







## 12 Days Itinerary

# A Memorable Journey Through Spain

Day 1	Welcome to Spain and Madrid! Private tour of the Art Walk & Prado Museum
Day 2	Private tour of the Habsburgs' Quarter & Royal Palace 09:30 (4hr)
Day 3	Day Trip to Toledo (Madrid - Toledo - Madrid by train)
Day 4	Madrid - Seville Evening out for flamenco & tapas in Triana neighborhood
Day 5	Private tour of Seville Old Quarter
Day 6	Day trip to Cordoba with Almodovar Castle
Day 7	Seville - Ronda with winery - Granada 09:00 (8hr)
Day 8	Private tour of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens
Day 9	Granada - Barcelona Private walking tour of the Gothic quarter
Day 10	Private tour of Gaudi's masterpieces: Guell Park and "Sagrada Familia" Basilica 09:30 (4hr)
Day 11	Montserrat Tour 09:00 (5hr)
Day 12	Barcelona - USA



Welcome to Spain!

Upon arrival at Madrid Airport, our driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals hall to transfer you to your hotel.



In the afternoon, our guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of the Art Triangle and Prado Museum.

Madrid is one of the cities in Europe with the vastest collections of art and Prado is considered one of the greatest art museums in the world.

It was originally designed in 1785 to host a museum of natural science, but it was finally opened to the public for the first time in November 1819 to exhibit a Royal art collection. This very first Royal collection started to increase significantly in the 16th century and continued to thrive under the succeeding Monarchs.

Currently, the collection comprises around 8,200 drawings, 7,600 paintings, 4,800 prints and 1,000 sculptures, in addition to many other works of art and historic documents. It is the main Spanish national art museum and it is widely considered to have one of the world's finest art collections of European and Spanish art.

You will be able to admire the masterpieces of renowned artists such as Velázquez, El Greco, Goya, Bosch, Rubens, Titian and Raphael, among many others.

Apart from visiting the museum, you will also discover the architectural and historic landmarks in the surroundings, such as Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Puerta de Alcala, etc.

#### Day 2



09:30 13:30 4hr
Start Time End Time Duration

Today morning, our local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a private guided walking tour of the old part of the city: the Habsburgs' quarter, noteworthy places such as Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, San Miguel Market...and the most emblematic buildings such as the Royal Palace.

In the 16th century, Felipe II established his court in Madrid. By then, the city was nothing but a myriad of small houses, churches and streets with a population of just 20,000 inhabitants. The kingdom of the Habsburgs, to show off their powerful empire and wealth, had to invest to develop and transform the city with a great variety of buildings and infrastructures, such as the iconic Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol, which became the geographical center of Spain. The aristocracy also built their mansions in this area, which became really rich in terms of architecture, ranging from the late Renaissance through the early Baroque.

The works culminated in the 18th century with the construction of the Royal Palace, which is a magnificent architectural masterpiece with an impressive inside decoration full of frescos, tapestries, etc. So, today, along with this tour, you will be traveling back to the Golden Age of Madrid and its magnificent buildings.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.





Upon arrival at Toledo railway station, our guide will be waiting for you to walk you around this beautiful UNESCO World Heritage City, a labyrinth of historical streets located on a hill and surrounded by the Tagus river.

It is known as the Imperial City because it was the main venue of the court of Charles V before he established it in Madrid. Due to its varied and vast monumental, historical and cultural heritage, it is also known as the city of the three cultures because Moors, Christians, and Jews managed to peacefully cohabit in the city for centuries and they all left their traces in the architecture which defines the town today and which makes it such a special and interesting place.

Along this tour, you will visit three sites in Toledo:

- the Primate Cathedral of Saint Mary of Toledo: this 13th-century temple is one of the jewels of Gothic architecture in Spain. It is brilliant, both outside and inside, where apart from many architectural and artistic gems, you will also discover amazing works of El Greco, Caravaggio, Tiziano, Goya, or Rubens.
- the Synagogue of El Transito or Samuel ha-Levi: it is the most important Hispanic-Jewish building in Spain and the most beautiful and best-preserved medieval synagogue in the world. It is also home to the Sefardi Museum, where you will be able to learn about the Jewish culture in Spain.
- the Church of Santo Tomé: this church, which was rebuilt at the beginning of the 14th century by the Lord of Orgaz, is famous because it hosts the painting "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz" by El Greco.

After the tour, free time for lunch. After lunch, you will go back to the railway station to take a high-speed train to Madrid.

Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



Today morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to the railway station, where you will take a high-speed train to Seville.

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In the evening, you will enjoy a very special experience: a private passionate evening of tapas and flamenco in the magical Triana quarter of Seville.

Tonight, you will learn how flamenco emerged from SouthWest Spain as a result of a slow fusion of the ancient multicultural musical heritage of Southern Spain with the original gypsy rhythms and musical roots. This will set the context for (and enhance the appreciation of) the selected flamenco performance in a small and intimate venue that will follow, with 4 people onstage: a guitar player, a singer and two dancers.

After the performance, you will be taken on a tapas tour of Triana. You will visit two or three selected bars where the locals like to gather with friends and family and where you will taste a selection of 6 - 9 tapasdishes to share that you'll be able to pair with the corresponding wines. This will giveyou an understanding of what going for tapas means in Seville (or in Triana) and how it is enjoyed, shared and celebrated.





Today morning, our guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of the old part of the city, Santa Cruz quarter, and its most emblematic monuments.

Along this tour, you will enjoy a walk around the fascinating **Sta. Cruz quarter**, the former Jewish quarter of the Medieval city, where the Jews were confined when Ferdinand III took the city from the Moors in 1248. It is a labyrinth of winding narrow streets with quaint houses, patios and gardens in bloom all year round, lovely tiny squares...where the legends of its Sephardic past will be brought alive and can still be felt in the atmosphere.

You will also visit the Cathedral of Seville (UNESCO World Heritage Site), which is the third-largest church and the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. It was built in the 15th century and its construction lasted over a century. It was planned under the statement "Let us build a church so beautiful and so magnificent that those who see it finished think that we are mad". It was built on the site of the great Aljama mosque and some remaining parts of the Mosque are still preserved: the Patio de Naranjas, the Puerta del perdón and the Giralda (former Minaret and now the belltower). It is also popular because Christopher Columbus is buried here.

Finally, you will also visit the Royal Alcazar, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, which became very popular a few years ago because it was one of the film settings of Game of Thrones. It is a place different from what you have seen so far. It is a colorful and charming site that will transport you to a different era, an experience you will never forget. Its handpainted tiles, its blooming and lush idyllic gardens, its fountains, its legends...make it a really special place and a must-see place when visiting Seville. One curiosity: it is the oldest active royal palace in Europe.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city and some other heritage sites such as Spain Square, Maria Luisa Park or Triana Quarter.





In the morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to Cordoba.

Upon arrival, our local guide will be waiting for you for a private guided tour of two of its UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Jewish quarter and the Mosque-Cathedral.

The Jewish quarter boasts a unique charm filled with winding narrow streets, whitewashed façades, flower pots, quaint squares...You will visit Flowers' Street, Pañuelo Street, the Maimonides Monument, Judios Street, the Zoco, the synagogue...

After strolling around the lovely streets, you will visit the Mosque-Cathedral. This spectacular building is one of the jewels of Muslim architecture in Spain and a stunning blend of the two religions and cultures which have shaped Andalucia: Islam and Christianity. A magnificent awe-inspiring architectural masterpiece that amazes all travelers. Its main hall with over 850 double-arched columns is one of the best and most impressive examples of this architectural gem.

(During the spring months, especially in the month of May when the flowers contest takes place, you will also visit some patios - courtyards- of the houses, which are decorated with lots of colorful flower pots.)

In the afternoon, our driver will transfer you back to Seville.

On the way, you will make a halt in Almodovar Castle, one of the best-preserved Medieval castles in Spain, from where you will enjoy stunning views of the Andalucian countryside.





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#### Meeting Point Lobby of your hotel

This morning, our driver will transfer you to Granada.

On the way, you will make a halt in the outstanding village of Ronda, considered one of the most beauitful and oldest villages in Spain, which is perched on top of a deep gorge and from where you will enjoy awesome views.

Before reaching Ronda, you will enjoy a private visit to a very special boutique winery whose cellars are located in the old chapel of a former Monastery. Here, you will have a great local approach to the winemaking process and to the oenologist, who will explain everything to you...a unique and unforgettable experience, which will of course end up with some wine tasting.

After the winery, you will enjoy some time at leisure to stroll around the beautiful village of Ronda, enjoy the views from up the bridge and have lunch.

After lunch, you will continue your way to Granada.

Upon arrival, hotel check-in and free time to start exploring the city on your own.

\*\*Don't miss the sunset from St. Nicholas viewpoint in Albayzin quarter, a stroll around the narrow cobbled streets of this quarter full of charm, or a tea in one of the traditional Arab teashops.





Today morning, our driver and guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

It was originally created for military purposes, but it became a residence of kings. It was a fortress, a palace, Arab, Christian...all these features explain many distinctive features of this impressive World Heritage Site, which, as a historic monument, is unlikely to be surpassed. This place where fountains trickle, leaves rustle, and ancient spirits seem to mysteriously linger, enchants all expectant visitors.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.

## Day 9



Today morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to the airport, where you will take a plane to Barcelona.

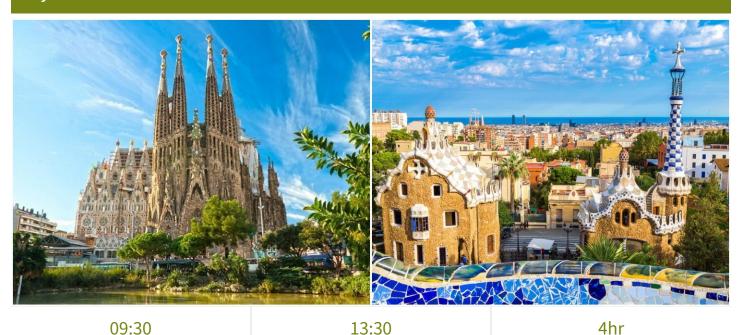
Upon arrival, our local driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



In the afternoon, our guide will pick you up at your hotel for a private guided walking tour of the Gothic Quarter, the oldest part of Barcelona.

Along this tour around a labyrinth of narrow cobblestone streets, you will travel back in the history of the city while you explore Roman ruins, Medieval buildings, and Gothic cathedrals, out of which the current cosmopolitan city developed.

## Day 10



#### **Meeting Point**

At the lobby of your hotel in Barcelona

Start Time

This morning, our guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of Gaudi masterpieces: Guell Park and "Sagrada Familia" Basilica.

**End Time** 

Home to Antoni Gaudí, Barcelona is known as the capital of Modernism and boasts some of the most celebrated Modernist architecture and structures found anywhere in the world. One of the great innovators of his time, Gaudí left his mark on the map of Barcelona and today, you will explore some of the architectural treasures that he left behind.

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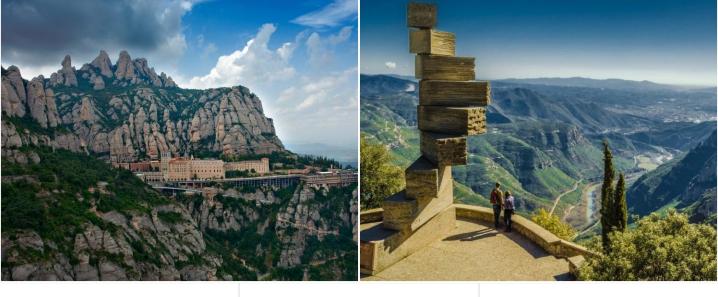
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#### Day 11



09:00 14:00 5hr
Start Time End Time Duration

#### **Meeting Point**

At the lobby of your hotel

Today, our driver and guide will pick you up for a half-day trip to Montserrat. Catalonia's most emblematic mountain. Topped by a Benedictine Monastery, Montserrat is one of the most relevant pilgrimage places in our country.

On the way to the Montserrat Monastery, you will admire the Massif of Montserrat, a spectacular multi-peaked rocky range packed with unique needle-shaped formations. Upon arrival, you will visit the Monastery, which was founded in the 10th century and still functions to this day, with over 150 monks. It is also well-known for hosting the figure of La Moreneta (the dark one), who is the patron saint of Catalonia. Your guide will bring history alive by explaining the history and ventures of this Monastery dating nearly a thousand years.

You will take the funicular up to the top and enjoy a soft hiking experience to get the best views of this singular and impressive rocky formation and its surroundings.



Today, at the appointed time, our driver will transfer you to the airport, where you will take your flight back home.

End of our services!

It has been a pleasure arranging this trip for you and having you here!!!!







## 10 Days Itinerary

# Barcelona & Mallorca: A Perfect Mediterranean Adventure

Day 1	Welcome to Spain and Barcelona! Barcelona Sidecar Tour
Day 2	Barcelona private guided biking tour of the Gothic quarter, the Born quarter and the Barceloneta quarter
Day 3	Barcelona private guided tour of Gaudi masterpieces: Guell Park and "Sagrada Familia" Cathedral.
Day 4	Boqueria market guided tour + cooking workshop
Day 5	Option 1: Montserrat & Wine Option 2: Boutique wineries, wine & tapas Option 3: Small-group sailing, wine and tapas 09:15 (5hr 15min)
Day 6	Barcelona - Mallorca
Day 7	Mallorca Sailing/Boat Tour
Day 8	Tramuntana Villages + Hiking
Day 9	Horseback Riding in the Mallorcan Countryside
Day 10	Mallorca - USA



Welcome to Spain!

Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



In the late afternoon, you will enjoy another special experience: a private sidecar tour. Along this tour, you will reach some of the best viewpoints in the city and some not really centrally located interesting places.





Today morning, you will explore the oldest neighborhoods (Gothic, Born and Barceloneta) of Barcelona and the Mediterranean Sea on wheels!

Along this biking tour around the old part of the city, you will explore Roman ruins, Medieval buildings and Gothic cathedrals, out of which the current cosmopolitan city developed from.

However, not only will you discover the ancient architecture, but also some other charming areas of this part of the city, such as the Ciutadella Park, one of the biggest green lungs in the city, or the Barceloneta Beach, the urban beach of the city, which is always lively.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.

#### Day 3





Today morning, our guide will pick you up for a private guided tour of Gaudi masterpieces: Guell Park and "Sagrada Familia" Cathedral.

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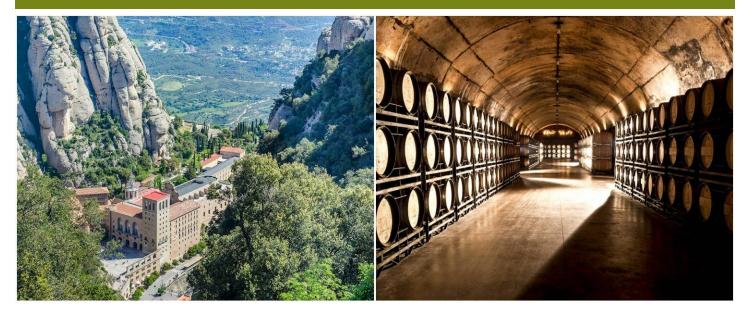
#### Day 4



Today morning, you will enjoy a small-group guided tour of Boqueria market, without any doubt one of the must-see places in Barcelona, to find out about the most popular ingredients of Spanish gastronomy. After the tour around the market, you will go hands on cooking with a workshop which will allow you to learn the most typical Spanish dishes such as Spanish paella, Spanish omelet, etc.

Of course, after the cooking workshop, you will have all that you have cooked for lunch.

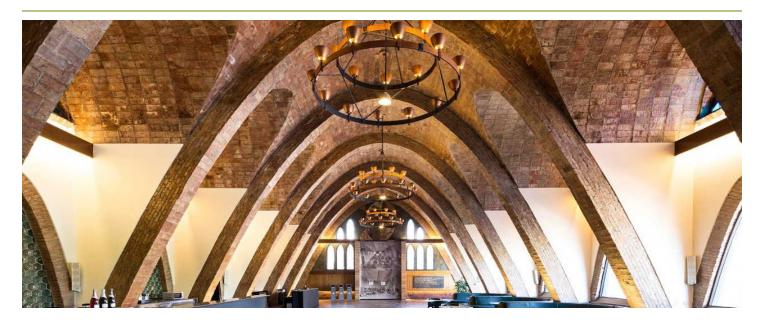
## Day 5



Today, together with our guide, you will discover two unique highlights just about one hour from Barcelona: Montserrat Mountain & Monastery, and Penedes wine region.

The impressive Montserrat Monastery is perched high on a mountain and it has been a place of pilgrimage and of deep religious interest for hundreds of years because a statue of a virgin was found onsite. It was restored by an acclaimed modernist Architect Josp Puig i Cadafalch in 1925, also famous for building elegant houses at the exclusive Passeig de Gràcia during the Modernism period. Montserrat Monastery is famous for its singing children conservatory, the oldest in Europe.

After your visit to Montserrat, you will head to one of our favourite wine cellars, the first to produce organic wine in Spain. Its heavenly and charming location surrounded by vineyards makes it one of our favourite stops. You will relax in their gardens whilst wine tasting multi-award winning wines paired with some Catalan tapas.



Today, together with a wine expert, you will discover two unique wine cellars in Barcelona's wine region, where you will taste the popular sparkling cava and great wines paired with tapas in the vineyards.

This half-day tour from Barcelona will allow you to experience the local culture, gastronomy, and art on a journey through the vineyards' landscape.

Enjoy a special day away visiting two handpicked wineries, chosen for their amazing design, sublime surroundings and wines.

You will start with the popular sparkling cava. You will do a tasting of three premium sparkling chilled wines, served at the same time to compare them.

A short drive away lays an exceptional award-winning organic winery with unrivaled views, where you will walk by its vineyards and visit its barrel cellar.

Guided by a professional sommelier, you will learn about this wine cellar's passion for its great organic winemaking process, which starts with collecting grapes by hand and continues with other traditional winemaking methods.

Absorb the beauty around you as wine and delicious tapas are served by the veranda with gorgeous views of the vineyards and beyond.

In this wine tour, you will explore a privileged wine region influenced by the sun and the Mediterranean Sea and discover exceptional wine cellars, diversity of wines, and local gastronomy.





09:15 14:30 5hr 15min
Start Time End Time Duration

Today morning, you will enjoy an unforgettable experience combining wine and sailing.

You will feel the wind of the Mediterranean Sea on your face as you discover Barcelona skyline from the sea on board a spacious sailing boat CRUISE AROUND BARCELONA`S MED SEA to see a new perspective of famous iconic buildings and monuments. You will visit one of the most beautiful wine cellars with views over its vineyards, the Med Sea and beyond, guided by a professional sommelier, you will enjoy a wine taste of 3 exquisite organic wines included in Michelin starred restaurants, paired with exquisite Spanish tapas.

This is a 3 in 1 experience, sailing Barcelona's Mediterranean Sea, visiting a unique winery with sea views and tasting 3 exquisite organic wines paired with tapas in the Alella wine region, 30 minutes away from Barcelona.

Meeting point at a central location at a Barcelona's marina. Relax as the sails are hoisted on a beautiful 40" foot (13 meters) Luxury Sailboat with comfortable seating area and viewpoints for the perfect picture of sights and some of the most representative monuments of Barcelona, from the blue waters of Barcelona's sea. On board drinks and snacks are included.

On return, you will be driven 30 minutes by Barcelona's north coast with sea views on a comfortable air conditioned van, to reach a beautiful winery perched on Serralada de Marina Natural Park.

Visit a winery with Mediterranean Sea views, walk by its vineyards, its aging barrel room, guided by a professional sommelier. This is a wine region of exquisite wines and has been making wine since Roman times, making it one of the oldest regions in Spain.

Taste 3 organic white and red wines and enjoy Spanish tapas to pair with these delicious wines, with views of The Mediterranean Sea.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.



Today morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to the airport, where you will take a flight to Palma de Mallorca.

Upon arrival, you will collect your rental car and drive to your hotel. Our driver will also be there to help you transport your luggage with another car.

In the afternoon, free time to start enjoying the facilities of the hotel and exploring the island on your own.

### Day 7



Today morning, you will drive to the port to depart for a half-day sailing/boat tour along the beautiful coasts of Mallorca.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the island on your own.





Today morning, our driver and guide will pick you up to take you for a hiking experience in Tramuntana mountain. (Medium level - sport shoes)

Apart from the hiking experience, you will also visit the charming villages in the area: Valldemossa, Deia and Soller. These villages have long been home to painters and writers from across the globe, attracted to the area by the relaxed way of life, the endless sunny afternoons and the picturesque location between a densely pined hillside and the glimmering Mediterranean sea.

### Day 9





Today morning, you will experience a very special activity: a private riding excursion in the Randa Valley!

Upon arrival, you will get in touch with the horses. All the horses are pure Spanish (Andalusian horses). After meeting your horse for the excursion, your guide will give you some guidelines on how to ride, posture... Once everybody knows the basics, you will have a 30 minutes ride in the area to get to know your horse.

Then you will depart on a excursion of 2:30h through the beautiful valley of Randa! A great approach to the Mallorcan countryside, around the historical village of Ranada, exploring its valleys, mountains, meadows and unique forests. But not only will you venture into the valley of Randa and its stunning nature. Along this tour, you will also get to know the true and authentic Mallorcan way of life.

Together with your Andalusian horse, you will discover animals, farms, vineyards, possessions and the village of Rana, on a route connected by wild nature, meadows, almond trees, olive trees and crops.

## Day 10



Today, at the appointed time, you will drive to the airport to drop off your rental car and take your flight back home.

\*\*Our driver will also help you with the transportation of your luggage.









## 9 Days Itinerary

# Madrid & Barcelona Family Trip

Day 1	Welcome to Spain and Madrid! Evening out for tapas & flamenco in Madrid
Day 2	Private guided scavenger hunt tour of Prado Museum
Day 3	Family-friendly Tour of Madrid
Day 4	Day Trip to Toledo with zip line adventure! 09:00 (8hr)
Day 5	Madrid - Barcelona Barcelona private guided scavenger hunt tour of the Gothic quarter
Day 6	Family Sailing & Wine Taste
Day 7	Private tour of Gaudi's masterpieces: Guell Park and "Sagrada Familia" Basilica 09:30 (4hr)
Day 8	Option 1: Boqueria market guided tour + cooking workshop 10:00 (4hr 30min) Option 2: Day trip to Costa Brava (Quaint villages + Kayak)
Day 9	Barcelona - USA



Welcome to Spain!

Upon arrival at Madrid Airport, our driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals hall to transfer you to your hotel.



A trip to Spain isn't complete without experiencing a flamenco show!

So, today in the evening, with our local guide, you will enjoy an immersive and delicious experience through which you'll also discover the history and context of the art form of flamenco.

You will start with a glass of wine at an elegant neighborhood bar to get the story behind the music, then watch the pulsing footwork, song styling and guitar acrobatics in an intimate theater.

To wrap it up, you will finish with a tapas dinner paired with regional Spanish wines.

The perfect night out, olé!



Today morning, our guide expert in art and kids will pick you up for a 2.5-hour interactive visit to the Prado Museum, which is designed to foster children's curiosity and stimulate their visual memory. Children will learn about artistic techniques and Mythological themes that were popular from the age of the Renaissance through the nineteenth century. Together, you will discover monsters and heroes, and explore themes such as family units, patronage, history of taste and fashion, the representation of girls and women, and the (very!) important role of animals in a series of paintings.

## Day 3



This morning, you will discover Madrid's historic city center on a private family-friendly walking tour with the most fun guide in the city. This tour is specifically designed to keep both kids and adults engaged with Madrid's amazing history, culture and food.

This private walking tour explores the city's beautiful historic center, passing through Madrid's main sights: The Royal Palace, Plaza de la Villa, San Miguel Market, Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol. The fun and dynamic tour will keep your children engaged throughout with role plays and captivating stories of Spanish history: explorers, kings and queens, princes and princesses, knights, artists, and more.

While you explore the most iconic sites in Madrid, you will also discover visit a market, and enjoy the unmissable Madrid tradition of the "aperitivo".

You will also explore the bustling tapas bars. don't just eat delicious tapas, discover how to *do* tapas like a Madrileño at bustling tapas bars tucked away in the historic city center.

Finally, you will feast on the best paella in the city center at a family-run restaurant.

#### Day 4





09:00 17:00 8hr
Start Time End Time Duration

#### **Meeting Point**

At the lobby of your hotel

This morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer (about 1 hour) you by private car/van to Toledo.

Upon arrival at Toledo (about 10 AM), our local guide will be waiting for you to walk you around this beautiful UNESCO World Heritage City, a labyrinth of historical streets located on a hill and surrounded by the Tagus river.

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At the end of the tour (at around 1 PM), you will be able to enjoy a unique experience in the biggest urban zip line of all Europe!

In the afternoon, after lunch, transfer back to Madrid (transfer around 4 PM, arrival at around 5 PM).



Today morning, our driver will pick you up to transfer you to the railway station, where you will take a high-speed train to Barcelona

Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



In the afternoon, you will enjoy a very special scavenger hunt around the oldest part of the city: the Gothic quarter.

You will start by getting a bird's eye view over the city from the rooftop of a 12th Century church in the heart of the Medieval Gothic Quarter .With its labyrinth-like streets & hidden squares, this neighborhood is a pop up storybook of amazing history this is a fun area to explore with a family scavenger hunt.

Along the way, you will stop to at a local chocolate maker to see creations in the making (always fascinating) and try the finished product in our blindfolded tastings! Can you guess the ingredients?!

The burning question at the end of the tour: Who won the scavenger hunt? Only your photos will tell the truth! The winner will celebrate with an edible prize of freshly made churros and chocolate in a historic setting (everyone is a winner, just don't tell the kids!).





Today morning, our guide will pick you up for a very special experience outside the city.

You will head to the port, jump on board of your own sailboat cruiser, and sail and relax for 2 hours by the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea of Barcelona's coast.

This is a private sailing day on a very well kept and spacious sailboat, steered by your own professional skipper.

After sailing, you will visit a state of the art wine cellar located within the Alella Denomination of Origin. A family-run wine cellar which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea from its chic surroundings. You will stroll around its grounds and vineyards and visit its barrel area. You will also taste 4 organic wines including whites and reds and pair your wines with local Spanish tapas at the winery. Kids will have their juice ready too. Alella is the smallest of all Catalan Denominations of Origin, but it produces a wide variety of exquisite and very high-quality wines.

A professional monitor will accompany your children throughout the tour with a fun and entertaining program during sailing and in the vineyards.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring Barcelona on your own.

## Day 7





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#### **Meeting Point**

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### Day 8



10:00 14:30 4hr 30min
Start Time End Time Duration

#### **Meeting Point**

At Paradís, 3

This morning, you will enjoy a private guided tour of Boqueria market, without any doubt one of the must-see places in Barcelona, to find out about the most popular ingredients of Spanish gastronomy. After the tour around the market, you will go hands on cooking with a workshop which will allow you to learn the most typical Spanish dishes such as Spanish paella, Spanish omelet, etc.

Of course, after the cooking workshop, you will have all that you have cooked for lunch.

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.



Today morning, our driver and guide will pick you up to transfer you to Costa Brava.

You will first start your day in Llafranc, where you will enjoy a kayak experience along the rocky and jagged coastline and its caves and coves.

You will have snorkeling equipment included to enjoy a bath and some water inside views too.

After the kayaking experience, you will enjoy some time for strolling and lunch in Calella de Palafrugell.

Before heading back to Barcelona, you will make a halt in the charming village of Begur.

Positioned at the heart of the Empordà district, the town of Begur and its beaches are one of the most wonderful spots on the Costa Brava. The municipality is made up of a number of hills known as the Begur Massif, and a stretch of coastline lapped by the waves of the Mediterranean.

Begur is a town with a profound sense of history. Protected by the mediaeval castle, coral collectors, fishermen, returned colonists and cork makers have written the splendid pages of a history reflected on every street, in every house and corner of the town.

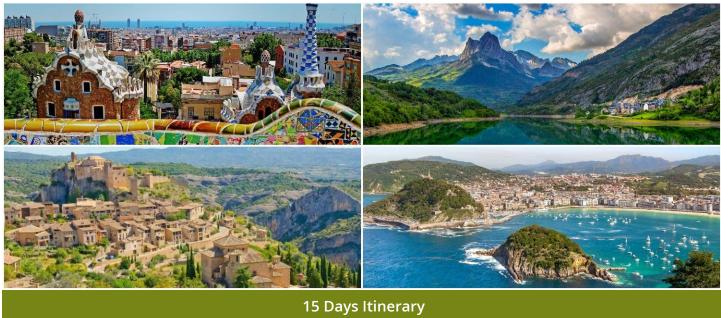
The most famous image of Begur is undoubtedly the mediaeval castle that overlooks the town, although there are plenty of other places of interest to visit, such as the numerous "Indies" houses (built in the colonial style by townsfolk who emigrated to the Americas in the 19th century, fleeing the economic crisis of the era, and subsequently returned from the colonies with a considerable fortune), the 16th-century defensive towers (a legacy of the period when pirates sailed the Mediterranean, built by the people of Begur to protect themselves against attack), the church (built in the Gothic style and dedicated to St Peter), as well as such other historic buildings as the Cultural Centre and the Old School.



Today, at the appointed time, ourd driver will transfer youl to the airport, where you will take your flight back home.







# The Best of Northern Spain

Day 1	Welcome to Spain and San Sebastian!
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Day 3	Basque Coast & Countryside
Day 4	Option 1: Flavors of the Basque Country: Private visit to a sheep farm and Idiazabal cheese making & full lunch in a private farmhouse, home of an artisan ham producer Option 2: Biarritz and French Basque Coast Tour Option 3: French Markets Option 4: Private guided coastal hike of St. James' Way from San Sebastian Option 5: San Sebastian small-group cooking workshop: Pintxos, tapas & more cooking class
Day 5	San Sebastian self-drive to Tena Valley (238 km / 148 miles - 2 hours 48')
Day 6	Free day in Tena Valley
Day 7	Tena Valley - Ordesa & Monteperdido 4X4 - Alquezar (159 kms - 2 hours 43')
Day 8	Alquezar (canyoning experience)
Day 9	Alquezar - Costa Brava (around 354 km / 3 hours 50' drive)
Day 10	Costa Brava: Private Sailing

Day 11 Option 1: Biking through the Medieval Villages at the Costa Brava
Option 2: La Bisbal d'Empordà: Cooking class in a Masia 12:00 (3hr 30min)
Option 3: Day trip to Dali's World: Dali Museum in Figueres + Cadaqués
village

Day 12 Costa Brava - Barcelona

Day 13 Free day in Barcelona (2 Days)

Day 15 Barcelona - USA

## Day 1





Welcome to Spain and San Sebastian!

Upon arrival at Bilbao airport, our driver will be waiting at the arrivals hall of the airport to transfer you to your hotel in San Sebastian.

## Day 2





San Sebastian has a unique location by the sea and backed by the foothills of the Pyrenees. Its bay, La Concha bay, has been considered the best beach of Europe for the last two years. This natural beauty pairs with the unrivaled local cuisine — from decadent Michelin-starred feasts to delectable bite-sized pintxos (Basque-style tapas"). All these things will make you fall in love forever with this wonderful city.

Along this 6-hour tour with our local guide, who will be picking you up at your hotel, you will have the chance to admire San Sebastian from its best viewpoint, Mount Igueldo, that will give you the full perspective of the city, and the chance to take the best postcard pictures of San Sebastian

You will also make short stop in the "Peine del Viento" to visit the most symbolic place of the city, as well as in Sagues, to a different perspective of the city from its surfing beach area

A Complete walk through the city center and Old Town, visiting the Constitution Square, La Concha Bay, the Cathedrals, La Bretxa Market, and the city center area with multiple stories and tales that happened in San Sebastian during the history and are not in the history books!.

Once you get to the Old Town, you will be able to enjoy the region's famous miniature food, in the way that locals do. You will be taken to the best places in town and will be introduced to this fantastic local custom

A special selection of pintxos (Basque tapas) paired with Spanish wines(or water or softdrinks or beer).

It is a very nice way to have an informal meal, learning about the local customs and tasting the best specialities in our favourite bars!

In the afternoon, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.

#### Day 3



Today, together with our guide, you will explore the Basque landscape, which is made up with mountains which merge with the sea.

You will first head to Mount Hernio to enjoy the mountain views and a short walk. Driving near to the summit of this rocky mountain, we will make a short walk out in the fields to admire both, the inland green valleys, and the Atlantic ocean.

Then, you will head to Loyola to discover the Basque history hints. An impressive religious monument, built between the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries around the Casa Torre is the birthplace of the founder of the Jesuites, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

It will be almost lunch time (lunch not included). So, you will head to Mount Izarraitz, where you will drive through narrow mountain roads, villages, sheep and cows … we will discover the essence of the Basque Country! Stop at the foothills of Mount Izarraitz to have beautiful views of the mountainous interior as well as the coastline.

After lunch, it is time for the coast...

You will head to Zumaia, where you will enjoy amazing coastal views and a short walk. Zumaia is The place where the green mountains, suddenly meet the Atlantic Ocean! Take a walk of 30 minutes for a nice spot to discover an amazing place! At this point of the coast, the mountains drop steeply to sea level, with wonderful views and let us look at the raw rock formations formed over millions of years.

Finally, you will end your tour in one of the best samples of a Basque fishing village: Getaria. The charming little fishing village of Getaria. Home of Juan Sebastian Elcano (Getaria 1487-1526) the man who was first to sail around the world. It is probably one of the most treasured medieval centers which best reflects the passing of time.

In the later afternoon, transfer back to your hotel in San Sebastian.

#### Day 4



Today morning, together with our guide/driver, you will make your way to a real sheep farm, located in the rolling Basque hills, to taste and learn about one of the culinary icons of the area, Idiazabal cheese.

The owner will lead you through the farm, giving you an intimate insight into the production starting with the milking process in the Milking Room

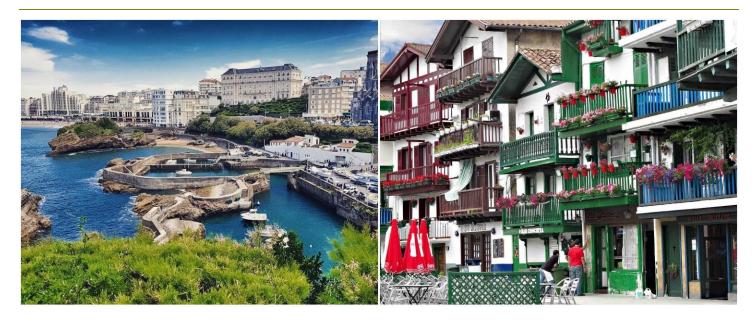
Using the fresh milk you just got, you will participate in the process of cheese-making to finally have a great tasting session of 4 different kinds of cheeses paired with wine or cider.

After the sheep farm, you will head to get immersed into another great local approach.

You will visit a Basque farmhouse run by the same family since the 16th Century. By the hand of a member of the family, devoted to recovering the indigenous Basque pig, you will learn how those pigs are reared and understand the traditional role of these self-sufficient traditional Basque farms.

These happy pigs are fed in green raingrass pasture, full of white and purple clover, hay and mountain herbs, nettle and Rumex roots, and the fruits of our centuries-old native hardwoods.

You will also enjoy a very special home-made meal at the family's dining room. The meal is prepared using only homemade products including their ham and charcuterie, beef meat, wild mushroom, etc. accompanied with plenty of Rioja wines or Cider.



Today, our driver/guide will pick you up and together, you will cross the French border and explore the southern coastal part of France.

You will first head to Biarritz, one of the most posh beach resorts of the Basque Coast. It is a luxurious seaside town and is popular with tourists and surfers. Biarritz also boasts some of the best beaches in Europe. Biarritz's became more renowned in 1854 when Empress Eugenie (the wife of Napoleon III) built a palace on the beach (now the Hôtel du Palais). The British royal family and European royalty regularly took vacations in Biarritz.

Then you will head to the former Basque Corsairs' capital: Saint Jean de Luz. This small fishing village became rich in the 16th century from fishing and whaling. Piracy, added brought wealth to the town. The 'finest moment' for the town was in 1660, when Louis XIV married Marie-Thérèse of Spain in the town church the Basque church of St John the Baptist

Finally, you will visit Hondarribia. Driving through the beautiful "La Corniche" coastal road, we will get back to the Spanish side of the Basque Country. Hondarribia is one of the most beautiful towns of the Basque Country, it's medieval old part, is one of the few fortified towns in the Basque Country. Its walls, most of which are still standing and are constantly being restored, give it a special appearance by evoking an epic past and by impregnating every corner, alley and square with aromas, flavors and sounds that take us back to other times. We could also find the typical Basque fishermen houses, with colorful balconies filled up with heaps of flowers.





A trip to San Sebastian would not be complete without a visit to the picturesque towns of our French neighbors.

Biarritz and St. Jean de Luz are the stars of this day because of their gourmet markets. These markets colored by the flavors of the mountains and the sea are a must for every food lover

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Arriving at mid morning to Biarritz we will get a chance to mingle with the locals while they socialize and shop. Our farmers markets are daily bringing together many small artisan producers from the farms nearby. The atmosphere is bustling with local stands and little taverns getting ready for the aperitivo.

Inside we are dazzled with stalls of charcuterie, jamon de Bayonne and foie. Before we even make it to the delicious cheese stalls, the aroma of fresh backed baguette surrounds us. Baskets of vegetables and peppers spread out on the aisles. We pick up a few goodies before hitting the fish stalls. We cannot resist the oyster or prawns served with a chilled local white

But we are not leaving before we try the iconic desert of the region gateaux basque.

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This picture perfect town also has a market to be proud of .Here we will visit Beñat, the cheese maker and go for tasting to his shop located at the market.





You will hike this comfortable medieval Christian pilgrimage route that overlooks the breathtaking Basque Coast, finishing in the picturesque and emblematic fishing port of Pasajes, where you will have a very well deserved local lunch in a waterfront restaurant.

Known as the Way of St James or the Pilgrims' Way, this coastal trail is now as popular for its views as it is for its history, offering incomparable vistas of San Sebastian and the Basque Coast.

After lunch, transfer back to San Sebastian by car and free time to keep exploring the city.



In San Sebastián they don't eat tapas, they eat pintxos! In this pintxo cooking class, you will learn the difference between these two delicious bites.

You will visit the market, buy the ingredients and try a gilda at our favourite stall. On your way back to the school, you will stop at a bar to have a pintxo and a wine, and once back in the school you will cook best tapas and best pintxos in San Sebastián.

Recipes will change depending on the season, but here is a sample menu:
Gilda at the market
Pintxo on the go
Matrimonio de anchoas (anchovies pintxo)
Fake Risotto with Orzo and Idiazábal cheese
Filled peppers
Cheesecake La viña

## Day 5



Today, drive from San Sebastian to the Tena Valley (+/- 230 km).

Upon arrival in Tena Valley, hotel check-in and free time to enjoy this stunning area.

Do not miss a walk around the enchanting village of Lanuza and its lake.

## Day 6





Today, free day to enjoy the awesome Tena Valley.

Here, you will discover quaint villages such as Lanuza, stunning landscape....

Lanuza lake is also a stunning spot for kayaking. This lake also boasts the longest dual zip line in Europe. You can't miss this experience!

If you wanted, we could also arrange a horseback ride around the beatuiful forests of the Pyrenees or a hike to one of the beauiful tarns, such as Ibón de Anayet.

And if you wish to have a more relaxing activity, you can't miss the hot springs of Panticosa.





In the morning, you will drive Alquezar.

But you will do the best of this drive to visit some incredible natural landscapes and towns.

You will first head to Broto, where you will meet our guide for a tour of the lookouts of Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park.

You will go on a 4x4 ride up to the top, from where you will enjoy a hiking experience along the best viewpoints of the National Park. Get ready for amazing views that will become lifetime memories.

After this tour, you will stop and have lunch in Ainsa, a very well preserved Medieval village.

After the tour, continue your self-drive tour to Alquezar, another Medieval village considered one of the most beautiful villages in Spain, where you will be able to travel back in time by walking around its charming streets.

#### Day 8

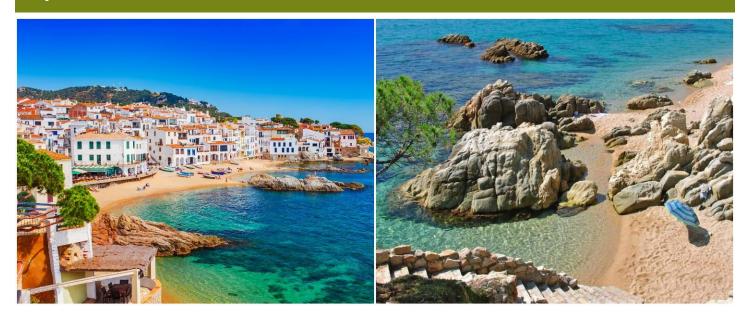




Today morning, you will enjoy a soft canyoning experience in the top destination for canyoning in Europe: Vero canyon.

Apart from having lots of fun, you will discover a unique natural environment where the deep river gorge has been modelled by the water for thousands of years.

## Day 9



Today, you will drive towards Costa Brava

Upon arrival, hotel check-in and free time to start enjoying the beach and discovering this amazing coast.

## Day 10



Today morning, you will enjoy a half day out in the Mediterranean Sea, enjoying Costa Brava from a different point of view, its beautiful rough rocky coast, its coves, and its clear blue water.

Ply the seas of the Costa Brava while enjoying snacks on board and discovering the most exclusive spots on the Costa Brava.





Today, together with your guide, you will discover the "Litte Towns from the Empordà region" in a sustainable way, by e-Bike. You will ride its surrounding in a funny way, and you will admire golden fields & sweet landscapes of wind and calm.

The tour of the small Empordá villages it's a very easy ride about 3h hours, which allows you to see a rich landscape route. Small medieval towns situated on top of small hills make up the silhouette of this area and open the eyes of the curious onlooker.

At Gualta, you will visit a Romanic bridge, rich with the history of such a strategic crossing point of the Daró river. You will also visit the Iberian town of Ullastret, an extraordinary archeological excavation.

At Ullastret village, you will find various restaurants and bars where you will stop, so you could refresh and re-energize. At Fontclara, together with your guide, you will head to Can Pepó restaurant to request the keys of the 10th-century church that you will visit with your guide!



12:00 Start Time **15:30** End Time

3hr 30min

#### **Meeting Point**

Pilar's Masia in La Bisbal outskirts

Today, you will enjoy a full immersion into the local culture of this region through its gastronomy and the traditional crafts. You will be able to get hands-on and learn how to prepare some great local recipes along with a profesional chef and also create your own pottery piece.

First of all, you will take your rental car and drive to the main town of this region: La Bisbal d'Empordà (30 minutes driving distance). This is a town known in particular for its excellent popular and decorative ceramics, an activity signs you can see crearly everywhere around with the industrial chimney stacks and the many specialised shops.

You can walk around this interesting village before heading to the Masia and meeting Pilar.

The workshop with Pilar will take place in her historical typical Masia, a lovely estate where after the cooking class, you will enjoy lunch together with her husband René, who offers a selection of excellent Spanish wines.

She can adapt her menus to any request. Pilar can even reproduce an authentic El Bulli menu as she is a personal friend of Ferran Adrià and took lessons at his kitchen.



Today morning, our driver and guide will pick you up to transfer you to Figueres, where Dali was born. Here, you will visit Dali's Museum and will learn a little bit more about this eccentric artist and his work.

After the Museum, you will head to Cadaqués, a lovely fishing village which served as inspiration to Dali and many other artists, who all placed their residence in this beautiful coastal town.

When the artist met the love of his life, Gala, he broke away from his parents and bought a fishermen's hut there.

It was here that Dalí lived from 1930 onwards, gradually altering and enlarging the original dwelling he bought there and which shared the same name as the bay.

The house of Port Lligat must be considered Dalí's only true home. It was in this studio that he painted the majority of his great works. Every detail of the house bears his imprint, and the house still contains his original furniture and decoration.

You will have lunch and enjoy a stroll around this beautiful coastal village.



Today morning, you will drive to Barcelona.

Upon arrival, our driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.

## Day 13



2 Days

Duration

Today and tomorrow, free time to keep exploring the city on your own.

#### Where to go? and what to do on your free day?

Old part of the city, which comprises the Gothic Quarter and the Born Quarter: Walk around the pedestrian labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys of the old town, where you will discover Roman ruins, Medieval buildings and Gothic Cathedrals. You can't miss the Cathedral of Barcelona and Sant Jaume Square, where the city hall is located, in the Gothic Quarter. You can't miss Santa María del Mar Cathedral in the Born Quarter.

Picasso Museum is also located in the Born quarter and it is a museum worth a visit in Barcelona.

You can extend your walk to the popular Las Ramblas Street and the impressive Boqueria Market.

And you can also walk down to the sea, where the Barceloneta fishers' quarter is located. Do not miss a walk along the sea promenade of Barceloneta.

**Paseo de Gracia:** which is Barcelona shopping street, here a part from many international shops, you can find and visit **La Pedrera-Casa Milà**: a modernist building built by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí, also in this street you can find and visit another of Gaudi's pieces, the **Casa Batlló**. Casa Amatller is another must-see house and having a coffee in the coffee shop inside is a pleasure.

Some not so well-known art-nouveau buildings which are worth a visit are:

- Hospital de Sant Pau
- Casa Vicens: the first architectural work by Gaudi, which was recently opened to the public about one year ago
- Music Palace: Located in the Born quarter, in the old part of the city, it is a masterpiece of Art Nouveau architecture, and well worth a visit. Its interior is gorgeous...and if you can enjoy a corcert in it, it is even better.

Ciutadella Park: The Parc de la Ciutadella is very idyllic and probably the greenest oasis in the megacity of Barcelona. It invites you to relax, to rebound and to go for long walks, as well as for a picnic. You can also use a rowing boat on the lake. The Catalan Parliament and the Modern Art Museum are lcoated in there.

Also I would like to suggest that you go to the **Barceloneta area** and have a walk around this picturesque neighborhood, as well as along the sea promenade.

You can also **get the cable car to Montjuic mountain**. Here you can visit the Montjuic castle and walk around the area where the Olympic Games took place in 1992. Here you will find as well the "Font Magica de Montjuic" Magic Fountain. If you want to **experience Barcelona as a local**, head to **Gracia neighborhood**, just walk around and let yourself get lost in the streets and squares of Gracia Neighborhood. Here you could visit La Casa de les Punxes, this modernist building was built by the local architect Josep Puig I Cadafalch in 1905.

You can't miss the views from the rooftop of Majestic Hotel, almost 360 degrees around the city!





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