

## **CORE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON HUMANITARIAN LAW AND POLICY**

**Barcelona, Spain**  
*May 19-21, 2010*

### **LOGISTICS INFORMATION**

Hola! Are you ready to start your journey to Barcelona?

Below you will find useful information on the training venue, arrival/departure, Visa requirements, accommodation, meals and other information concerning the Barcelona Core Professional Training.

### **TRAINING VENUE**

The Barcelona International Peace Resource Center is located in the Castell de Montjuïc or Montjuïc Castle, a municipal facility located on a rocky terrace by the coast, rising to a height of 192 meters above sea level, on top of Montjuïc Castle.

The peace center aims at contributing to the transformation of a former military prison and military museum into an active international peace space, through a highly specialized training program addressed to professionals active in international peace and humanitarian relief missions.

Address:

**Castell de Montjuïc** (Castle of Montjuïc)  
Carretera de Montjuïc, 66  
08038 Barcelona  
[www.bcn.cat/castelldemontjuic/en/welcome.html](http://www.bcn.cat/castelldemontjuic/en/welcome.html)

### **ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

Participants are encouraged to arrive in Barcelona on 18 May 2010 and leave not earlier than the evening of Friday 21 March 2010.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

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To verify whether you need a visa to visit Spain, click [here](#). This web page provides information about the Schengen visa requirements for entering Spain. It is possible to download the visa application form from this web page.

Please note that you have to personally submit your visa application at the Spanish embassy or consulate nearest to you.

If you need a letter of invitation to facilitate your visa application process, please email **Eva Lopez** at [evalopezamat@yahoo.es](mailto:evalopezamat@yahoo.es) (copy to **Jordi Capdevila** at [jcapdevilag@bcn.cat](mailto:jcapdevilag@bcn.cat)) providing the following information:

Full Name (as in Passport):

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Citizenship:

Passport Number:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Date of Expiration:

Current Employer:

Current Job Title:

Tentative Travel Dates:

Telephone Number:

Preferred Email Address:

Invitation letter to be addressed to the Spanish embassy/consulate in (country):

Please do also inform us about your **travel schedule**. Great Britain and Ireland are not part of the Schengen agreement. If transiting in one of these countries, a special transit visa may be needed. Please start your visa application process urgently as this can take some time.

## ACCOMMODATION

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Accommodation is included in the course fee, for the period Tuesday 18 May (earliest check-in date) to Saturday 21 May (latest check-out date) in a suitable hotel in the vicinity of the Castle.

Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza (\*\*\*\*)

Address: Plaça Espanya 6-8 - 08014 Barcelona

Tel.: + 34 934 262 600

Web address:

[www.hotelescatalonia.com/en/our\\_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel\\_catalonia\\_barcelona\\_plaza/index.jsp](http://www.hotelescatalonia.com/en/our_hotels/europa/spain/catalunya/barcelona/hotel_catalonia_barcelona_plaza/index.jsp)

**For reservations, please fill out the online logistics form available at: <http://fs3.formsite.com/hpcr/form625779716/index.html>**

## GETTING AROUND

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1. Public transportation to/from the Airport and Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza (20 minutes)

Take the **Aerobus (A1 or A2)** and get off at the first stop: **Plaça Espanya** (*Spain's square*). Available from 06.00am to 01.05am, and run every 10 minutes. Tickets cost 5 Euros and are sold on board.

A1 in Terminal 1 - the bus zone is one floor below the arrivals gate

A2 in Terminal 2 - just outside the airport building

Note: A taxi may cost approx. 30 Euros.

2. Transportation to/from training venue Castell de Montjuïc and Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza:

**A shuttle bus service to/from Hotel Plaza Catalonia to Castell de Montjuïc is organized for all participants during the course period.**

**The bus will depart from the hotel at 08:30 am and returns at around 05:30 pm (when the last session of the day has ended).**

3. Transportation to Castell de Montjuïc from anywhere else in the city:

Reach **Plaça Espanya** by metro or bus.

Integrated Railway Network map: [www.tmb.cat/img/genplano.pdf](http://www.tmb.cat/img/genplano.pdf)

(ESPANYA, AEROPORT and PARC DE MONTJUIC are in the bottom-left on the map).

Walk to the **Venetian Towers** (*Reina Maria Cristina Avenue*).

At the tower on your right-hand side you will find the **PM (Parc Montjuïc) bus stop**

(departure times: 7:00 7:20 7:45 8:10 8:35 9:00 9:25 9:50 10:15 10:40 11:05 11:30 11:55 12:20 12:45 13:10 13:35 14:00 14:25 14:50 15:15 15:40 16:05 16:30 16:55 17:20 17:45 18:10 18:35 19:00 19:25 19:50 20:15 20:40 21:00).

Tickets cost 1.40 Euros and are sold on board. Journey duration: 20 minutes.

Take the PM bus until **the last stop** and enter the fortress. Always walk to your right until the courtyard's entrance and you will find **training room number 18** straight ahead.

## MEALS

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Breakfast is served at the hotel. Participants should be ready by 8:30am every morning to take the shuttle to the training venue. **On the first morning, Wednesday 19 May, the conference organizers will meet participants at hotel entrance hall at 08:15am sharp, and then travel to training venue by shuttle.**

Coffee breaks and lunches will take place at the Castle's self-service restaurant.

Dinners will be served at the hotel. An opening dinner is scheduled on Wednesday 19 May and a closing dinner on Thursday 20 May.

All meals above are included in the course fee.

## COMPLEMENTARY CITY TOUR

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A 2.5 hour city bus tour of Barcelona is organized for participants after the end of the course sessions on Friday 21 May. Should you wish to take part, you may register via the online form: <http://fs3.formsite.com/hpcr/form625779716/index.html>

## OTHER INFORMATION

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### **Barcelona**

2° 7' 42'' E

41° 24' 42'' N

Surface 100.4 Km<sup>2</sup>

Altitude: 12,5 m at city center

Population: 1,6 million, 2006

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia is the second largest city of Spain in terms of population, only exceeded by Madrid.

Catalonia is one of the 17 autonomous communities in Spain.

Spain is a member of the European Union, and Barcelona, as part of the Spanish State, is governed by the legal framework established by the Spanish Constitution, the Catalan Statute of Autonomy and the European Union laws.

Catalan is the official language of Catalonia together with Castilian, the official language of Spain. The two languages exist bilingually in Barcelona.

Barcelona has a typically Mediterranean climate. Summers are hot and humid, winters mild, and most of the rainfall is in spring and autumn. The average temperature during the month of May is 18 degrees Celsius.

For more information on Barcelona, visit [www.barcelonaturisme.com/English](http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/English)

## CONTACT NUMBERS UPON ARRIVAL IN BARCELONA

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