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# Barcelona & Madrid in 6 days / 5 nights

## Included

- All tours and transfers as described below
- Accommodation three nights in three star hotels with breakfast
- 24h assistance and emergency phone
- Map of Madrid

In these four days you will see gorgeous and monumental capital of Spain - Madrid and its surroundings. You will explore all the beautiful places and monuments like the Royal Palace, try traditional Spanish cuisine and wine and experience world heritage cities like Toledo. Just enjoy this wonderful city.

- Guides are licensed and experiences  
(by default guide included is English speaking, but of course other languages are available)
- Transportation vehicles are very modern and air-conditioned.

## Accommodation

The three star hotel is located in a residential and safe area in Madrid. This offer is made for double rooms, but of course there can also be booked optional a single room. In the price included is the breakfast, which will be an excellent buffet. The guests will be picked-up for their tours during this days directly at the hotel and of course drop-off there as well.

## Price

Based on a group of 11 persons, the price of the program per person in a twin or double room will be from: 810€

The whole program can be 100% customized to your requirements, your budget and your flight schedule. We can also adapt the room types if you prefer single or family rooms.

## Itinerary

### Day 1

After your arrival in Madrid the group will drive in a modern bus to their hotel in Madrid. Arrived there they have time to check-in and relax a while before the first tour starts.

During this four hours sightseeing tour around Madrid you will see all most interesting places in the city.

The tour starts at the Royal Palace, which is the symbolic building that is used for government and other ceremonies and events.

The next stop will be the Park Retiro, which is the most appealing open space in Madrid. Originally created to be a royal park, Retiro was opened in 1632 and for over two centuries after that it was strictly accessible only to the royal family and their visitors.

The Palacio de Cristal is a breathtaking glass palace that is over one hundred and twenty years old. There are other highlights like the rose garden and detailed statues all over the park; some of the more famous ones including El Angel Caído and King Alfonso's XII monument.

Afterwards the group will see the Puerta del Sol or "Gate of the Sun", which is the most famous landmark in Madrid, and with good reason.

This is often seen as the centre of the city and is where many tourists find accommodations, so they are right in the thick of the action.

The most famous thing in this square is the clock tower on the Real Casa de Correos. This building used to be part of the post office in the city center and is now used for city affairs. There are also many other important monuments within the Puerta Del Sol including the statue of Charles III, which commemorates the 18<sup>th</sup> Century monarch, in remembrance to the large contributions he made for the infrastructure of Madrid. The



statue of the bear and madrone tree also has its home in this square, as it is the symbol of the city.

The Plaza Mayor right in the center of the city is also a worth-seeing place in Madrid and a stop during the excursion. The huge square is one of the largest tourist destinations where Madrid life can be seen at all times.



Further sights are the Cathedral, the Plaza de la Vila, the Puerta del Alcala, Gran Via, the Plaza de Cibeles and the Stadium Santiago Bernabeu. You will get your first impression of the amazing charm of Madrid.

Afterwards there will be a delicious Welcome Dinner in a typical Spanish restaurant with a full meal course (entry, main course and dessert with wine, water and coffee). Satisfied with the meal the bus will drive you back to your hotel. You can enjoy your first night in Madrid with some free time to explore the city on your own pace or just to take a “cerveza“ in one of the endless bars.

## Day 2

Today you will explore another city in the surrounding of Madrid in an 8 hours full day tour. Just 50 minutes outside from Madrid there is the medieval capital of Spain: Toledo, which should not be missed. Although it is now a place for tourists to come and see, five hundred years ago it was the bustling city center of Spain for centuries.

Given the honour of a World Heritage city, Toledo is as important as any other place in Spain and equally beautiful. The old city walls border Toledo and its winding, stone roads and picturesque buildings.

The city is famous for being the main place of co-existence for Jews, Christians and Muslims from seven hundred A.D. until fourteen hundred A.D. Many different religious monuments and buildings stood next to one another and people were free to practice

whatever religion they wanted to. During the 16<sup>th</sup> Century it was home to the Spanish monarchy and was the capital city.

The first thing you see when entering Toledo is the Puerta Bisagra, the main entrance to the fortified city. When you pass through this gate you are actually passing through fifteen hundred years of history!



Alcazar is a spectacular castle, but was once a fortress and because of that has been rebuilt numerous times due to conflict and fires. There are many old cathedrals, mosques, synagogues and monasteries all over the city. Other highlights include an assortment of interesting museums, a walk along the river Tajo and if you are lucky some amazing Fiestas.



After this excursion the bus will drive you back to the hotel and you can enjoy your free time during the rest of the day.

In the evening you can enjoy your free time and explore Madrid on your own. You can Use it to make some shopping in the famous street Gran Via, take a delicious cocktail in an insider bar or walk along the streets - just enjoy the charm of this city.

### Day 3

After the refreshment at the buffet breakfast the day begins with a half day trip (5 hours) to the amazing city in the surrounding of Madrid: Segovia. It is famous for its Alcazar, its beautiful medieval fortress.

The excursion begins with a visit to Segovia, which is one of nine towns that make up the state of Castile and Leon. UNESCO named Segovia a World Heritage City in 1985. Segovia has two defining features, both of which are nothing short of stunning.

The first is the Aqueduct. Built around 100 A.D. it is a prime example of Roman engineering. Spanning 818 meters, the Aqueduct is a sight for the eyes and was used for almost two thousand years to bring water into the city. With one hundred and sixty six arches composed of over twenty five thousand granite blocks it is one of the most impressive structures in all of Spain. It can be found in the Plaza del Azoguejo but can be seen from all over the city.



The second feature is the Segovia Cathedral. This is the last gothic cathedral built in Spain and one of the most beautiful. Over four hundred years old, the Cathedral is another icon of Segovia. Its bell tower, at 90 meters high, is the highest structure in the city and can be seen from anywhere. At the time of its construction, it was the tallest structure in all of Spain.

There is much more to see in Segovia, aside from these two incredible pieces of architecture. The Alcazar of Segovia is an ancient royal palace over one thousand years old. The Alcazar gardens should not be missed either. With many museums, arches, churches and tons of other things to absorb, Segovia is a memorable and unique day trip from Madrid.



After this amazing day trip the bus drives you back to the hotel where you can relax until the bus drives you to the airport or the bus station in the afternoon.

In the afternoon you will take the flight or high-speed train to Barcelona. Once arrived to the beautiful city on the coast your private shuttle will bring you to your 3\* Hotel.

The first night you can discover the city on your own. Taste some Tapas, have a walk through the beautiful old town or just relax for until the next day.

## Day 4

The day begins with a buffet breakfast in your hotel. Afterwards our guide and bus will pick you up for a full day excursion to the highlights of Barcelona.

The awe-inspiring architecture of Antoni Gaudí will be our starting point. Admire the UNESCO heritage buildings of Casa Mila and Casa Batllo in the picturesque Eixample quarter before we will approach Barcelona's most famous landmark, the cathedral of Sagrada Familia: this still unfinished gem of modernism architecture was begun in 1882 and the final completion is planned for 2026, the 100th anniversary of the death of Antoni Gaudí.



We will continue to the upper city and the slopes of the Sierra de Collserola mountain range to reach Parc Güell. Your guide will take you for a short walk through this fairy-tale garden with its beautiful mosaics and amazing views up to the Mediterranean Sea.

Take a short break on its terrace for a picture on the famous curved benches.

After this refreshing break we will continue with the bus to the Olympic facilities on Montjuic.



This mountain between the historic centre and the port has already been part of sports history for decades as Barcelona's old formula 1 track. For the 1992 Olympic Games it has been reformed as the central venue and 80% of the competitions took place over here. We will visit the beautiful plaza and the Olympic stadium before reaching the castle on the top of the mountain with its 360 degree views of Barcelona and its shoreline.

Making our way down from Montjuic our next stop will be the ancient heart of Barcelona. Step deep into history and explore the foundations of Barcelona as a Roman colony 2000 years ago. Our guide will tell you the rise and fall of the ruling empires over the centuries on a walking tour from world-famous las Ramblas through the narrow lanes of the Gothic quarter. On the way to Barcelona's greatest medieval icon, the cathedral of La Seu you will also explore the indoors of the Roman Augustus' Temple, the palatine chapel of Santa Àgata and the cloister of the cathedral.



Now you will hop on your bus again to pass the old port and the former fishermen's district of Barceloneta to reach the lively beach promenade. We will then enter modern Barcelona with the Olympic Port and the futuristic Forum area.

On our way back to the hotel the tour will finish with the oddly shaped Torre Agbar, the icon of modern Barcelona in the new business district.

After this extensive tour get some rest in the hotel or take a look at Barcelona's extensive shopping opportunities along fashionable Passeig de Gracia or discover hidden boutiques in the Born district.

## Day 5

Start into the day with another great breakfast. Today you will go on day-trip to Girona and Figueres in northern Catalonia.

It will be a one hour drive from Barcelona to the historic city of Girona. Founded by the Romans, it was a melting pot of cultures for centuries. Along winding medieval streets our guide will take you up the hill from the riverbank to the cathedral. On the way down we will pass through the narrow lanes of the Jewish quarter, walk along the Roman wall that surrounds the old town and discover the Arab baths.



Afterwards you will have some spare time for shopping, a coffee break or just to wander around the picturesque old town on your own.

Another half an hour on the bus and we will reach Figueres, the home and work place of world famous surrealist, painter and sculptor Salvador Dalí.

We will get in touch with his fascinating world and visit the Theatre-Museum of Dalí. Almost completely created by Dalí himself, it is undoubtedly the best and largest collection of surrealism in the world. He wanted visitors to see his massive collection as a whole work, and for this reason he refused to have his works placed in any order. Step in and get lost in this surrealistic world of fantasy mixed with architecture, paintings and sculptures.



After this exciting day the bus will bring you back to the hotel around 18.00hrs.

In the evening you will enjoy a delicious farewell dinner in a Spanish restaurant. The dinner will include a three course meal, wine water and coffee.

## Day 6

According to the departure of your cruise ship we will pick you up from the hotel and bring you to your cruise terminal. With a lot of impressions you will be hopefully already thinking when you will return to our beautiful city.

Optional: If your cruise check-in will only open late in the afternoon, we can add another half day tour in Barcelona.

## Optional activities

Optionally, we are happy to include the following activities into your program:

- **The inside of Sagrada Familia with VIP-Entrance:** Explore Gaudi's masterpiece with your own guide and no queuing - 19€ per person
- **FC Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium & museum:** Europe's largest stadium will be yours from the player's changing rooms to the pitch. Feel like Lionel Messi when you hold the champions league trophy in the Barca museum - 25€ per person
- **Poble Espanol, the Spanish village:** since the 1929 world exhibition, this open air museum shows you the diversity of Spain in one place. Wander through the cobblestones streets lined by white-washed Andalusian houses and enjoy Spanish architecture, cuisine, handicraft workshops and artists - 9€ per person
- **Andalusian Flamenco show:** Experience the fantastic spectacle in a typical palace in the centre of Barcelona. Having its roots in Andalucia in the south of Spain, Flamenco nowadays is popular throughout the whole country. Combine it with a Paella Menu and the typical drink of Sangria while sitting at a table on the ground floor next to the stage. - 45€ per person for the basic show or 60€ for the longer show including a delicious Paella menu.
- **Lunch** in a typical Spanish restaurant - from 15€ per person
- Choice of freshly prepared **lunch boxes** including salad, sandwich and drink for a lunch break during your tour - 15€ per person
- **Visit to Santiago Bernabeu Stadium:** Real Madrid is famous for being the richest football club in Spain. Estadio Santiago Bernabeu Stadium is the home to Real Madrid and has been since 1947.  
It is one of the largest football stadiums in the world holding over eighty-five thousand people at one time. - 25 per person
- **Visit to the Prado Museum:** There is no better place in the world to see Spanish art than the Museo del Prado. It is the largest and most well-known art museum in Spain, which was originally built in the 1700s in the Neo-Classical style. Some of the paintings found here date back over nine hundred years ago and are still on display today.  
The Prado is considered one of the most impressive art galleries and museums in the world, ranked seventh in Europe and is the most visited gallery in Europe besides those in London and Paris. - 18€ per person