



***Consulate General Of The United States  
Barcelona***

**Security Message to U.S. Citizens  
September 10, 2012**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL DAY OF CATALONIA AND CALLS FOR AUTONOMY  
MARCHES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

Large marches celebrating the National Day of Catalonia and calls for Catalanian autonomy are expected in Barcelona on the National Day of Catalonia holiday of Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

The U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona advises U.S. citizens to avoid areas where crowds have gathered. Media outlets report that large groups from different areas in the Catalanian region are expected to be bussed into Barcelona. Police anticipate 1,000 busses will park in downtown Barcelona. While no violence is expected, possible conflicts could arise. Additionally, numerous road closures may make travelling very difficult within Barcelona. Police will be present to monitor the marches and demonstrations. It is strongly advised that U.S. citizens avoid the locations listed below, where large numbers of people may gather.

The largest march in Barcelona is scheduled to take place between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The march will begin at Pg de Gracia and Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes. From there, the march is projected to proceed along the following streets: C/Pau Claris, Pl. Urquinaona, Via Laietana, Pl. Antoni Lopez, Pg. Isabell II, Pla de Palau, Marques d' Argentera, and end at Pg. Picasso and Parc de la Ciutadella. Police recommend that drivers avoid the downtown area after 3:00 p.m.

The proposed route of the demonstration intersects with a number of popular tourist destinations. Tourists are advised to avoid the area due to the large crowds expected.

The city of Barcelona plans to provide up-to-date information about events and safety that day at the following internet site:

[City of Barcelona Catalanian Celebration Updates](#)

Transportation services, including buses and metro systems, are expected to be affected and to operate at significantly lower levels. Delays and traffic problems throughout the region can be expected. Travelers should check their transportation company's website or call to verify that other travel (flight or train) reservations are still in effect.

The U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona will be closed on September 11, 2012, in observance of the holiday. For emergencies that day, please call the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, which can be reached by dialing (34) 91-587-2240.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), where current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health-information resources is available. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada. Callers outside the U.S. and Canada may call a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays.)

We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

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The following are the contact numbers of our Embassy in Madrid, as well as the Consulate General in Barcelona. All contact information is also available on [our website](#).

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