COVID Travel Guide:
Spain
**Preparing to Travel**

In the days and weeks leading up to departure, take extra precautions to limit the possibility of being exposed to Covid-19. Below is a list of preventative measures and steps to prepare for departure.

- Limit your movements to only those essential for at least 14 days before you depart.
- Please monitor your health for the 14 days prior to departure; consult with your doctor if you have any symptoms, and also report any illness to Arcadia.
- Practice social distancing, avoid large gatherings, and wear a mask outside of your household.
- Enroll your time abroad in STEP, the Safe Traveler Enrollment Program through the Department of State.
- **Participate in Arcadia Abroad online orientation**
- **Watch this video** about preparing to travel to Spain.

**Covid-Related Insurance Benefits**

You may wish to review our [Summary of Benefits](#). Covid-related healthcare is covered like other illnesses. Covid test are widely accessible where Arcadia Abroad operates.

Covid tests ordered by a physician if you are symptomatic for Covid or you had a known exposure are covered or reimbursable by insurance via the Cigna claim form. At-home tests are not covered by insurance, though they can be purchased abroad and students are advised to bring some from home.

If you test positive for Covid at the end of the program, you may need to pay for an isolation hotel or for extended housing. Upon testing positive abroad, Cigna will reimburse you for lodging expenses only (not food or miscellaneous items). It covers up to $285/day for a maximum of 14 days while you are positive for Covid and are in isolation. This only applies to individuals who themselves have tested positive. The minimum needed to submit a claim includes:

1. Proof of positive test with written results (an at-home rapid test does not qualify.)
2. Invoice and receipt of the traveler's lodging expenses

Claims must be submitted via our [Cigna Claim Form](#) and the included instructions for online submission.

Additionally, if your travels are home are delayed due to a positive test and your program country has not been a Department of State Level 4 Travel Advisory while you’ve been there, you can utilize Arcadia’s trip interruption benefits with our [Lloyd’s Claim Form](#).

**Covid-Related Costs to Consider**

Requirements and costs may change outside of our control, but this can help you budget.

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<td>Covid-19 test to travel home, taken within 3 days prior to travel* (see test requirements here under <em>&quot;What types of SARS-CoV-2 test are acceptable under the Order?&quot;</em>)</td>
<td>€90-150 (PCR); €50-70 (antigen rapid)</td>
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<td>Estimated cost of food if you must quarantine for 14 days past program end date</td>
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*If your test to return home is **positive**, you will need to delay your departure and self-isolate in Spain. Arcadia support will continue until you are clear to travel home.

**You may need to pay for an isolation hotel or for extended housing, but lodging is reimbursable with insurance. See above.
Arriving in Spain: Testing, Entry and Quarantine Requirements

At time of writing, U.S. citizens traveling from the U.S. are able to enter Spain without testing requirements or the need to quarantine. However, the U.S. is considered a “at-risk country” so there are still some important steps you need to take to comply with entry requirements. At risk countries are reviewed every 7 days. U.S. citizens who are travelling to Spain from a country that is not the United States should make sure they follow the guidance published by Spanish authorities on their local Spanish Embassy website.

In addition to routine travel documents, students should also travel with their white CDC COVID vaccination card.

Before you travel
You will need to complete each of these steps before you travel to Spain. Don’t forget to print your Arrival Guide (emailed by your program coordinator a few weeks before departure) and bring it with you!

Make sure your Covid vaccination is up to date
Starting February 1st, U.S. travelers visiting Spain must be fully vaccinated and must have received the last required dose of their COVID vaccine no less than 14 days and no more than 270 days prior to arrival in Spain. If more than 270 days have passed since the last required dose, travelers must show proof of having received a booster shot at least 14 days prior to arrival.

- If your vaccination status (and COVID passport) expires while in Spain, we will do our best to get you an appointment in the Spanish Public Health System, although we cannot guarantee the availability of the vaccine for non citizens/residents.

The health control form (FCS) Done within 48 hours of flight departure
This QR code is generated one of two ways: Through the web-based Spain Travel Health portal on spth.gob.es or by downloading the “SpTH app” in Google Play Store or iTunes App Store.

When you fill out the form you will need:

- Your passport and travel details
- The full address of where you will stay in Spain
- Your purpose for travel is “Another”

Note: This is different than the QR codes needed to enter restaurants and buildings, which you’ll get after you are settled in Spain. This code is part of the EU COVID certificate.

When you arrive
Be ready to show your QR code again and have it ready with your passport and any visa documents, if applicable. You may be asked further questions on arrival as you go through border control. Arcadia will arrange transportation from the airport to your accommodation and meet you there.

Proof of COVID vaccination
You will be asked to show proof of vaccination in order to enter Spain. You must show you were fully vaccinated against Covid-19 more than 14 days before the flight to Spain (up to one year after the date of vaccination) with one of the European Medicines Agency-approved vaccines or the WHO approved vaccines. Those vaccinated in the US cannot access the EU Digital COVID Certificate to use as proof but your white CDC vaccination card is valid and must be shown to officials. Please visit Spain’s Ministry of Health website for more details.
Returning Home
At present, the United States also has a requirement that you show proof of a negative Covid-19 test taken within three days prior to travel. Local Arcadia staff will be in touch closer to the end of the program to remind you of the current US entry requirements and offer guidance on taking the proper test locally. Since it is for travel, insurance does not cover the cost of this test - see the estimated cost in the “Preparing to Travel” section of this guide.

If you live outside of the United States, please check the entry requirements for the country to which you will be traveling.