans in Europe is a Eurorail pass. These relatively inexpensive passes allow different levels of travel across different regions. There are also single country passes. The challenge is determining whether it is just as cost effective to buy a ticket at the station when you are ready to go. Travel by rail and bus is much more common in Europe than here in America and can be remarkably affordable. Planning is important since sometimes a cheap commuter flight can be faster AND less expensive than a train. As part of our preparations we will discuss the time you have available for personal travel and how to explore your options.

ISLANDS OF SPAIN



Spain is an ancient land which has been home to many cultures and ethnicities. Somewhat like states in the US, Spain is divided into autonomous communities which are roughly connected to some of these ethnicities. One of these is Catalonia and Barcelona is the capital. There are two groups of large islands that are autonomous communities of Spain. They are the Canary Islands and the Balearic Islands. Both communities are popular tourist destinations with the Canaries off the west coast of Africa (most hurricanes begin to form nearby) and Mallorca/Minorca/Ibiza (Balearic Islands) are 300 km (15 hr ferry ride) south of Barcelona in the Mediterranean.

PLACES IN BARCELONA

Green Fab Lab:

NW of Barcelona and just beyond the Parc del Laberint d'Horta (Newsletter #4) is the Green Fab Lab. This project of the Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia works towards the creation of a self-sufficient habitat and research centre at Can Valldaura. It has laboratories for the production of energy, food and things, and develops projects and academic programmes focused on self-sufficiency with a view to providing a worldwide point of reference. A natural fit for our Renewable Energy class.

Upcoming:

Please complete the COCC Application and Assumption of Risk forms (on the website) and deliver signed copies to Sara Henson or Bruce Emerson in the next week or so. An invoice for the program deposit will be sent to you shortly.

Contact Sara Henson (shenson@cocc.edu) or Bruce Emerson: (bemerson@cocc.edu) for more program information