Barcelona: This was (of course) my favorite city! It is a city, but it kind of doesn’t feel like a city once you are in it – it is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, there are huge plazas, and overall it’s just gorgeous. The weather when I was there perfect, always around 65 and sunny, but I’m sure when you are there it will be a lot hotter. It barely ever rained when I was there.

Sites to see in Barcelona:

Sagrada Familia – this is a large church built by Antoni Gaudi (famous Spanish artist)….probably one of the most famous churches in Europe – it’s an unfinished church because he died while he was building it, but you have to see it, it’s beautiful.

Parc Guell – a large park built by Gaudi, very pretty and colorful.

La Pedrera – a large building built by Gaudi – Casa Batllo is more interesting to see than this.

Casa Batllo – a building built by Gaudi – you should definitely go inside for this one (even though it is a little expensive)

Montjuic – this is a mountain in Barcelona, and here you will find the Olympic stadium, Olympic museum, and art museum. You can also take a funicular to the top where there is a Castle overlooking the Mediterranean Sea – and with great views of Barcelona.

Las Ramblas – the most famous street in Barcelona, but also the most famous place to get pick-pocketed because there are lots of tourists – so watch your bag! Here there is a huge market called “La Boqueria” which is really cool, you should definitely walk down this street it’s a site to see.

Plaza Catalunya – just a pretty plaza to see right in the center of the city, right before going down Las Ramblas.

Plaza Real – a plaza right off of Las Ramblas – there are good restaurants here, one called “Les Quince Nits”

Gothic quarter – Off of las ramblas there is the gothic quarter which are really small narrow streets, very pretty, and lots of good stores and restaurants here. There is a section of the Gothic quarter called “El Borne” which is also fun to go to with stores and restaurants.

Cathedral – Barcelona’s cathedral I think will still probably be under construction, but its really pretty both in and outside. It is right near the Gothic quarter.

El Laberinto – this is a large maze made out of bushes, if you have time go here it’s pretty cool.

Restaurants in Barcelona:

-cerveseria catalana - the best tapas restaurant in barcelona, gets very crowded but totally worth it

-piscolabis - tapas restaurant, small portions but delicious

-els cuatro gats - great dinner place, or for lunch - where picasso and artists used to eat many years ago, def eat here

-la fonda - definitely go here for dinner right when it opens, always a line, amazing food, and cheapish

-citrus - good place for dinner, id say average priced

-la barca de salamanca - traditional spanish seafood restaurant right on the port, amazing food, not cheap but so good

-champaneria - famous tapas place known for cheap hamburgers and PINK champaigne....always very crowded, but amazing

-botafumero - supposedly the best seafood in barcelona, VERY expensive, i never went there though!

Stores in Barcelona:

-TOPSHOP

-Zara

-Mango

-H&M (amazing there!)

-Bershka

-Soriano (spanish-made shoes, not cheap)

Bars in Barcelona:

-Chupitos - all different types of shots, cheap, touristy

-Pipperment - huge drinks to split with lots of people

-Dow Jones - a bar thats like the stock market, drinks fluctuate in price

-Black Sheep - very chill bar, have good cheap pitchers of Sangria

Clubs in Barcelona:

Barcelona is known for their nightclubs they are all huge, crazy, and people dont go till around 2:30 am.

-Opium (my favorite!)

-Sutton

-Elephant

-Shoko Lounge

-Otto Zutz

-Duvet

-Razzmatazz

-Suite