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# Spain: Madrid & Barcelona

### 7-Day, 6-Night Journey

Madrid, Barcelona

Visit cosmopolitan Barcelona to immerse yourself in both traditional Catalan culture and amazing modern city architecture. Explore fabulous Madrid, the capital of Spain, which provides a classical royal city experience with its grand architecture. Experience Spanish culture with an opportunity to visit historic Toledo and its medieval history and stunning architecture. Immerse yourself in Spanish gastronomy and partake in a walking food tour.



Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral, Madrid



Sagrada Familia Cathedral, Barcelona



Panoramic View of medieval Toledo



Arc de Triomf in Barcelona



Cibeles Fountain, Madrid



Park Guell, Barcelona

Inclusions	Exclusions
► Hotel Accommodations	► International Air Fare
<ul> <li>Daily Breakfast &amp; Selected Meals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excursion Transfers (optional add-on)</li> </ul>
(See tour plan for details)	► Government Tourism Fee
► English-speaking guided tours	► Travel Insurance
► Private Airport, Train Stations & Hotel Transfers	► Medical Expenses
<ul> <li>Madrid to Barcelona Train Ticket (Standard</li> </ul>	► Visa Fee (if applicable)
Class)	► 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]

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

#### DAY 4: MADRID - BARCELONA, FLAMENO SHOW

Take the train from Madrid train station to Barcelona (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included).

Barcelona offers a colorful urban quarter, stunning architecture (iconic landmarks like Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and the historic Gothic Quarter), charming plazas and mouthwatering cuisine.

Enjoy Tablao Flamenco show with drink (1 hour) Start Time: 7:15pm

#### Attractions:

Experience traditional flamenco in a historic venue at Barcelona's heart. Enjoy a live performance with world-class artists and no microphones.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: 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 6: 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 7: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Barcelona Airport 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.

\*Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.