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The morning visit was dedicated to La Sagrada Família where the students and MAGLAB team were greeted by Professor Albert Estevez their architectural tour guru for the Sagrada.

They were also joined by Architect Francesco Cabay, Architect Suzana Martins and Architect Antonio Ignazio Vacca. The students started the tour with an exhibition of Gaudí's work in detail; where they were able to understand Gaudí's work, motivation, inspiration, and strong connection to nature.



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After the exhibition students entered the Sagrada Família interior; students walked around the 45 meter forest like columns, the central nave, the basilica, the colored stained glass and many more details within the interior.

They also visited the museum which contained details of the construction; students were able to see miniature models and details of the Sagrada, the process and construction period.



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Later in the afternoon students went to ESARQ for material research and experimentation. Students were divided into three teams; strategy, concept and skin. One group researched the urban city Damascus in general, the ancient Syrian house in specific and how it can relate to the site on a grid pattern. Students also studied sun direction of the site, shadows and the possibility of using plants and vegetation to create shading. They also experimented with different materials producing several miniature prototypes using CNC and laser cutting machine. After that each group presented their idea and concept to the teachers for discussion and assessment. After many ideas and many prototypes were developed for the pavilion, a selection of one project was chosen to research and further study to later be fabricated in full scale.