



Study in Barcelona

Host in the BVI



Announcing a Cedar Exchange Experience with SEK-Catalunya 2017 -2018

Do you want to improve your Spanish while living abroad, making new friends, and experiencing a new culture? Would you like to host a student from Spain and introduce him/her to life in the BVI? Apply now to be part of Cedar's school-to-school exchange programme, a 3 week immersion experience with SEK-Catalunya, an IB World School near Barcelona.

Open to students in Grades 9-11

Overview of Cedar Exchange Programme

Please read the programme description, application instructions, and selection criteria below to see if the Cedar Exchange Programme is right for you.

Partner School: SEK-Catalunya

<http://www.sek.es/index.php?section=colegios/catalunya/presentacion#en>

Why is SEK-Catalunya a good fit for Cedar?

SEK Catalunya is a private day school, located 25-minutes outside Barcelona, bordering the Montseny National Park. Like Cedar, it is an IB World School, offering PYP, MYP and DP. It serves 850 students, age 5-18, and is a trilingual school, with instruction in Spanish, English, and Catalan. Thus, Cedar students will get the Spanish immersion they want, but will have the support of an English speaking community available to them.

Exchange Purpose

The primary purpose of the exchange for Cedar students is to gain exposure to the Spanish language in an immersion setting. Secondary purposes are to experience IB education in a different cultural context and gain exposure to Spanish and Catalan culture.

Number and Age of Students

Students in Grades 9-11 may apply. Up to 4 students will be selected with the exact number in any given year to be determined by reciprocal exchange with SEK-Catalunya.

Application and Deadline

Interested students must complete the attached application form and personal statement (between 250 and 500 words) explaining why they wish to participate in the exchange. **Completed applications must be submitted to the Head of Secondary by May 15th.** Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of secondary faculty and administrators considering the following criteria:

- Quality of personal statement;
- Academic and behavioural record;
- Aptitude for and interest in Spanish language;
- Willingness of student and parents to comply with all programme terms and conditions.

Key Dates

- Applications are due by May 15th.
- Students will be notified of selection no later than June 3rd.
- Cedar students will visit SEK-Catalunya for three weeks in the fall, from approximately October 2017. These dates include October break, meaning students will miss only 2 weeks of instruction at Cedar.
- SEK-Catalunya students will visit Cedar for a reciprocal exchange in January 2018, exact dates TBD.

Cost of Participation

Students must pay a \$500 Programme Fee plus airfare and other costs associated with both travel and hosting as described in the terms and conditions on the next page of this application packet (*approximately \$2000 in total).

Accommodation

Visiting students will stay with host families in both locations. The host families will be the families of the students that will be taking part in the exchange. Thus, Cedar Student X will stay with the family of SEK Student Y in Barcelona in October, and SEK Student Y will in turn stay with the family of Cedar Student X in the BVI during the reciprocal exchange in January.

Terms and Conditions for Participation in Cedar Exchange

All students and families who wish to participate in the exchange must agree to abide by the responsibilities and costs, as outlined below. Please read these carefully and sign below if you wish to be considered for participation in the Cedar Exchange Programme. This signed form must be submitted with the application for the application to be considered.

Responsibilities and costs borne by host families from each school

The host family will:

- Take responsibility for primary care of the visiting student throughout the visiting period, engaging in regular communication with the school and the visiting student's family as needed.
- Meet the visiting student at the airport upon arrival and provide all transportation to and from school and other activities.
- Provide all regular meals (cooking in or eating out) for the visiting student and the costs of all excursions and regular entertainment.
- Ensure the visiting student has a rich experience, enjoying the natural and cultural environment and appropriate recreation.

Responsibilities and costs borne by visiting students from each school

Visiting students (and/or their families) will:

- Pay for student airfare, travel insurance, and any spending money they wish to bring for additional snacks, souvenirs, etc.
- Pay for any special certification courses they wish to do while they are visiting (such as a dive certification course in the BVI).
- Be responsible for the costs of any care required for illness or injury during the visit, while holding harmless both the host school and host family for such illness or injury.
- Attend and participate in classes at the host institution, and be responsible, positive contributors to the school environment.
- Remain in academic good standing both before and after the exchange, including completing any missed assignments required by their home school and any special projects as part of the exchange programme (such as reflections, journals, presentations to share the experience, etc).
- Note: Cedar students who participate in the exchange must also pay a \$500 programme fee to Cedar.

Responsibilities and costs borne by host school

The host school will:

- Ensure that visiting students are provided a responsible host family which provides a safe, caring, comfortable living environment.
- Ensure all students/host families selected for participation meet the age requirements and are able to provide an environment that achieves the purpose of the exchange as outlined on the previous page.
- Welcome visiting students into classes and allow participation in appropriate extracurricular activities without additional costs.
- Provide reasonable release time from classes to the visiting and host students to engage in pre-approved cultural or recreational activities.
- Appoint an exchange coordinator as a primary point of contact, whose role will be to serve as an on campus advisor to the visiting student, and who will also ensure efficient communication between families, students, and schools throughout the exchange.

We have read and understand the information above and agree to comply with the responsibilities and costs for both visiting students and host families should we be selected for participation.

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application for Participation in Cedar Exchange

Please complete the application below and submit it to the Head of Secondary no later than May 15, 2017. Please note that the signed Terms and Conditions form must also be submitted for your application to be considered complete.

The student named below wishes to apply for participation in the Cedar Exchange Programme for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

To be completed by Student:

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level: _____

A Personal Statement (between 250 and 500 words) describing why you would like to participate in the Cedar Exchange Programme may be typed below or submitted as a separate attachment. If submitted as a separate attachment, please ensure your name is on the document.

Parental Statement (to be completed by the parent): I am aware that my child is applying for the Cedar Exchange Programme for the 2017-2018 academic year and am supportive of his/her application to do so. If selected, we are willing to abide by all terms and conditions of the programme, including serving as a host family for a visiting student during the reciprocal exchange.

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____