

# BARCELONA 2022 NEWS

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## *'BAD' SPANISH*



Remarkably, an episode of the podcast Rough Translation came through my feed today as I was driving between meetings. This episode was called '[How to Speak Bad English](#)' and addressed the stresses that speakers of a second language feel in the presence of those for whom it is their birth language. Turns out you can communicate very effectively even when your language skills are more limited. This is an important point for all of us to remember while we're in Barcelona. Yes, it would be lovely to speak like a native but the point of language is to connect and communicate with other humans. That is still possible even with more limited skills. Be brave!

## *HOW WILL WE BE...?*



As we get closer to the launch of our program in Barcelona I hope that we are also thinking about how our community of learners will relate to each other. There are lots of choices here from a loose group of individuals to a tribe of fellow travelers. In the end we will choose, consciously or unconsciously, how our community operates. It is my plan to gather us together in December to start this discussion and exploration. I bring this up now so you can explore what you most hope for, or are concerned about, in our group. While I, as your traveling faculty member, may have some hopes and ideas it is not mine to decide. How will we be?

## *PLACES IN BARCELONA*

### **Observatorio Fabra:**

On the edge of Barcelona NW of the city center is the Fabra Observatory which still an active observatory studying asteroids and comets. This observatory was inaugurated in 1904 and is one of the oldest still active observatories in the world. This art nouveau building is worth visiting for the view of Barcelona and the beauty of the structure even in we don't look through the telescope.

### **Let Us Know:**

As we get closer to the December 1st deadline for our deposits it would be helpful if you would let us know if you are confident that you will join us in Barcelona so we can keep track. Many of you have already notified us.

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