



WHO Barcelona Course on Health Financing for Universal Health Coverage 16 – 20 March, 2020

1. Course Venue

Casa Convalescència

Calle Sant Antoni Maria Claret 171

08041 Barcelona

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

Tel.: +34 93 433 5000

Fax: +34 93 446 4508

Web: www.uab-casaconvalescencia.org

Registration will start on Monday, 16 March at 08:30 am. The training will end during the afternoon of Friday, 20 March.

2. Hotels

WHO has negotiated rates with the following hotels that are located in the vicinity of the venue where the course will take place.

Hotel Amrey Sant Pau **

Calle Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 173, 08401 Barcelona

Tel. +34 93 433 51 51; Fax: +34 93 433 41 51

e-mail: booking@hotelsantpau.com

web page: <http://www.hotelsantpau.com/>

Single occupancy room: **100 €**

Double occupancy room: **120 €**

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

Cancellation policy: One night's accommodation will be charged to the credit card if cancellation is made 48 hours before date of check-in or in case of no-show.

Hotel Ayre Rosellón ****

Calle Rosselló 390, 08025 Barcelona

Tel. +34 93 600 92 00; Fax: +34 93 600 92 01

e-mail: grupos1.barcelona@ayrehoteles.com

web page: <http://www.ayrehoteles.com>

Single occupancy room: **130€**

Double occupancy room: **135€**

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

Cancellation policy: One night's accommodation will be charged to the credit card if cancellation is made 48 hours before date of check-in or in case of no-show.

If you would like to make a reservation for the hotel Amrey Sant Pau and Hotel Ayre Rosellón, please send the hotel registration form which has been sent to you, as soon as possible, directly to the hotel (see also map on registration form for location).

We cannot guarantee that the prices we negotiated are the lowest rates on the market when you will make the reservation, as we made a block booking well in advance to secure rooms.

In addition, **Catalonia Hotels & Resorts** offers a special 10% off the price on their web at the time of the booking. Please make your reservation through the following link:

[WHO BCN COURSE: CLICK here to book at CATALONIA HOTELS](#)

This offer applies to the following hotels:

Catalonia Albeniz Hotel ***

Aragó Street, 591-593

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 265 26 26

Catalonia Atenas Hotel ****

Meridiana Ave., 151

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 232 20 11

Catalonia Sagrada Familia Hotel ***

Aragó Street, 569 bis

08026 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 245 89 05

Cancellation policy: To be checked at the time of the booking – depends on chosen rate.

3. 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.

Metro

The Airport Metro line, called **L9 Sud**, has stops at Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 (stops are called **Aeroport T1** and **Aeroport T2**).



Airport Metro Ticket Price:

The cost for a single Airport metro ticket is **€5.15**. Note that you cannot use a standard single metro ticket to go to/from the airport.


One of the best ticket options once you get to the city is to buy a “T-casual” (**11.35 €**) which can be used for the metro, train (Renfe + ferrocarril), regular bus (excluding Aerobus) and Tram. It allows 10 travels, each valid for 1 hour and 15 minutes. The T-casual 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.

You **cannot** use the **T-casual** ticket for the metro stops at Barcelona Airport. On the way back to the airport 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.

The L9 Sud metro from Barcelona airport does not connect directly to the city centre.

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel, 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 hotel Ayre Rossellón, 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 Família**” station (9 stops) and from there it is about 5 minutes walk to get to 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 Família, Catalonia Albeniz and Catalonia Atenas hotels are within a short walking distance from the Clot metro station.

The metro line that links Barcelona airport to the city centre operates under the normal metro hours, as shown in the table below. The service normally runs every 7 minutes however this frequency can change depending on the demand.

Operating hours for Metro line to BCN Airport:

Day of the week	Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 11
Monday-Thursday	05:00 - 00:00 midnight
Friday & bank holidays	05:00 - 02:00
Saturday and day prior to 01 January, 24 June, 15 August and 24 September	Continuous Service
Sunday	05:00 - 00:00 midnight


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, term. 2, to the city centre. Travel time is approximately 25 minutes.

The best option is to buy a single ticket from the airport to **Barcelona Sants (4.60 €)** and then to buy a **T-casual (11.35 €)** once you arrive there, which you will be able to use to get around the city (see previous section “Metro” for more info on T-casual).

When travelling from the airport to the city centre you get off at **Barcelona Sants**.

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

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel, 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.

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 and from there it is about 5 minutes walk.

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.

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	05.59	R2	0.17
06.08	06.28	R2	0.20
06.38	06.58	R2	0.20
07.08	07.28	R2	0.20
07.38	07.57	R2	0.19
08.08	08.28	R2	0.20
08.38	08.57	R2	0.19
09.08	09.28	R2	0.20
09.38	09.58	R2	0.20
10.08	10.28	R2	0.20
10.38	10.58	R2	0.20
11.08	11.28	R2	0.20
11.38	11.58	R2	0.20
12.08	12.28	R2	0.20
12.38	12.58	R2	0.20
13.08	13.28	R2	0.20
13.38	13.58	R2	0.20
14.08	14.28	R2	0.20
14.38	14.58	R2	0.20
15.08	15.28	R2	0.20
15.38	15.58	R2	0.20
16.08	16.28	R2	0.20
16.38	16.58	R2	0.20
17.08	17.28	R2	0.20
17.38	17.58	R2	0.20
18.08	18.28	R2	0.20
18.38	18.58	R2	0.20
19.08	19.28	R2	0.20
19.38	19.58	R2	0.20
20.08	20.28	R2	0.20
20.38	20.58	R2	0.20
21.08	21.28	R2	0.20
21.38	21.58	R2	0.20
22.08	22.28	R2	0.20
22.38	22.58	R2	0.20
23.08	23.28	R2	0.20
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**.

In Plaça de Catalunya you have to take the metro – the station is called **Catalunya**.

If you are staying at the Amrey Sant Pau hotel 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 hotel Ayre Rossellón, from **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.

If you are staying at any of the three Catalonia hotels, from **Catalunya** you can take the 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.

Price of a single ticket is **5.90€** for the Aerobus (10.20€ if a return ticket) and then **2.20€** 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 05:35 h to 01:00 h every 10 min

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

From 05:00 h to 00:30 h every **10 min**

For 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.

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.

4. Meals

In the period of training the participants will be offered lunches and coffee-breaks. Dinners shall be paid by the participants (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.

5. Weather

Barcelona starts to get warm and sunny during March. The chances of sunny, clear days are higher in comparison to the preceding months.

The average maximum daytime temperatures are around 16°C, whereas the average minimum temperature drops down to 7°C. During March you can expect the climate to stay around 12°C.

The chance of rainfall is fairly minimal during March, on average there are usually seven rainy days throughout the whole month and the average amount of precipitation during March is around 40mm.

6. Time difference

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

7. Currency

EURO only is used in the country.

8. Safety

Although Barcelona is generally a very safe city, we would like to warn you about pickpockets and advise you to please take good care of your belongings. Also in unexpected places, like in your hotel breakfast room for example, you should not leave your personal belongings unattended.

9. Contact information

WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening
Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Nostra Senyora de la Mercè Pavilion
San Antoni María Claret st., 167,
08025 Barcelona; Spain
Website: www.euro.who.int/barcelona

Contact: Ruth Oberhauser
Tel.: + 34 93 611 4092
e-mail: eubar@who.int