

## Travel Tips for Upcoming Dermatology Meetings

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There are some exciting international meetings approaching, and I am excited to present some travel tips for two amazing destinations; Paris, France, and Barcelona, Spain.



The EADV Congress is in Paris, France from September 12-16. Many of our affiliate and active members are speaking at this conference on topics ranging from Pediatric Dermatology to Hair and Nail Disorders to Ageing and Treatment Options. Definitely check out their talks. In your down time, take advantage of all Paris has to offer.

Paris is a romantic city, full of things to do and iconic sites to see. But what are some must see highlights? Dr Prajakta Dilip Jaju, a WDS resident member, notes that there are 2 and 3-day museum and city passes that are a great deal. These include admission to many of the museums (including the Louvre and Musee d-Orsay), Palace of Versailles and a free bus tour that one can hop on and hop off at various attractions. Additional benefits of this pass include a River Cruise, on the Seine River, which sounds like a fantastic way to end a day. WDS member Victoria Godinez-Puig recommends Café de Flore for coffee and breakfast, and it's a quick 15 minute walk to the Musee d-Orsay. I personally am traveling to Paris at the end of September for a wedding and look forward to a view of the Eiffel Tower. Sounds like a perfect spot for a selfie. Rick Steves, the guru of all things travel, notes to make an online reservation early, as slots often fill up 3 months in advance! Taking the elevator up to the summit but the stairs down may save some time. Hopefully we'll have time to stop at La Fontaine de Mars, a cozy spot for late night food.



The beautiful beach-laden city of Barcelona, Spain is hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> EADO Congress and 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Interdisciplinary Melanoma/Skin Cancer Centers from November 28-December 1, 2018. I was fortunate to visit Barcelona in September of 2016, and what an incredibly cultural vibrant place. WDS member, Dr Jennifer Hensley and I toured Barcelona and enjoyed several landmarks including La Sagrada Familia and Casa Batllo. The latter is illuminated at nighttime and is beautiful to see in the evening. Dr Roxana Daneshjou, WDS resident member, notes the Runner Bean walking tour was a great way to learn a lot about the architecture of several sites. She also notes the best way to tour the Sagrada Familia is by purchasing tickets ahead of time. Parc Guell was a quiet hidden gem in a busy city and so relaxing, but a very steep and long climb from the Barcelona Bus Tours stop. We would highly suggest comfortable walking shoes. It was quite a trek. For a great wine bar, check out La Vinya del Senyor at Placa de Santa Maria 5. For some incredible tapas, check out Cal Pep at Placa de les Olles, 8; but get there early as it is very popular! It was fantastic to walk down Las Ramblas (clutching our purses as we heard it is very popular with pickpockets). A great cozy spot for a cocktail that's directly off Las Ramblas is Boadas Bar, Carrer dels Tallers, 1. Lastly, it would be remiss to not mention the incredible beaches, though many portions were clothing optional. There are several beach huts with refreshments to enjoy while relaxing in the sun, of course slathered in sunscreen and wearing a hat!

We would love to see the fun times you had at these meetings and more! Please submit your travel photos to Communications Manager, Heather Lesko, at [hlesko@womensderm.org](mailto:hlesko@womensderm.org), so we can feature where in the World our WDS members are traveling to on our social media accounts. Bon Voyage and safe travels!