

# Give Your Child the Experience of Summer in Spain

## Summer Immersion Program

Discover Spain while immersing yourself in language and culture through a real-world, hands-on experience tailored for students ages 10–16. Experience learning in an engaging and vibrant environment.



## Accommodation Options

Barcelona Sports Immersion

- ✿ Stay with Parent at Nearby Hotel
- ✿ Host Family Stay (Ages 13-16)
- ✿ Host Family Stay with Reciprocal Exchange (Optional)

**Small Cohort Size**  
Enrollment is intentionally limited to maintain a personalized, high-quality experience.



# A letter from the Founder

Dear Families,

My name is Pilar Martín De Nardo, founder of Mamá Maestra. I am a bilingual educator from Spain with a Master's degree in Bilingual Education and more than 20 years of experience teaching in traditional and dual immersion classrooms here in Southern California. I am also the mother of two American boys.

This program was born from something deeply personal to me. Every summer, my sons Oliver and David spend time with my family in Barcelona. They are American children growing up in California — yet when they are in Spain, something shifts. They become more independent, more curious, and more open to the world around them.

Like many bilingual parents, I sometimes wish they spoke more Spanish at home, but I have witnessed firsthand how immersion transforms them in ways no textbook ever could.

Over the past several years, my family has spent countless hours at Club Junior in Sant Cugat. We have been welcomed with warmth and generosity from the very beginning. The coaches are knowledgeable and kind, the energy is vibrant, and the facilities are beautiful — but even more beautiful are the people.

As a parent and educator, I have experienced many programs over the years, and what I felt at Club Junior was different. It wasn't just training. It was culture. It was a community. It was belonging. And I kept thinking: more children should experience this.

We are raising children in a world that is more interconnected than ever. As my mother says, “el mundo es un pañuelo.” The world is small — and today, that feels especially true. My goal is to build a thoughtful bridge between the Spanish and American worlds in a way that feels safe, intentional, and meaningful.

This is not simply a program. It is a carefully guided experience where children can:

- Train in a structured European sports environment
- Experience real cultural immersion — beyond tourism
- Develop independence in a supportive setting
- Connect with peers through the sport they love
- Grow in confidence and perspective

As a mamá — a mother first — I take a thoughtful, hands-on approach to every aspect of the program. I work closely with each participating family to ensure strong communication, preparation, and a meaningful experience for every child.

I envision summer days filled with sunshine, training, laughter, and cultural discovery — less technology and more presence. Children returning home not just with memories, but with a deeper sense of who they are in the world.

This program is about bringing the world closer to our children — with care, integrity, and heart.

Kindly,  
Pilar Martín DeNardo, M.A.Ed  
Founder, Mamá Maestra



# Barcelona Sports Immersion Program

## Club Junior 1917 – Sant Cugat, Barcelona

### Parent Stay Option • Host Family Stay • Optional Exchange

**Program Dates**  
**July 26 – July 31, 2026**  
**Sant Cugat, Barcelona**

Students train alongside Spanish peers while naturally practicing Spanish through sport, teamwork, and daily interaction.

#### **Sports Offered**

Soccer | Clay Tennis | Pádel | Field Hockey

#### **Why This Experience Works**

- Spanish practiced through coaching, teamwork, and daily interaction
- Real cultural immersion through local sports culture
- Builds confidence, independence, and global perspective

Students strengthen their skills in their sport, build international friendships, and experience life in Spain — all in one immersive week.

#### **Accommodation Options**

- **Parent Stay Option**

Families may travel with their student and stay nearby at the Qgat Hotel while the student participates fully in the daily program.

- **Host Family Stay**

Host families are carefully selected in partnership with Club Junior 1917 and comply with applicable Spanish screening and safeguarding requirements.

- . Meals and accommodations included
  - . Daily interaction with local families.
  - . Welcome dinner before the program begins
  - . Families connect and exchange contact information in advance
- Only available for students 13-16. Students ages 10-12 participate through the parent stay option.

All host families are carefully vetted and complete required background checks.

- **Optional Exchange Opportunity**

Spanish and U.S. students may host one another during designated exchange periods.

#### **Supervision & Responsibility**

Students are supervised by Club Junior during scheduled program hours. Outside of program hours, supervision is provided by the host family or the student's parent/legal guardian, depending on the selected accommodation option.

#### **Program Includes**

- Enrollment in Club Junior full-day sports camp (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM), lunch included
- Host Family Welcome Dinner. Families meet and connect before the program begins
- Daily training with Spanish peers
- Cultural immersion and local community experiences
- On-site supervision during scheduled program hours

Airfare is not included and is arranged independently by families. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for accompanying their child to and from Sant Cugat at the beginning and end of the program.

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# Program At-a-Glance

|                               | <b>Barcelona Program</b>  | <b>Barcelona Program + Optional Exchange</b>  |
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| <b>Dates</b>                  | <p><b>July 26 – July 31, 2026</b><br/>           Arrival &amp; Welcome dinner: July 26<br/> <b>Camp Program July 27-31 (M-F)</b><br/>           Optional departure: Aug 1</p>   | <p><b>July 26– July 31, 2026 (Spain)</b><br/>           Arrival &amp; Welcome Dinner: July 26<br/>           Camp Program: July 27-31 (M-F)<br/> <b>+ Optional Exchange:</b><br/>           August 1-8 (Southern California)</p>  |
| <b>Location</b>               | Club Junior 1917   Sant Cugat.<br>(Barcelona)   | Club Junior 1917   Sant Cugat.<br>(Barcelona)   |
| <b>Who It's For</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports-motivated students ages 10–16</li> <li>• Soccer, clay tennis, pádel, or field hockey players</li> <li>• Students wanting to experience Spain and practice Spanish</li> <li>• Families interested in cultural immersion, international friendships, and global connection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports-motivated students ages 10–16</li> <li>• Soccer, clay tennis, pádel, or field hockey players</li> <li>• Students wanting to experience Spain and practice Spanish</li> <li>• Families interested in cultural immersion, international friendships, and global connection</li> </ul> |
| <b>Highlights</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily sports training with Spanish peers</li> <li>• Natural Spanish practice through sport and daily life</li> <li>• Cultural activities in Barcelona and Sant Cugat</li> <li>• Small, personalized cohort</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily sports training with Spanish peers</li> <li>• Natural Spanish practice through sport and daily life</li> <li>• Cultural activities in Barcelona and Sant Cugat</li> <li>• Small, personalized cohort</li> </ul>  |
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