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# Spain Explorer by Train

## 11-Day, 10-Night Journey

Madrid, Serville, Valencia, Barcelona

Join us on an exciting journey through Spain's iconic cities! Explore historic castles and monuments, marvel at the futuristic Sagrada Familia cathedral, Park Güell, and Casa Batlló. Wander through charming old towns, savor regional tapas, and enjoy a flamenco show. Relax on Valencia's beautiful Mediterranean beaches and indulge in delicious local cuisine.

This is an unforgettable adventure through Spain's rich cultural tapestry.



Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral, Madrid



Sagrada Familia Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Panoramic View of Medieval Toledo



Montserrat Basilica located on Montserrat mountain offers stunning panoramic views



Plaza de España, Seville



Park Guell has a beautiful view over Barcelona

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul> <li>Hotel Accommodations</li> </ul>	► International Air Fare
<ul> <li>Daily Breakfast &amp; Selected Meals</li> </ul>	► Excursion Transfers
(See tour plan for details)	► Government Tourism Fee
► English-speaking driver	► Travel Insurance
<ul> <li>Private Airport, Train Stations &amp; Hotel Transfers</li> </ul>	► Medical Expenses
Madrid - Seville – Valencia – Barcelona train	► Visa Fee (if applicable)
tickets	► Gratuities
	► Personal Expenses

### Nearby Airport

Madrid – Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) Barcelona - El Prat Airport (BCN)

## Itinerary

#### **3 NIGHTS IN MADRID**

#### DAY 1: MADRID

Arrive at Madrid Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

**Madrid** is the elegant capital of Spain. Let's discover this classic royal city's rich history, traditional culture, and top attractions. Madrid is a paradise for foodies, serving dishes from many regions of Spain and beyond.

[Meals: None]



#### DAY 2: MADRID OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR WITH ROYAL PALACE

This morning you join the **Madrid City Walking Tour** including **Royal Palace** (2 hours @10am). On this guided tour we explore Madrid's oldest quarters, grand palaces, narrow medieval streets and traditional shops.

Continue to the Plaza de Oriente which leads to the Royal Palace – enjoy our skip-the-line entry to the palace and take a guided tour of the largest royal residence in Europe. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 3: MADRID PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

After breakfast, join one of the following options included in this tour.

#### OPTION 1: TOLEDO WALKING TOUR (5 hours @8:45am)

Toledo is known for its combination of Christian, Muslim and Jewish influences. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is surrounded by medieval walls and ancient towers.

See the World Heritage-listed 13th-century Cathedral of **Toledo**. Admire masterpieces by **El Greco**, including The Burial of the Count of Orgaz in the church of St. Tome. Enjoy a guided walking tour through Toledo's atmospheric cobblestone backstreets. (Note: Visit the Cathedral of Toledo is available only on the morning tour).

#### OPTION 2: MADRID TAPAS AND WINE TASTING TOUR (group, 3 hours @12:30pm)

Discover Madrid's tapas scene in a small group tour with a local guide.

Visit several much-loved tapas bars, and enjoy a drink and a tapas dish in each. Sample classic Spanish dishes like Ibérico ham and salted cod. Learn about Spanish cuisine in Madrid as you stroll the Literary Quarter.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **2 NIGHTS IN SEVILLE**

#### DAY 4: MADRID TO SEVILLE, FLAMENCO SHOW

After breakfast, take the train from Madrid train station to Seville. (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included)

Seville is the capital of Andalusia and the birthplace of flamenco. This old city is filled with beautiful plazas, like the stunning Plaza de España which showcases a mix of Renaissance and Moorish architecture, and charming neighborhoods filled with narrow, winding streets and picturesque courtyards. The food scene offers traditional Andalusian dishes like tapas, gazpacho, and jamón ibérico.

#### Flamenco Show At Tablao El Arenal with drink (1 hour, @7pm)

Watch a flamenco show at Seville's famous Tablao Flamenco El Arenal. Watch up to 15 of Seville's best flamenco talents sing, dance, and strum. Savor extravagant choreography, lavish costumes, and a rich tradition.

Experience the thrill of a live flamenco show. This unique art form includes singing, guitar playing, and dancing. Be moved and inspired by a performance channeling intangible human emotions of pain, passion, sorrow, and joy.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: SEVILLE ALCÁZAR AND CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOUR

Today we enjoy an **Alcázar and Cathedral guided tour** with skip-the-line ticket (group, 4 hours @1pm) Discover layers of Islamic and Christian history at the **Royal Alcazar palace.** Home to three palaces, royal chambers, centenary gardens and chapels, the Alcázar has been the home of many dynasties. Marvel at the scale of the **Seville Cathedral**, see the third-largest cathedral and largest Gothic church in the world. Built on the remains of a mosque, the vast monument reveals 900 years of history. Your tour includes skip-the-line tickets to both UNESCO-listed monuments.

#### 2 NIGHTS IN VALENCIA

#### DAY 6: SEVILLE - VALENCIA

After breakfast, take the train from Seville train station to Valencia (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included). The rest of the day is free.

**Valencia** boasts beautiful beaches, perfect for soaking up the Mediterranean vibes by the sea. Its old markets offer tempting local delicacies. While its historic sites showcase stunning Gothic architecture and the Valencia Cathedral.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 7: VALENCIA CITY TOUR

Today, you take a self-guided tour to explore Valencia's top attractions. Visit the UNESCO-listed Silk Exchange Market, Serrano Towers, and the City of Arts and Sciences at your own pace. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### **3 NIGHTS IN BARCELONA**

#### DAY 8: VALENCIA - BARCELONA

After breakfast, take the train from Valencia train station to Barcelona (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included). The rest of the day is free. Barcelona offers a colorful urban quarter, stunning architecture (with iconic landmarks like Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and the historic Gothic Quarter), charming plazas and mouthwatering cuisine. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 9: BARCELONA CITY TOUR

Today, you take a self-guided tour to explore Barcelona's top attractions.

Visit the iconic **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** - the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visit **Parc Guell** in upper Barcelona and enjoy beautiful views out over the city. This is Gaudí's surrealistic park where nature and art blend harmoniously featuring colorful mosaics, twisted columns, dragon fountains and amazing views.

See Barcelona Cathedral, Casa Batllo and many other famous attractions.

Note: Attraction admission tickets are not included.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 10: BARCELONA PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

After breakfast, join one of the following options included in this tour. OPTION 1: MONTSERRAT MONASTERY WITH LA MORENETA TOUR (group, 5 hours @8:30am) Visit Montserrat Basilica located on Montserrat mountain 4,055 ft above sea level. It offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The basilica is dramatically set into the rocks with famous attractions like the Black Madonna and Santa Cova grotto.

Explore the basilica, monastery and La Moreneta with a professional guide. After the guided tour, enjoy some free time to take a light walk to see the Cross of San Miguel, take the Sant Joan Funicular, visit the grotto or the museum and more before returning to Barcelona, the Catalonian Capital.

**OPTION 2**: **SAGRADA FAMILIA GUIDED TOUR** with Skip-the-Line Ticket (1.5 Hours, @11:15am) Explore Barcelona's stunning Sagrada Familia basilica with this guided tour, includes skip-the-line admission.

The iconic **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** is the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- ► Marvel at the remarkable architecture and ornate decoration of Gaudi's creation.
- ► Maximize your time with skip-the-line entry and free time after your tour.
- ►Get expert insights from an official Catalonia guide during your tour.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 11: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Barcelona **El Prat Airport (BCN)** for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

\*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

\*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.