



Field Trip Information for Educators

Eskerrik asko for your interest in taking a field trip to the Basque Museum & Cultural Center. Our educational programs are based on our mission to preserve, promote, and perpetuate Basque history and culture. We will work with you to plan a curated experience that meets your students' needs. This packet is a guide to what we offer and how to plan for your visit.

[Tours, Presentations, and Workshops](#)

❖ *Self-Guided Tours*

Visit the Basque Museum with your class and explore at your own pace. Use your own curriculum and focus on the most relevant topics for your class. We recommend 1 hour to visit the museum. The ideal group size for a self-guided tour is 1 classroom and 2-3 chaperones. Perfect for small groups on their own schedule! In addition to the museum, we recommend exploring the Basque Block through our self-guided [Walking Tour](#), powered by Clio. Note: This tour does not include access to the Cyrus Jacobs Uberuaga Boarding House. However a [virtual tour](#) is available online.

❖ *Guided Tours*

Explore Basque history, culture, and immigration, as well as Basques' impact on U.S. history in general and Idaho in particular. Museum staff or our trained historical interpreters will guide your class through the Museum, Cyrus Jacobs Uberuaga Boarding House, and *Fronton* (handball court). We recommend 1.5 hour for small groups (1 classroom) and 1.5-2 hours for larger groups ([email](#) for more information). Guided tours can be paired with a 30 minute workshop or presentation.

❖ *Presentations*

We offer personalized presentations in our museum classroom. Topic proposals should be discussed and planned with the educational programs specialist at least 1 month in advance. Some topic examples include the Basque Diaspora, Basque Maritime History, the Basque Language, Gernika, and the Spanish Civil War. Presentation lengths vary from 30 minutes to an hour and can include a Q&A session and/or activity.

❖ *Workshops*

Explore a distinctive Basque cultural topic in depth with hands-on activities. Workshops last 1 hour or 30 minutes when paired with a tour.

Immigration: Journey to a New Life

What were the immigration experiences of Basques coming to the United States? Students will explore more detailed topics of immigration in this workshop, walking around the museum and boarding house to discover the stories and experiences of Basque immigrant men and women. Students will be given a diary page to write their own fictional stories using their creative writing skills, and pack their own "trunk" with items that they would bring with them on a migration journey. Perfect for Idaho State Curriculum Standards in Social Studies.

Basque Music: The Sound of Music

What are the unique instruments, musical structures, and oral traditions of the Basques? Students are introduced to a wide range of Basque instruments to explore their history, sound, and story. Students will get a chance to give some a try, compose their own *bertso* (improvised poetry), and practice their



musical skills. This workshop will focus on the impact of Basque musical traditions throughout history and today, both in the Basque Country and in the United States.

Sports: Play your Way

What sports, games, and competitions did Basques bring with them to the United States, and what impact do they have on the community? In this workshop, students will stretch their legs and brains exploring Basque sports and games through hands-on activities. Students can try their hand at games such as *pala* or competitions like carrying *txingak*, while discussing sports' impact on culture and Basque life with particular focus on the transmission of culture across generations.

[Planning your visit to the Basque Museum & Cultural Center](#)

❖ *Booking your school tour or program*

- Fill out and submit a Field Trip Request Form (page 3) to the [museum](#) at least two weeks prior to the desired date of your visit. Note that slots will book in advance, and we take reservations on a first come first serve basis.
- Tours and programs are available Tuesday—Friday. Sessions begin at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00 pm. If you would like to request an alternate day or time please contact the [education programs specialist](#).
- After your request has been submitted, a staff member will be in touch to confirm details and a confirmation email will be sent to you. Your trip is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email.
- Reservations must be cancelled at least 48 hours in advance.
- Any changes to numbers should be done at least 1 week prior to tour.

❖ *Payment*

- Payment is due at the time of your program. Payment is automatically tax exempt. The museum accepts cards, checks, and cash. Teachers are responsible for collecting payments from students and chaperones prior to the visit.
- Cost is determined based on the size of the group and type of program offered. Your cost will be included in your confirmation email.
- Special assistance is available for Title I schools. Please indicate if assistance is needed on your Field Trip Request Form.

❖ *Before you visit*

- Please review museum etiquette with students.
- Chaperones are there to help students move through the museum, follow museum rules, and supervise for safety and behavior.

❖ *Arrival*

- Please arrive on time for your reservation. As we often accommodate many schools and different events throughout the day, we must honor our scheduled commitments. If you are running late or an emergency comes up, please call the museum at (208) 343-2671.
- Please advise your bus drivers to drop students off in front of the museum on Grove Street. There is NO parking available for buses, but drivers can pull up for drop off and pickup.
- Students may leave lunches or bags in the museum classroom before starting their tour. No food, drinks, or gum are allowed in the museum.



Field Trip Request Form

School Information

School Name: _____ School Phone: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Request for Title I assistance: Yes

Teacher Information

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Day of trip contact phone: _____

Class Information

Number of Students: _____ Grade: _____

Number of Chaperones: _____ Interested in lunch at the Basque Market: Yes

Preferred Dates

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Preferred Time

10:00-11:30

12:00-1:30

2:00-3:30

Other: _____

Tour, Presentation, and Workshop Selection

Choose 1 option:

Self-guided Tour

Guided Tour

Guided Tour and Presentation

Topic: _____

Guided Tour and Workshop

Journey to a New Life

The Sound of Music

Play your Way

Presentation _____

Workshop

Journey to a New Life

The Sound of Music

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Please fill out and email this form to tours@basquemuseum.eus or by mail to Basque Museum & Cultural Center, 611 Grove St, Boise, Idaho 83702.