

**DAY 1 / BARCELONA**

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Arrival in Barcelona.

**Private transfer to your hotel.**

**Optional 2-hour familiarization tour of Barcelona.** This is an ideal way to better know the area where you are staying: the best restaurants to eat, where to shop, how and where to get money, etc. And, of course, a little bit about the culture and how to get around the city.

**Optional welcome dinner.** Eating is a unique experience in every country. In Spain normally you order dishes (1st course, 2nd course, etc.) but there are also tapas, pintxos ... We will explain how to order, eating habits and customs in Spain, etc. It is also a chance to review the itinerary and answer any questions you may have. Welcome to Spain!

Night in Barcelona

**DAY 2 / BARCELONA**

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Breakfast at your hotel.

**Morning Panoramic Tour of Barcelona.** This is a 4-hour tour. It combines a traditional walking tour with the chance to see the other sites around the city via private transportation. Some of the highlights include:

- The Old City, including: the statue of Columbus, Las Ramblas, Plaça Catalunya and a walking tour of the Gothic Quarter.
- Montjuïc Mountain. Home of the 92 Olympic Games to see the Olympic Stadium, Palau Sant Jordi and the Communication Tower from Santiago Calatrava, as well as the 17th century castle and a spectacular panoramic view over the city.
- The Modernista buildings on Passeig de Gràcia (only façades): Casa Milà (La Pedrera), Casa Batlló, Casa Amatller and Casa Lleó Morera.



**The tour includes private transportation.**

**Optional Afternoon Picasso Museum Guided Tour.** This is an 1 hour and 30 minutes tour. The tour includes entrance tickets to the Picasso Museum.

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**DAY 3 / BARCELONA**

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Breakfast at your hotel.

**Morning Modernista Half-Day Tour.** This is a 4-hour tour to discover two of the most important Modernista buildings in Barcelona, both of them created by Gaudí:

- Sagrada Familia. Antoni Gaudí's masterpiece. This unfinished temple is one of the must-sees of Barcelona.
- Park Güell. Gaudí's urban park experiment, it stands above the city in its own world, like something taken straight out of a fairy tale, complete with a dragon.
- A visit to either Casa Lleo Morera or Casa Amatller on Passeig de Gracia.



**The tour includes private transportation and entrance tickets.**

**Afternoon at leisure.**

**Optional afternoon walking tour to discover another side of the city.** This is a 4-hour tour. Some of the highlights include:

- Palau de la Música Catalana. The only Modernista concert hall in the world.
- Arc de Triomf. Built for the 1888 World Fair to welcome people from around the world to Barcelona.
- Citadel Park (Parc de la Ciutadella), standing on the remains of what was Europe's largest military prison, the park is now home of the Catalan Parliament, the city zoo and a spectacular fountain partially designed by Gaudí.
- Born District, including: the Born Market, Santa Maria del Mar church and carrer Montcada.



**Optional night visit to Casa Milà (La 'Pedrera').** A great way to discover the hidden side of one of Antoni Gaudí's most famous buildings.

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**DAY 4 / BARCELONA**

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Breakfast at your hotel.

**Grape Stomping and Harvest Experience** in Penedès Wine and Cava Region. This is a 5-hour tour. The tour begins with a guided visit to a local family-run cava winery where they still use the traditional hand-crafted method to create high-end cava. Then we go to a family-run winery where you will:

- Walk through the vineyards as you learn about the land and the wine.
- Harvest the grapes by hand that you will use in the wine press.
- Stomp the grapes like it was done traditionally.
- Cellar grape-juice tasting.
- Wine tasting of the various wines available (white, rosé, red and dessert).

**The tour includes private transportation, wine and cava tastings and winery entrance fees.**



**Afternoon optional 'The Sweet Side of the City'**. This 4 hour tour will take you to some of the best and most important sweet sites and shops of Barcelona, where you will be able to try some of the local pastries, sweets and chocolates.

The tour includes entrance tickets to the chocolate museum, a sample of monastery sweets, 'chocolate con churros' and a drink.



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## DAY 5 / COSTA BRAVA

Breakfast at your hotel.



We will head-up to the Costa Brava region. This is about 1 hour and 30 minute drive from Barcelona.

The Costa Brava is the name given to the rugged coastline that runs along the northern part of Catalonia's Mediterranean coast. This 100-mile stretch of coast is made up of rocky coastlines, hidden coves, and quaint fishing villages. It is a place where the beauty of nature and the history and tradition of the people combine to offer visitors a glimpse into a different era and a different way of life.

**Morning Hiking Route of Costa Brava.** An easy 2-hour and 30 minute walk along the coastline to enjoy magnificent views of the coastal towns and the coastline. This route was used during the Civil War for the police to check on the smugglers and illegal traffic of tobacco and other products.

The tour includes a stop for lunch with views of the Mediterranean Sea. Take the opportunity to enjoy a paella and learn about the different paella types (they don't always come with fish or seafood!).

Check-in the Costa Brava hotel.

### Afternoon at leisure on the Costa Brava.

Night in Costa Brava.

## DAY 6 / COSTA BRAVA

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Breakfast at your hotel.

**Morning optional Dalí Tour.** This is a 5-hour tour. Discover the works of Catalonia's most celebrated artist and the places he lived and influenced him as an artist. The tour includes entrance tickets to the Dalí museum and guided visits to Cadaqués (where Dalí spent many boyhood hours) and Portlligat (fishing village where Dali lived).



**Optional afternoon in the Perelada Spa.** This is an exclusive and unique wine spa next to the Perelada Castle and Winery in the Alt Empordà wine region. The visit includes a 30 minute wine-spa experience: soak in a local Merlot wine Jacuzzi from grapes from the Perelada itself. The grapes have relaxing properties but also are a great way to activate the circulatory system given the high polyphenol content. Afterwards, we will provide a list of different spa experiences you can enjoy: massages, water circuits, facials and body treatments ... and for those who do not want to stay at the spa, enjoy a relaxing glass of wine and fruit or you can visit the winery and taste a couple of the different wines they make.



Night in Costa Brava.

## DAY 7 / GIRONA

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Breakfast at your hotel.

Return to Barcelona.

On the way back, we will stop at **Girona for a walking tour of the city.** Girona traces its routes back to the Roman Empire.



This is a 3-hour walking tour. Some of the highlights of this tour include: the Jewish Quarter, the Cathedral and the Old City Walls.

### Afternoon at leisure in Barcelona.

Night in Barcelona.

## DAY 8 / BARCELONA

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Breakfast at your hotel.

### Day at leisure in Barcelona.

**Optional morning Montserrat Mountain tour.** This is a 5-hour tour. Montserrat Mountain has been the cultural and spiritual center of Catalonia for more than 1,000 years. Visit to Montserrat, including:

- Guided visit to the Monastery and the Black Virgin (La Moreneta).
- Guided visit to the Path of the Rosary and the Holy Cave where the black virgin was found.
- The chance to listen to the Escolania, the oldest boys' choir in Europe.
- Also take the chance to try some of the local products available for sampling outside the Monastery.



The tour includes private transportation and entrance tickets.

**Optional afternoon mosaic class.** Take a 2-hour mosaic class, using the same technique that Gaudí used for its buildings, the 'trencadis'. Take your finished mosaic work back home. The tour includes private transportation and all the tools and material to make your mosaic.

Night in Barcelona



## DAY 9 / RETURN

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Breakfast at your hotel.

**Private transfer** to Barcelona airport to take your flight back home.