

**WHO BARCELONA COURSE
ON HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING
FOR IMPROVED TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AND CARE
16-20 October 2017, Barcelona, Spain**

1. Venue

Casa Convalescència

Calle Sant Antoni Maria Claret 171
08041 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 433 5000

Fax: +34 93 446 4508

Web: www.uab-casaconvalescencia.org

Nearest metro station: Sant Pau – Dos de Maig (blue line – L5)

Bus: H8, 19, 20, 45, 47, 50, 51, 92, 117, 192

Registration will start on Monday, 16 October at 08:15 am. The training will end during the afternoon of Friday, 20 October.

2. Confirmation of participation

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation by registration on course website

https://extranet.who.int/datacol/survey.asp?survey_id=3681

User and password: **HSSTBBAR2017**

Your acceptance to the course will be considered complete once we have received your confirmation.

3. Accommodation

Please find a list of hotels in Barcelona below. Please arrange your own accommodation and make sure to book your hotel as soon as possible. These hotels are not that far from the venue and in some hotels WHO Barcelona is holding rooms. Please visit the hotels websites for more information on facilities. Major credit cards are accepted by all hotels.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the relevant hotels as described for each hotel and not later than by the deadline stated for each hotel.

The reservation will be confirmed upon availability on a first-come first-served basis. All rates are quoted per night in Euros and are inclusive of breakfast and VAT. Tourist tax is not included in the rates quoted.

Please note that the WHO Regional Office for Europe cannot undertake to guarantee accommodation and rates for requests received after the deadline stated by each hotel or those made without using the registration form.

Participants should pay the bill directly to the hotel on departure. Hotel will confirm those reservations with full Credit Card details only.

If you wish to transfer funds to a hotel, please inform a contact person in the hotel, and if it is possible they will send you a bill by e-mail.

Once you have booked a room in one of the offered hotels, please **inform the organizers of the Course by e-mail which hotel you have booked** to confirm that the room is reserved. (eurotbrep@who.int)

All issues related to longer stay or additional services should be negotiated with the Administration of the Hotel.

All hotels are relatively well located in the surrounding area of the Casa de Convalescència site where the course will be held. Amrey Sant Pau hotel is just across the street. The Htop BCN City and the Happy People Sagrada Familia Corsega, Calle Córcega 703 are 10 minutes by foot. The Ayre hotel Rossellón, the Catalonia hotels and the apartment building Happy People Sagrada Familia Gaudí, Calle Sardenya, 306 are a bit further, at a 20-25 min. walking distance.

Amrey Sant Pau Hotel **

Sant Antoni Maria Claret Street, 173

08041, Barcelona

Tel.: (+34) 93 433 51 51

Fax: (+34) 93 433 41 51

Web: <http://www.hotelsantpau.com/en>

Email: santpaureservas@grupoamrey.com

30 rooms pre-booked with the reference of “**WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care**” tentatively from 14 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: **100 €**
- Double occupancy room: **120 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included. 10% TAX included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations: to be made directly with the hotel **as soon as possible before 1 September 2017** through the attached registration form.

Cancellation policy: the hotel will charge the amount of one night stay if cancellation of the reservation happens 48 hours before the date of check in, or in case of no show.

Short description: Well connected by public transport with other sites in the city and with easy access to major routes and rounds, Amrey Sant Pau Hotel was opened in 1999 and it offers a meeting room, safety deposit box, laundry and dry cleaner's, snack bar, garage in the building and 93 well-equipped rooms with television, phone, air-conditioning and bathroom, an inviting buffet breakfast, and free wifi in all its facilities.

Amrey Sant Pau hotel is ideally located in the same street as the course venue and just a short distance from the Temple of Sagrada Familia, two of the city's important modernist jewels.

Ayre Hotel Rosellón ****

Rosselló Street, 390

08025 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 246 70 18

Fax: + 34 93 231 59 57

Web: <http://www.ayrehoteles.com/en/hotel-rosellon/>

Email: grupos3.barcelona@ayrehoteles.com

20 rooms have been pre-booked with the reference of “**WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care**” tentatively from 13 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: **176 €**
- Double occupancy room: **181.50 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included. 10% TAX included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations: to be made directly with the hotel **as soon as possible before 8 September 2017** through the attached registration form.

Cancellation policy: the hotel will charge the amount of one night stay if cancellation of the reservation happens 48 hours before the date of check in, or in case of no show.

Short description: Ayre Hotel Rosellón is a recently built hotel suitable for both leisure and client business. It is located in the heart of Eixample of Barcelona, and just one minute from the Temple of the Sagrada Familia.

Ayre Hotel Rosellón has 105 rooms, 4 of which are adapted for disabled guests. All rooms are equipped with water free minibar, safe, WIFI, TV and hairdryer. It offers facilities such as a warm and cozy restaurant and a cafe with chill out area, large terrace on the top floor overlooking the Sagrada Familia, and parking for guests.

Catalonia Sagrada Familia Hotel ***

Aragó Street, 569 bis .

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 245 89 05

Web: http://www.hoteles-catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_sagrada_familia/index.jsp

15 rooms pre-booked with the reference of “**WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care**” tentatively from 14 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: **130 €**
- Double occupancy room: **150 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations to be made directly with the hotel by **14 September 2017** through the online hotel form for this event: [CLICK to book at CATALONIA HOTELS&RESORTS](#)

Cancellation policy: the hotel will accept changes or cancellations up to 24 hours before the check-in date. In case of no-show without advance notice of cancellation, the hotel will charge the price of the first night on the credit card provided.

Short description: Catalonia Sagrada Familia (formerly known as Catalonia Aragón) is located only a few metres from La Sagrada Familia. This hotel offers swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. The hotel also offers a fitness room with free access to all customers.

Catalonia Albeniz Hotel ***

Aragó Street, 591-593

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 265 26 26

Web: [\[catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_albeniz/index.jsp\]\(http://www.hoteles-catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_albeniz/index.jsp\)](http://www.hoteles-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

15 rooms pre-booked with the reference of “**WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care**” tentatively from 14 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: **130 €**
- Double occupancy room: **150 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations to be made directly with the hotel by **14 September 2017** through the online hotel form for this event: [CLICK to book at CATALONIA HOTELS&RESORTS](#)

Cancellation policy: the hotel will accept changes or cancellations up to 24 hours before the check-in date. In case of no-show without advance notice of cancellation, the hotel will charge the price of the first night on the credit card provided.

Short description: Catalonia Albeniz hotel is located near the Sagrada Familia. It offers a wide range of tourist and leisure options nearby, such as the spectacular Agbar Tower and the Les

Glòries shopping centre. It is well connected with the city centre with direct train connection to the airport. The hotel has a gym and a pool.

Catalonia Atenas Hotel ****

Meridiana Ave., 151

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 232 20 11

Web: [http://www.hoteles-](http://www.hoteles-catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_atenas/index.jsp)

[catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_atenas/index.jsp](http://www.hoteles-catalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_atenas/index.jsp)

15 rooms pre-booked with the reference of “WHO Barcelona Course on Health Systems Strengthening for Improved TB Prevention and Care” tentatively from 14 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: **140 €**
- Double occupancy room: **160 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations to be made directly with the hotel by **14 September 2017** through the online hotel form for this event: [CLICK to book at CATALONIA HOTELS&RESORTS](#)

Cancellation policy: the hotel will accept changes or cancellations up to 24 hours before the check-in date. In case of no-show without advance notice of cancellation, the hotel will charge the price of the first night on the credit card provided.

Short description: Catalonia Atenas Hotel is located near La Sagrada Familia and is well connected to the city centre. It has fully furnished rooms and a terrace with a swimming pool and solarium. You can also enjoy the spa and the fitness area. Panoramic views can be enjoyed from the top of the hotel.

Htop BCN City**

Travessera de Gràcia, 380-384

08025 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 436 01 46 – 93 433 07 15

Web: <http://www.htophotels.com/bcncity/en/>

We are not holding any reservations with this hotel.

Rates:

- Single occupancy room: up to a maximum of **74 €**
- Double occupancy room: up to a maximum of **84 €**

Price per room and per night. Breakfast included in some rates. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations to be made directly on the internet page of the hotel: <http://www.htophotels.com/bcncity/en/>

Cancellation policy: depending on the rate chosen on the internet.

Short description: Htop BCN City is a basic 2-star hotel 10 minutes from the course venue.

Happy People Apartments****

Torres i Amat, 21, 3

08001 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 504 7470

Web: <http://happypeoplebarcelona.com/en/>

Preferential rates for studio/apartments in Happy People **Sagrada Familia Corsega, Calle Córcega, 703, Barcelona** with the reference of “**Congress TB Course**” tentatively from 15 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

For 1-2 person occupancy:

- Studio 140 € / Apartment / night
- 2 bedroom apartment 190 € / Apartment /night

For 3-4 person occupancy:

- 2 bedroom apartment 240 € / Apartment /night

Price per apartment and per night. Breakfast not included. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Preferential rates for studio/apartments in Happy People **Sagrada Familia Gaudí, Calle Sardenya, 306, Barcelona** with the reference of “**Congress TB Course**” tentatively from 15 to 22 October 2017.

Rates:

For 1-2 person occupancy:

- Suite 150 € / Apartment / night
- 2 bedroom apartment 200 € / Apartment /night

For 3-4 person occupancy:

- 2 bedroom apartment 250 € / Apartment /night
- 3 bedroom apartment 300 € / Apartment / night

For 5-6 person occupancy:

- Deluxe apartment 350 € / Apartment / night

Price per apartment and per night. Breakfast not included. VAT included. Tourist tax not included.

Confirmation of reservations to be made directly with Happy People Apartments by sending an e-mail to corporate@happypeoplebarcelona.com and quoting “**Congress TB Course**”.

Cancellation policy: For stays up to a maximum of 7 days payment is due 14 days before arrival. Up to then cancellations/modifications are allowed. After that payment is non-refundable.

Short description: The Apartments Sagrada Familia Corsega, Calle Córcega, 703 are literally 5 minutes from the course venue, completely refurbished in 2014 and with a range of services included in the price. A magnificent terrace on the roof of the building is also available to guests. The Apartments Sagrada Familia Gaudí, Calle Sardenya, 306 are about 25 minutes by foot from the course venue. They have also been completely refurbished in 2015 and have modern and bright apartments and a chill out terrace on the roof.

Finally, please also note that WHO Regional Office for Europe cannot guarantee that the prices we negotiated are the lowest rates on the market when you will make the reservation, as block bookings were made well in advance to secure rooms. Please feel free to make your own arrangements.

4. Connections from the airport to hotels

There are four main Barcelona airport transport options to the city centre. All of them are reliable, efficient and they all take more or less the same length of time.

Barcelona Airport Taxis

Travelling by taxi is a convenient way to get from the airport to the city, especially if you have a family or a lot of luggage. You will find the airport Barcelona taxi rank when you leave the airport main exit. The taxis operate all night and there are several hundred of them, so you do not have to worry about not being able to catch a cab.

The journey to the city centre will take you about 30-45 minutes depending on road traffic conditions.

Expect to pay around 30-40 Euro for the journey into the centre. All official Barcelona taxis are black and yellow and are required to charge you only the value on the meter (plus additional surcharges: supplement for each bag you are carrying and a supplement for travelling to/from the airport). You will find the rates displayed inside the cab.

Train (Renfe)

The train station is situated in terminal 2 of the Barcelona airport (5 minutes walk from the main entrances). As most flights arrive at terminal 1, a shuttle service is in place which takes you from terminal 1 to terminal 2.

The RENFE train service runs approximately every 30 minutes to and from Barcelona airport terminal 2, to the city centre. Travel time is approximately 25 minutes.

Price of a single ticket from the airport is **4.50 €**. One of the best ticket options once you get to the city is to buy a “T-10” (**9.95 €**) which can be used for the train (Renfe + ferrocarril), metro, regular bus (excluding Aerobus) and Tram. It allows 10 travels, each valid for 1 hour and 15 minutes. The T-10 ticket can be used on more than one means of transport and all are counted as a single journey, provided that your journey is less than 1 hour and 15 minutes. This means for

example, you can make changes at metro stops (provided you don't leave the metro), then leave the metro and jump on a bus to finish your journey or vice versa as long as the total length of the journey is less than 1 hour and 15 minutes. NOTE you cannot re-enter the metro once you have left it - this would count as another journey.

When travelling from the airport to the city centre you get off at **Barcelona Sants**. The best option is to buy a single ticket from the airport to **Barcelona Sants** and then to buy a T-10 ticket once you arrive there, which you will be able to use to get around the city.

From **Barcelona Sants** you will have to change for the Barcelona metro  underground system.

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel or Htop BCN City, you take the blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Sant Pau Dos de Maig**” (3 stops). From there you will have to walk 10 minutes to reach the hotel.

If you are staying at the Happy People Apartments Calle Córcega 703, Barcelona, you take the blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Camp de l’Arpa**” (4 stops). From there you will have to walk 5 minutes to reach the hotel.

If you are staying at any of the three Catalonia hotels, you can go directly from the Airport station to the station called “**Clot**”. Catalonia Sagrada Familia, Catalonia Albeniz and Catalonia Atenas hotels are within a short walking distance from the Clot RENFE station.

From Barcelona Sants you take the blue line (L5) with direction Vall d’Hebron and get off at “**Sagrada Familia**” station (5 stops), if you are staying at the hotel Ayre Rossellón or Happy People Apartments in Calle Sardenya 306 and from there it is about 5 minutes walk.

Timetable for RENFE Trains between the airport and city centre

Time of Departure (airport)	Time of Arrival (Barcelona Sants)	Line	Time of travel
05.42	05.58	R2	0.16
06.08	06.27	R2	0.19
06.38	06.57	R2	0.19
07.08	07.27	R2	0.19
07.38	07.57	R2	0.19
08.08	08.27	R2	0.19
08.38	08.57	R2	0.19
09.08	09.27	R2	0.19
09.38	09.57	R2	0.19
10.08	10.27	R2	0.19
10.38	10.57	R2	0.19
11.08	11.27	R2	0.19
11.38	11.57	R2	0.19
12.08	12.27	R2	0.19
12.38	12.57	R2	0.19
13.08	13.27	R2	0.19
13.38	13.57	R2	0.19
14.08	14.27	R2	0.19

14.38	14.57	R2	0.19
15.08	15.27	R2	0.19
15.38	15.57	R2	0.19
16.08	16.27	R2	0.19
16.38	16.57	R2	0.19
17.08	17.27	R2	0.19
17.38	17.57	R2	0.19
18.08	18.27	R2	0.19
18.38	18.57	R2	0.19
19.08	19.27	R2	0.19
19.38	19.57	R2	0.19
20.08	20.27	R2	0.19
20.38	20.57	R2	0.19
21.08	21.27	R2	0.19
21.38	21.57	R2	0.19
22.08	22.27	R2	0.19
22.38	22.57	R2	0.19
23.08	23.27	R2	0.19
23.38	23.57	R2	0.19

For an up to the minute train timetable please see:

<http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/cercanias/barcelona/index.html>

Please note that this section of the RENFE web site is available in English, but if you wish to get the timetable information you will have to select the following information from the drop-down lists to submit your enquiry:

Departure point: AEROPORT

Destination: BARCELONA Sants

Aerobus Barcelona - Bus service to Barcelona city center from the airport

The Aerobus is a shuttle bus service that links Barcelona airport to the city centre. This service normally runs every 5, 10 or 20 minutes within its fixed hours of operation (see official website below for the exact timetable for the Aerobus). The journey takes about 35 minutes.

You can catch the Aerobus from the airport from both terminals. The Aerobus will then take you to the city centre where you get off at **Plaça de Catalunya**.

From there you take the metro  underground.

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel or Htop BCN City you take the green line (L3) with direction “Trinitat Nova” and get off in “**Diagonal**” station. From there you change to the blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Sant Pau Dos de Maig**” (3 stops). From there you will have to walk 10 minutes to reach the hotel.

If you are staying at the Happy People Apartments Calle Córcega 703, Barcelona you take the green line (L3) with direction “Trinitat Nova” and get off in “**Diagonal**” station. From there you

change to the blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Camp de l’Arpa**” (4 stops). From there you will have to walk 10 minutes to reach the hotel.

If you are staying at any of the three Catalonia hotels, from Plaça de Catalunya you can take the metro  underground, red line (L1) with direction “Fondo” and get off in “**Clot**” station after 5 stops. Catalonia Sagrada Familia, Catalonia Albeniz and Catalonia Atenas hotels are within a short walking distance from the Clot metro station.

If you are staying at the hotel Ayre Rossellón or Happy People Apartments in Calle Sardenya 306, from Plaça de Catalunya you take the green line (L3) with direction “Trinitat Nova” and get off in “**Diagonal**” station. From there you change to the blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off in “**Sagrada Familia**” (2 stops). Out of the station, it is a 5 minute walk.

Price of a single ticket is **5.90€** for the Aerobus (10.20€ if a return ticket) and then **2.15€** for the Metro ticket (single journey).

Timetable for the Aerobus Barcelona

The service operates 365 days a year, always with the same schedule

Line A1 from Terminal 1:

Terminal T1 (Airport) - Pl. Catalunya (Barcelona)

From 05.35 h to 07.20 h every 10 min

From 07.30 h to 22.20 h **every 5 min**

From 22.25 h to 01.05 h every 10 min

Pl. Catalunya (Barcelona) - Terminal T1 (Airport)

From 05.00 h to 06.40 h every 10 min

From 06.50 h to 21.45 h **every 5 min**

From 21.50 h to 00.30 h every 10 min

Line A2 from Terminal 2

Terminal T2 (Airport) - Pl. Catalunya (Barcelona)

From 06.00 h to 06.40 h every 20 min

From 07.00 h to 23.00 h every 10 min

From 23.10 h to 01.00 h every 20 min

Pl. Catalunya (Barcelona) - Terminal T2 (Airport)

From 05.30 h to 06.50 h every 20 min

From 07.05 h to 22.25 h every 10 min

From 22.40 h to 00.30 h every 20 min

For an up to date timetable information on the Aerobus service between the airport and the city centre (Plaça de Catalunya Square) visit: <http://www.aerobusbcn.com/>

Important tip for your return trip: It is important to remember that both Aerobuses for Terminal 1 and for Terminal 2 stop at the same bus stops in the city centre. If you are making your way to Barcelona Airport, make sure that you take the right Aerobus. Both buses look the same, however the bus to T1 is the A1 and the bus to T2 is the A2.

Subway (Metro) - L9 Sud line

Since February 2016, Barcelona city and the airport are linked by a fully automated train service (no human driver).

The Airport Subway (“Metro”) line, called **L9 Sud**, runs all the way to Barcelona airport and has stops at both Terminal 1 (inside the building) and Terminal 2 (outside the building). These stops are called **Aeroport T2** and **Aeroport T1**.

The complete journey from the **airport** to the last station lasts about 30 minutes.

On your way to the airport, it is important to consider how long it would take you to reach one of the stations that link to L9 Sud line. The transit time to the L9 Sud is an important time calculation to add to your overall transfer time, as it could take you some time simply to reach the L9 Sud line. This is because the L9 line **does not** directly pass through the major transport hubs such as Plaça Catalunya, Sants estació or Plaça Espanya. You would have to take a connecting metro to reach L9 from these stations. Since these stations all offer direct transport to the Airport it may still be quicker, and more convenient, to use existing transport from one of the principal transport stations.

Depending on where you are starting your journey in the city centre, you would need to work out which is the most convenient route. If you are travelling to or from Plaça Catalunya or Plaça Espanya it may still be more convenient for you to use the Aerobus express bus service because this service runs directly to and from both Catalunya Station and Espanya station without any changes involved. If you are going to or leaving from Sants, or Passeig de Gracia stations and you want to come to or go to Terminal T2 it may be more convenient to use the RENFE airport train as this train runs directly from these stations.

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel or Htop BCN City, you get off at “**Collblanc**” station (12 or 13 stations after T2 and T1) and connect with the metro blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Sant Pau Dos de Maig**” (9 stops). From there you will have to walk 10 minutes to reach the hotel.

If you are staying at the Happy People Apartments, Calle Córcega 703, Barcelona you get off at “**Collblanc**” station (12 or 13 stations after T2 and T1) and connect with the metro blue line (L5) with direction “Vall d’Hebron” and get off at “**Camp de l’Arpa**” (10 stops). From there you will have to walk 5 minutes to reach the hotel

If you are staying at any of the three Catalonia hotels, you get off at “**Torrassa**” station (11 or 12 stations after T2 and T1) that connects with the metro  underground, red line (L1) with direction “Fondo” and get off in “**Clot**” station after 5 stops. Catalonia Sagrada Familia, Catalonia Albeniz and Catalonia Atenas hotels are within a short walking distance from the Clot metro station.

If you are staying at the hotel Ayre Rossellón or Happy People Apartments, Calle Sardenya 306 you also need to change the metro line at the **Collblanc** station, take the blue line (L5) with direction Vall d’Hebron and get off at “**Sagrada Familia**” station (9 stops) and from there it is about 5 minutes walk to get to the hotel.

Airport Metro Ticket Price

The cost for a single Airport metro ticket is €4.50 . Note that you cannot use a standard single metro ticket to go to the airport. You **cannot** use the T10 ticket for the subway at Barcelona Airport either.

When you arrive at Barcelona Airport T1 or T2 you will need to validate your ticket in order to exit. If you do not have a valid airport ticket you will need to buy one at the Airport.

Frequency of operation for the Metro to the Airport

The metro to the airport runs every 7 minutes. However if there are heavy demands expected, for example, an exhibition, then the train times may be adjusted to accommodate for the increase in use during these peak hours.

Operating Hours

The metro line to the airport operates to the same hours as the normal metro system.

Day of the week	Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11
Monday-Thursday	05:00 - 00:00 midnight
Friday & eve of a public holiday	05:00 - 02:00
Saturday and day prior to 01 January, 24 June, 15 August and 24 September	Continuous Service
Sunday	until 00:00 midnight
Holidays during week days	05:00 – 00:00 midnight

5. Visa to Spain

If you need a visa to enter Spain we kindly ask you to start the process of obtaining a visa as soon as you get the invitation letter for the period of training and stay in Barcelona. An official invitation from the WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening will be sent directly to Embassies available in your countries which issue Schengen visas and copied to you by e-mail.

Extension of the visa during your stay in Spain is impossible. If you plan to visit other countries on your way to or from Spain we recommend you to obtain visa to enter these countries in your national homelands **before departure** to Spain. Otherwise, most of the foreign embassies in Spain will send your visa applications to the consulates located in your countries, which would make it almost impossible to get visas to other countries on time.

Spain is one of the Schengen countries. This means visa obtained for Spain is valid in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Island, Italy, Norway, Luxemburg, Portugal, Greece, Holland, Sweden.

Attention: You will have single entry visa, so you should not leave Schengen area in transit countries (for example, in Great Britain or Switzerland). If it happens, the cost of the visa, airport dues (if these are charged) shall be paid by you or your organization.

6. Weather

October is good time to visit Barcelona if you like the sunshine but want to avoid the intense heat of the preceding months.

By October, although the days are still sunny and warm, the sweltering humidity of August has passed, so once again you are able to enjoy a warm and sunny climate.

The average daytime temperatures are around 21°C whereas the average minimum temperatures drop down to 12°C.

The average amount of sunshine predicted in October is eight hours per day.

Barcelona does have fair chances of rain and cloudy weather in October, though, so it's best to bring a light coat and umbrella just in case. It can rain or drizzle for 10 days throughout the month. The average probability that some form of precipitation will be observed is 34%, with little variation over the month. Throughout October, the most common forms of precipitation are drizzle, light rain, moderate rain and, occasionally, thunderstorms.

7. Time difference

There is Greenwich Mean Time in Spain (GMT+1, in summer - GMT +2).

8. Currency

EURO only is used in the country.

9. Meals

In the period of training the participants will be offered lunches and coffee-breaks. Dinners shall be paid by the participants on their own choice (apart from one course dinner).

Prices may vary from 15 to 50 EURO depending on place. Dinner in a normal café will cost you about 15 EURO. Restaurants are more expensive – 30-50 EURO.

Breakfast is included in most of the rates of the hotels.

10. Mobile communication

Mobile communication of GSM 900 and WCDMA 2100 formats are used in Spain.

11. Safety in Barcelona

Although Barcelona is generally a very safe city, we would like to warn you about pickpockets and advise you to take good care of your belongings in all places and at any time, also in the hotels.

12. Contact information

For any query about the course, please contact eurotbrep@who.int

While in Barcelona, if needed, please, do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail or telephone.

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