

STEM U

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL CAMP

Tour:

Itinerary:

Departing from:

Student Price without Flights

Student Price with Flights

SPANISH STEM

8-days / 7-nights total trip

Boston, Massachusetts

\$4173 USD per person

\$5187 USD per person

STEM U 2026 - SPANISH STEM

Barcelona & Madrid, Spain

Day			Morning	Afternoon		Evening	
1	7-Jun-2026	Sun	Travel overnight from Boston to Barcelona, Spain				
2	8-Jun-2026	Mon	Arrive Barcelona; clear Customs, transfer to Hotel & Check-In; Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing		Catalan Museum of Archaeology & Forensic Paleoanthropology / CSI Lab		Welcome Dinner
3	9-Jun-2026	Tues	Port of Barcelona - Science, Logistics & Infrastructure	Museu de la Xocolata Guided Tour & Tasting	Poble Espanyol Private Tour	Local Dinner	Montjuic Fountains
4	10-Jun-2026	Wed	Picasso Museum	Barcelona Hop On/Off City Sightseeing Tour			Local Dinner
5	11-Jun-2026	Thur	Museu Futbol Club Barcelona & Camp Nou Tech Experience	Cosmo Caixa Museum with Science Workshop & Planetarium Visit		Local Dinner	Los Ramblas & Port Vell Walk
6	12-Jun-2026	Fri	Train to Madrid (3-hours)	San Lorenzo El Escorial Royal Monastery UNESCO World Heritage Site		Hotel Check-In	Villa Rosa Flamenco Show & Andalusia Dinner
7	13-Jun-2026	Sat	Madrid City Tour: History, Science, Legends & Architecture	Spanish Paella Cooking Class		Flamenco Class	Farewell Dinner & Reflections
8	14-Jun-2026	Sun	Transfer to Madrid International Airport; depart for Boston, Massachusetts				



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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What is STEM U?

STEM U is the official summer travel program of **STEM Study Tours**, a U.S.-based educational tour operator specializing in immersive STEM experiences for schools and youth worldwide. Our mission is to take learning beyond the classroom through exhilarating, hands-on adventures in science, technology, engineering, and math - all while exploring the globe.

At STEM U, students dive into real-world applications of STEM in dynamic international settings. Each program is designed to spark curiosity, build global awareness, and introduce participants to cutting-edge technologies and diverse career paths. Along the way, students strengthen teamwork, leadership, and practical skills - gaining confidence and forming lasting connections that support future success.

Who Can Join?

STEM U programs are open to individual students ages 14–18, with travel offered on specific dates for destinations. Students meet and depart from a designated U.S. city, traveling together as a group and returning together at the end of the program. Students who prefer to travel independently — such as those using airline miles, departing from outside the U.S., or booking non-coach seating — are welcome to meet us in the destination city. Optional pre- and post-travel hotel stays are available for students arriving early in our departure city or departing for home the day after the program ends.

Each year, we also offer one FAMILY destination, open to guests of all ages traveling together. Please note: students attending family trips (as opposed to standard STEM U trips) are not supervised by STEM U staff as it is the responsibility of parents to assume oversight responsibility.

Safety & Supervision

STEM U students are supervised by a team of trained Chaperones, led by a professional Tour Director. A licensed nurse or medical official travels with each group to ensure health and safety throughout the journey.

Students stay in shared accommodations by gender, with each participant assigned their own bed. If traveling with friends, please ask us for roommate friendship groups if you would like. All travelers must agree to and follow our Code of Conduct, which is reviewed and signed during registration.

What's Included?

STEM U programs are designed for ease and peace of mind. All core expenses - including flights, lodging, meals, activities, and supervision - are covered. Families only need to budget for travel insurance, souvenirs and optional snacks / beverages outside of standard mealtimes.

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Barcelona.... Barcelona is a city with over 2,000 years of history, blending ancient roots with modern innovation, making it an ideal destination for students.

Barcelona traces its origins back to the Iberians and Romans, who established the settlement of Barcino in the 2nd century BC. Over centuries, it flourished under Visigothic, Moorish, and Catalan rule, becoming a hub of trade and culture. The Gothic Quarter still preserves medieval streets and cathedrals, while the city's identity was reshaped in the 19th and 20th centuries by the Modernisme movement, led by Antoni Gaudí, whose masterpieces like the Sagrada Família and Park Güell remain iconic. Barcelona's layered history offers students a living classroom where Roman ruins, Gothic architecture, and avant-garde design coexist.

For students, Barcelona is more than a historical city — it's a vibrant hub of creativity, global citizenship, and cultural immersion. The city is renowned for its innovation, world-class universities, and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Students can explore cutting-edge science and technology while experiencing Catalonia's unique traditions, language, and cuisine. With golden beaches, bustling plazas, and inspiring museums, Barcelona provides the perfect balance of academic enrichment and cultural adventure. It's a destination that encourages curiosity, teamwork, and leadership while offering unforgettable real-world experiences.

Day 1

Meals in flight

Meet in Boston for an overnight flight to Barcelona, Spain. Sit back, relax and settle in. Next stop – Europe!

Day 2

Breakfast in flight; lunch and dinner included

Arrive in Barcelona, Spain! After clearing customs and transferring to our hotel, we'll get settled in and have a **Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing**. Afterwards, we'll grab a quick lunch and start off on our STEM adventure.



Catalan Museum of Archaeology – Set in the green hills of Montjuïc Park, this museum takes you on a journey through Catalonia's past — from prehistoric tools to Roman ruins and medieval treasures. Students can explore fascinating artifacts that reveal how people lived, traded, and built communities thousands of years ago. Housed in a grand palace from Barcelona's 1929 International Exhibition, the museum combines history, culture, and architecture in one unforgettable visit.



Forensic Paleoanthropology / CSI Lab - Step into the shoes of an archaeologist as you uncover the secrets of Catalonia's past. Through hands-on activities, you'll explore real artifacts and learn how ancient civilizations lived, traded, and built their world. It's a chance to connect history with science while experiencing discovery in one of Barcelona's most iconic museums.

Day 3

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



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Port of Barcelona - Science, Logistics & Infrastructure Master Class - Get an insider's look at one of Europe's busiest ports as you explore its massive operations by boat. You'll see how ships, cargo, and infrastructure all connect in real time, making the port a hub for global trade. A private lecture will break down key concepts like intermodal logistics, energy efficiency, and international business networks, giving you a front-row seat to the science behind global commerce. This experience blends STEM with real-world applications, showing how innovation keeps the world moving.



Museu de la Xocolata: Guided Tour & Tasting - Kick off your adventure with a sweet start at Barcelona's Chocolate Museum. Learn how cacao traveled across continents and became one of Europe's favorite treats. Students will explore the science of chocolate-making and even see artistic creations sculpted entirely from chocolate. It's a delicious way to connect history, culture, and STEM.



Poble Espanyol Private Tour - Step into a "mini Spain" as you explore an open-air museum built for Barcelona's 1929 International Exhibition. Students will wander through recreated streets, plazas, and buildings that showcase the architecture, culture, and traditions of regions across Spain — all in one place. With artisan workshops, art exhibits, and vibrant cultural displays, this tour offers a hands-on way to experience Spain's diversity. It's the perfect blend of history, creativity, and discovery in a single immersive setting.



Montjuïc Fountains - End the evening with a dazzling show at Barcelona's famous Montjuïc Fountains. Students will watch as water, light, and music combine in a spectacular display that has been entertaining visitors since the 1929 International Exhibition. The fountains dance in sync with colorful lights and popular songs, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. It's the perfect way to experience Barcelona's energy and celebrate the day's adventures together.

Day 4

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Picasso Museum - Step into the world of Pablo Picasso, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. Students will see how his bold ideas and creative experiments changed the way people think about art. The museum's collection traces his journey from early sketches to groundbreaking masterpieces. It's a chance to explore the intersection of creativity, history, and innovation.



Barcelona Hop-On/Off Sightseeing Tour - Hop aboard and discover Barcelona's most famous landmarks — from Gaudí's Sagrada Família to bustling plazas and seaside views. This tour gives students a big-picture look at the city's history, architecture, and culture. It's the perfect way to connect classroom learning with real-world exploration.

Day 5

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Museu Futbol Club Barcelona & Camp Nou Tech Experience - Experience the passion of Spanish football at Camp Nou, home of FC Barcelona. Students will explore the science of sports, from training and teamwork to stadium engineering. The museum showcases trophies, history, and the global impact of the game. It's a fun way to see how STEM and sports collide.



CosmoCaixa Museum, Science Workshop & Planetarium - Dive into interactive exhibits that make science come alive — from physics experiments to rainforest ecosystems. Students will take part in a hands-on STEM workshop designed to spark curiosity and problem-solving skills. CosmoCaixa is one of Europe's most innovative science museums, offering a chance to learn by doing.



Los Ramblas Walk - Stroll down Barcelona's most famous boulevard, alive with street performers, shops, and cafés. Students will soak in the energy of the city while practicing independence and teamwork in a safe, supervised setting. It's the perfect way to end a day of discovery.



Port Vell - Discover Barcelona's historic waterfront at Port Vell, where the city meets the Mediterranean Sea. Once a working harbor, it was transformed for the 1992 Olympics into a vibrant hub filled with shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions. Students can stroll along the marina, see impressive yachts, and visit highlights like the Aquarium or Maritime Museum. It's the perfect spot to experience Barcelona's blend of history, modern design, and seaside energy.

Day 6

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included



Train to Madrid - Travel like locals do as you board Spain's famous AVE high-speed train from Barcelona to Madrid. In just about three hours, you'll glide across the Spanish countryside at speeds up to 190 mph, watching the landscapes change from coastal views to rolling plains. It's a comfortable, modern ride with plenty of time to relax, chat with friends, or reflect on your Barcelona adventures. This journey isn't just transportation — it's part of the experience, connecting two of Spain's most iconic cities in record time.

Madrid... Madrid is a city of royal grandeur, artistic brilliance, and scientific curiosity — a perfect finale for STEM U's Spanish adventure.

Madrid's story begins in the 9th century as a Moorish fortress called *Mayrit*, built to protect the nearby city of Toledo. Over time, it grew into a bustling town and was declared Spain's capital in 1561 by King Philip II. Today, Madrid stands as the political and cultural heart of Spain, home to the Royal Palace, centuries-old cathedrals, and world-renowned museums like the Prado and Reina Sofía. Its streets echo with history — from medieval

walls to Enlightenment architecture — offering students a chance to explore Spain’s evolution through art, science, and civic life.

For students, Madrid is a vibrant, welcoming city that blends tradition with innovation. It’s a hub for global education, with top universities and research centers, and a thriving tech and startup scene. Madrid’s walkable neighborhoods, lively plazas, and green parks make it easy to explore, while its rich cultural offerings — flamenco shows, cooking classes, and historical tours — provide immersive learning experiences. Whether visiting a science museum or tasting local cuisine, students gain practical knowledge, cultural fluency, and unforgettable memories in one of Europe’s most dynamic capitals.



Today’s activities include:



Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial - Step into Spain’s royal history at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Students will explore the monastery’s impressive architecture and learn how it served as a political, religious, and cultural center. It’s a living example of how history, engineering, and design shape society. Walking through its halls, you’ll see how power, faith, and innovation came together to influence Spain’s legacy



Villa Rosa Flamenco Show & Andalusian Dinner - Experience the rhythm and passion of flamenco, Spain’s most famous dance. Students will see how music, movement, and tradition come together in a performance that’s both cultural and artistic. Paired with authentic Andalusian cuisine, it’s an unforgettable night of Spanish culture. The energy of the dancers and musicians will leave you inspired and connected to Spain’s vibrant spirit.

Day 7

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today’s activities include:



Madrid City Tour - Discover Spain’s capital as you explore its grand boulevards, lively plazas, and historic landmarks. Students will see highlights offering a glimpse into Madrid’s rich past and vibrant present. Along the way, you’ll learn how history, politics, and culture have shaped this dynamic city. It’s the perfect introduction to Madrid’s energy and charm before diving deeper into its STEM and cultural experiences.



Paella Cooking Class - Roll up your sleeves and learn to cook traditional Spanish dishes with local chefs. Students will discover the science of flavor and the art of culinary traditions. It's a hands-on experience that blends culture, teamwork, and creativity — plus, you get to eat what you make! The sizzling pans and vibrant ingredients make this class as fun as it is delicious.



Flamenco Class - Step into the rhythm of Spain as you learn the basics of flamenco, the country's most famous dance. Born in 18th-century Andalusia from a mix of cultures — Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Romani — flamenco blends music, song, dance, and handclaps into one powerful art form. Guided by professional dancers, you'll discover how flamenco is more than steps — it's about expressing emotion and telling a story with your body. By the end, you'll feel the passion and energy that make flamenco such an unforgettable part of Spanish culture.

Day 8

Breakfast & packed lunch included; dinner in flight

Today we'll end our tour and start to travel home, taking memories away with us that will last forever.



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Registration & Booking Notes

Documentation & Passport Requirements

- ❖ All participants must register using their full legal name exactly as shown on their passport (including middle names). Please double-check all details - name, date of birth, gender, passport number, and issue/expiration dates - to ensure accuracy.
- ❖ If your passenger does not have a valid passport at the time of registration, we ask for this to be applied for immediately after registration. At times, passports may take an extended amount of time to process so please apply as soon as registration is complete. All passport information must be received by us, through the registration portal, a minimum of 60-days prior to travel. At that time, we will submit all information to the airlines. If you have a change after that time, please understand the airlines will require a Change Fee to facilitate your request.
- ❖ Upon arrival in Europe, we will collect all passports and hold these for safe keeping, re-issuing them for return flights home. Please know and understand the process if your student were to lose their passport as it can be trying at best. More information on this process may be found in our online Documents Library.

Visa Waivers for European Travel (not needed for 2026 summer travel, starting in Q4 2026)

- ❖ [LINK FOR EITAS](#). The program offers entry without the need for a visa to travelers from selected countries.
- ❖ All visiting passengers eligible for travel under a Visa Waiver program must receive online approval a minimum of 72-hours prior to departure. Boarding/entry on arrival may be denied if you have not received approval. Application takes just a few moments; please ensure that you have your passport in hand when logging in. Passengers will not be able to travel without your approval exactly matching the details shown in your passport.
- ❖ Costs currently range from \$7 - \$25 per person and are generally valid for 2 – 5 years, dependent upon the country, and of course, are subject to change.
- ❖ Please print the final page for your records and bring a copy in your hand luggage when traveling.
- ❖ If you receive a new passport, you must re-apply, as approvals are tied to passport details.
- ❖ Please know that some nationalities require a full Visa for entry. Please check the link above for eligibility. If a full Visa is needed, it is your responsibility to ensure you have this in hand prior to travel.

Payments

- ❖ An initial deposit is required at registration to confirm your trip.
- ❖ Deposits are paid through the portal by linking your bank account, no fee for payment services. 11 currencies are accepted: USD, GBP, EUR, CAD, AUD, NZD, CHF, DKK, NOK, SEK, PLN, HKD, MXN.
- ❖ Wire transfers and credit card payments are also accepted, however the banking center does charge a fee for use.
- ❖ Remaining balances are divided into equal monthly payments, with all payments completed 60 days before departure.

Agreements & Parent/Guardian Forms

- ❖ During registration, families must review and agree to: [Booking Conditions](#), [Assumption of Risk & Liability Release](#) and our [Code of Conduct](#). A Photography Release is optional but appreciated.
- ❖ Each parent/legal guardian must submit [Permission to Travel Abroad](#), [Medical Release](#) (required to seek treatment if needed) and [Consent for Medicine Administration](#).
- ❖ Each student room will be routinely checked. Please be prepared to pay for any damages which your child may incur. These will be reviewed with you, but do understand, if your child has created damage, you are solely responsible for any bills associated with repair.



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Travel Insurance

- ❖ Each person traveling must have a valid travel insurance policy that covers both travel and medical, valid for your specific travel dates. If you are a resident of the USA, you may feel free to obtain this through our partner, Travel Insured, a widely recognized insurance provider that serves our groups. Registration Link: [TRAVEL INSURED](#) Please ensure you are booked through this specific link as it is tied to our company and we will receive your travel insurance documents to keep on file.
- ❖ If you are departing from abroad and need an insurance referral, please let us know. This may generally be purchased at the time you purchase independent flights.
- ❖ If you are purchasing elsewhere, you will be asked to email in a copy of your travel insurance so we have it on file and can access it if needed. Please email this to info@stemstudytours.com and include the trip destination, the name of the passenger and the outbound travel date.
- ❖ Please remember that no insurance = no travel, so please insure this is in place as it is mandatory, a minimum of 60 days prior to travel.
- ❖ You may find additional information relating to travel insurance in our Parents Guide for STEM U.

Communications

- ❖ Please download and read our [STEM U Parent's Guide](#) which covers many questions you may have and also gives helpful hints and details.
- ❖ Prior to travel we will have a group video chat for your student to meet us and answer any questions your family may have. If you have specific questions you would like answered before registering, please feel free to contact our offices during business hours (USA Central time zone).
- ❖ During travel, we will have two WhatsApp groups: one only for students for general tour communications, and one only for parents as a daily update on what the group is doing and how everything is progressing.
- ❖ We ask for students to not use their personal cell phones during activities, only using these after the day's activities are finished and the student has personal time.
- ❖ If a US citizen, we recommend all travelers register with the U.S. Department of State's [Smart Traveler Program](#).

Pre/Post Hotel Stays / Timings

- ❖ As we will be departing as a group from Boston, Massachusetts, if your passenger requires an overnight stay prior to or after the trip due to connecting flight times, this will be available to add-on during registration. We will include group rooming in shared rooms as above, plus dinner and airport transfers prior to departure.
- ❖ If accommodation is needed post-travel, we will include a dinner on the night back in Boston, shared rooms, breakfast (during hotel service times) plus airport transfers.
- ❖ Each guest will be required to arrive at the Boston Airport a minimum of 3 hours prior to departure. On return, we recommend your connecting flight doesn't depart until 4 hours after our return, giving time to clear Customs and Immigrations and the possibility of a late departure.
- ❖ As we cannot control airline delays, if you are flying in to meet us in Boston, we seriously suggest you book pre/post group rooms to ensure your travel is not impacted. Once the group departs for Spain, we will not have staff at the airport to assist you. In this instance, please contact your insurance company to determine if financial assistance and/or rebooking may happen.

Management & Supervision

- ❖ Every STEM U Camp is carefully managed with a dedicated Tour Director, supportive Camp Chaperones, and a qualified Medical Representative accompanying the group from start to finish. This ensures students are safe, supervised, and well cared for throughout the entire experience.



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Package Costs

Package pricing shown is per person based on shared rooms for students, with each student in an individual sleeping space. Please let us know about any friendship-group rooming requests when booking, we will always try to accommodate all requests. Packages options are available that include flights as well as no flights so individuals can book independent options if preferred. Two things to note on flights:

- Group flights are for **coach seating** only. If you wish for first, business or extended-legroom cabins, please book these independently.
- If flights are booked independently, please understand that you are also independently responsible for any associated luggage costs as well as transfers to/from the Madrid & Barcelona International Airport on arrival and departure if they do not correspond with group transfer times.

<i>Student Price without Flights</i>	\$4173 USD per person
<i>Student Price with Flights</i>	\$5187 USD per person

DEPOSIT / PAYMENT PLAN:

\$1000 to reserve your spot
Remaining payments divided and paid on the 1st in March, April and May 2026
Final balance by June 1st, 2026
Contact us if you need special assistance

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is mandatory. We partner with Travel Insured for our trips, or you may feel free to use any provider you wish and send us a copy of your personal coverage valid for the dates of travel. The choice is yours. If you do wish to use Travel Insured, please use this link so your insurance is tied to this trip: <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=62443>. Unfortunately, you will not be able to travel without a policy in place and trip cost refunds will not be available due to lack of purchase.

Please click on the link below for registration. The registration process will require input of all personal information required for flights, passport details if known, places for medical conditions and dietary preferences, signature of required waivers, and more. All payments are made direct through the portal and guests may pay via ACH (online bank check) at no charge from select countries (USD, GBP, EUR, CAD, AUD, NZD, CHF, DKK, NOK, SEK, PLN, HKD and MXN). Guests may also make payment via credit card, however, please be advised that a 4% processing fee is charged by the processing agency.

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Barcelona & Madrid

Minimum Trip Numbers:

18 students

If the minimum number of students is not achieved for the trip to move forward, you will be asked to book on a different adventure or get a full refund for your paid deposit. Please do not book independent flights until the minimum number is achieved.

What's Included:

Roundtrip international flights

6-nights' accommodation in Spain + 1-overnight air: 4-nights Barcelona, 2-nights Madrid

Motorcoach airport transfers in Spain, high speed train to Madrid, local transfers to daily activities

Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with lunch on Day 2 and ending with lunch on Day 8

Catalan Museum of Archaeology & Forensic Paleoanthropology CSI Lab

Port of Barcelona Master Class - Science, Logistics & Infrastructure

Los Ramblas & Port Vell Walk

Barcelona City Sightseeing Hop-On/Off Tour

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Madrid City Tour: History, Science, Legends & Architecture

Flamenco Master Class

Paella Cooking Class

What's Not Included:

Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)

Transfers to/from Boston, Massachusetts

Baggage costs if booking air independently

Baggage handling - everyone should be able to pull / load their own bag

Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary

Meals other than ones provided for the entire group

Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees

Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel

Sightseeing / Entertainment not shown in Itinerary

Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, phone, etc.

Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH

Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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