

EXAMPLE ITINERARY

THE BEST OF SPAIN

Madrid, Andalucia & Barcelona

From amazing architectural sights to fascinating cultural experiences and off the beaten track adventures, this tour offers the best of Spain. Take a journey through the country's most important cities to learn about the amazing history and multi-ethnic heritage. Sample authentic Spanish cuisine and savour the vibrant atmosphere.

Beginning in majestic Madrid and ending in cosmopolitan Barcelona, crossing through magical Andalucia, this amazing tour of Spain will treat you to a sumptuous, over two- weeks cultural buffet, with rich helpings of Catalunya's Gaudí, Toledo's El Greco, masterpieces of Madrid's Prado and the Moorish and royal treasures of Granada, Córdoba and Sevilla. You'll also experience the delights of whitewashed Andalusian hill towns, prancing horses, tasty tapas, and fine sherry wines. Get inspired with this interesting itinerary and let us create the trip of a lifetime...

SUMMARY (17 nights)

Start Point: Madrid

Ending Point: Barcelona

4 Nights Madrid

2 Nights Cordoba

2 Nights Granada

2 Nights Ronda

3 Nights Sevilla

4 Nights Barcelona

What's Included?

- All private transfers
- Hotels (4 stars)
- Breakfasts & all meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Guided tours with fluent English speaking guides. (including: skip the line access)

What's not Included?

- International Air Flights
- Medical Insurance
- Meals & Drinks, other than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities

***This is an example itinerary which can always be adjusted to meet
your individual requirements and budget.***



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ITINERARY

DAY 1:

Madrid

Arrival and first day at your leisure

Upon arrival in Madrid, we will arrange for a private transfer to your hotel in the city centre. First afternoon & evening free to get acquainted with this cosmopolitan city and the vibrant atmosphere that it will offer over your stay. We will provide you with maps, tips, and recommendations for good places to go for dinner & drinks.



DAY 2:

Madrid

Morning: Madrid guided tour

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of approx. 4h to discover the highlights of Madrid. This tour is focussed on the Hapsburg and Bourbon legacy and includes a guided visit to the magnificent Royal Palace (this visit is subject to availability. Being a government building, the Royal Palace may be closed for ceremonies and official events).

Madrid, Spain's central capital, is a city of elegant boulevards and expansive, manicured parks such as the Buen Retiro. It's renowned for its rich repositories of European art, including the Prado Museum's works by Goya, Velázquez and other Spanish masters. The heart of old Hapsburg Madrid is the portico-lined Plaza Mayor, and nearby is the baroque Royal Palace and Armory, displaying historic weaponry

Free afternoon

Afternoon & evening to explore other sites of Madrid at your leisure. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Prado Museum** (We can pre-book "skip the line" tickets for you if you are interested)
- **Reina Sofia Museum**
- **Thyssen Museum**
- **Retiro Park** (the green lung of Madrid)
- **The Crystal Palace** (a beautiful glass structure from 1887 located in the heart of Retiro Park)
- **Las Letras neighbourhood** (Plaza de Santa Ana)
- **The Debod Temple**
- **Almudena Cathedral**
- **Salamanca and Recoletos districts** (high end shopping)
- **Colon district** (try lunch or dinner at the trendy food court La Platea)
- **Fuencarral street or Gran Via** (shopping districts)



DAY 3:

Segovia

Morning: El Escorial

Your driver and guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel to drive you to El Escorial (approx. 45 mins) for a morning tour. Your guide will take you on a tour of the town including visits to the Monastery, Basilica, Royal Pantheon, Library, and Habsburg apartments.

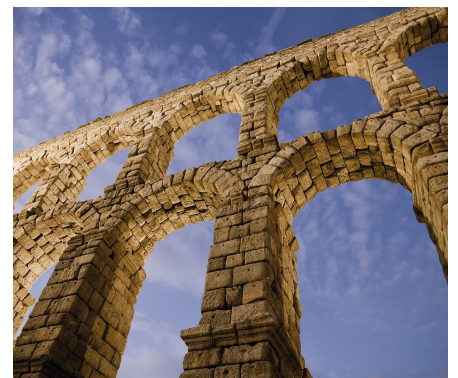
The Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, commonly known as El Escorial, is the historical residence of the King of Spain in the town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial. The site functions as a monastery, basilica, royal palace, pantheon, library, museum, university and hospital. The Escorial is comprised of two architectural complexes of great historical and cultural significance: The Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial itself (a monastery originally Hieronymite but occupied since 1885 by Augustinians) and La Granjilla de La Fresneda, a royal hunting lodge and monastic retreat about five kilometres. Situated at the foothills of the Sierra de Guadarrama just outside of Madrid and built during the reign of Philip II when Spain was at the height of its imperial power, El Escorial symbolizes the close union of church and state under the supreme authority of the Spanish monarchy.

Afternoon: Segovia

In the afternoon, your guide will take you for a 2-hour walking tour around the old town of Segovia including its famous Aqueduct (symbol of the city, built in 50BC and remarkably well preserved) and the Alcazar which dates back to the 11th-century.

You will then be driven back to your hotel in Madrid where you will have this evening in the city free to enjoy at your leisure

Long before Madrid became the capital of Spain in the 16th century, Segovia was one of the most important cities in the country, and the many Romanesque churches that one comes across at almost every turn around the city are certainly evidence to that. Segovia is a World Heritage City, with unique monuments that alone make a visit well worth while. However, once in Segovia you will find the city offers much, much more; an old Jewish quarter, stately homes, outstanding views and a green belt which is ideal for a pleasant stroll in the sunshine. Nowhere else in Spain has such a stunning monument to Roman grandeur (the soaring Aqueduct) surviving in the heart of a vibrant modern city. Many myths surround this impressive city, one being that it was founded by Hercules. Another, that Walt Disney is said to have modelled Sleeping Beauty's castle in California's Disneyland on Segovia's Alcázar. Myths aside, this is truly a magical city of warm terracotta and sand stone hues set amid the rolling hills of Castilla, against the back drop of the Sierra de Guadarrama.



DAY 4: Toledo

Morning

Take the high-speed train to Toledo (only 30min from Madrid. From your accommodation, you can take a taxi to Atocha railway station which is approx. 10min ride or go walking which is approx. 15min distance)

Upon arrival in Toledo, your art historian guide will meet you at the railway station and will take you on a short panoramic tour of the city in a taxi, stopping along the way at the most spectacular view points. This will be followed by a 3:30-hour walking tour of the historic centre. During this tour, you will be visiting the Cathedral, the Jewish quarter, the El Tránsito Synagogue and the San Juan de los Reyes Monastery.

After the guided tour, you will have some free time to have lunch (good recommendations will be provided), stroll the narrow streets of the oldtown, and visit some other interesting sites on your own (i.e. the San Bartolome Church to admire the famous Greco painting "El Entierro del Conde Ordaz", The Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca or the Mezquita de la Luz) before taking a taxi back to the train station

Late afternoon/Early evening

You will take the return train to Madrid (later trains available at 18:25h, 19:20h)

Free evening

Back in Madrid, you can enjoy the evening by further exploring the city at your leisure or by revisiting your favourite spots.

Toledo is an ancient city set on a hill above the plains of Castilla-La Mancha in central Spain. The capital of the region, it's known for the medieval Arab, Jewish and Christian monuments in its walled old city. It was also the former home of Mannerist painter El Greco. The Moorish Bisagra Gate and the Sol Gate, in Mudéjar style, open in to the old quarter, where the Plaza de Zoco dover is a lively meeting place.



DAY 5: Cordoba

Morning: Madrid to Cordoba, High speed train

Private transfer from your hotel in Madrid to the train station where you will take the high-speed train to Cordoba (Only 1:45hours!). Upon arrival in Cordoba, your private driver will take you to your hotel in the historic centre.

Late morning : Cordoba guided tour

Your art historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of approx. 3 hours to discover the main sites of this UNESCO listed city of Cordoba (the Mosque/Cathedral, the Jewish quarter, the Synagogue and the Royal Alcazar/Palace).

Córdoba is a city in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, and the capital of the province of Córdoba. It was an important Roman city and a major Islamic centre in the Middle Ages. It's best known for La Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 784A.D., featuring a columned prayer hall and older Byzantine mosaics. After it became a Catholic church in 1236, a Renaissance-style nave was added in the 17th century

Free afternoon

Free afternoon in Cordoba at your leisure. Make sure that you don't miss a visit to:

- **The Viana Palace** (a beautiful manor with stunning courtyards and gardens)
- **Julio Romero Museum** (a local painter's art collection)
- **The Roman Bridge** and The Calahorra Tower (Al Andalus museum)
- **The Roman Temple**
- **Plaza de la Corredera**
- **Plazade las Tendillas**

Free evening in Cordoba

Free evening to explore the city at your leisure. We will provide you with maps, tips, and recommendations for local bars & restaurants.



DAY 6: Montilla & Cordoba

Morning

Your private driver/tour guide will pick you up from your hotel and take you to Montilla (approx. 40min). First, you will visit a local family olive oil mill to learn about the extra virgin olive oil production and taste two of their delicious varieties along with freshly baked bread.

Afterwards, it's on to a local family winery located right in the heart of the vineyards of Montilla hills. You will learn the whole process of the unique "sherry" type wines from this area (one of the oldest in Spain) and will also taste the winery's 5 varieties. This will be followed by a traditional tapas lunch, home-made by the winery owners. After lunch, back to your hotel in Cordoba to have a leisure afternoon

Montilla is the centre of the Designation of Origin wine zone known as Montilla-Moriles. Its excellent moisture retention is very significant as this area is hotter than almost anywhere else in Spain. The main white grape variety of this area is the worldwide known Pedro Ximenez. With a delicate skin and high sugar content, the wines that are made from it, reach up to 14 and 16% alcohol, leaving behind plenty of residual sugar. They are then matured using the solera system and classified into the following styles: Joven (young and fruity), Fino (dry and nutty), Amontillado (gradually oxidized), Oloroso (richer and heavier) and Pedro Ximénez (sweet and thick, honouring the actual grape name)

Evening: equestrian show

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a marvellous equestrian exhibition in which purebred Spanish horses are the main protagonists. The Royal Stables are located next to the Royal Alcázar and just a 5 mins walk from your hotel. We suggest coming earlier to begin your experience with a visit to the royal stables. (Stables visiting hours will be provided) You will have allocated central seats for the best possible view.

After the show, you can have dinner (cost not included) at one of the local restaurants in the nearby and authentic "San Basilio" district (i.e. Posada del Caballo Andaluz, Taberna la Viuda or restaurante Puerta de Sevilla) or close to your hotel in the Jewish quarter.

One of the sights you can't miss when visiting the city of Córdoba is the Royal Stables, home to the Cordoba Equestrian Show. This emblematic and historical building was founded in 1570 by King Felipe II, a great horse lover with the dream of making a pure Spanish thoroughbred. The structure of the Royal Stables is quite grand, with vaulted ceilings and archways. Once the birthplace of the Andalusian Horse and now an unparalleled setting for this unique equestrian show. The performance is a chance to marvel at the beauty and magic of these animals in various disciplines as well as the extraordinary skills of the riders. You will enjoy an enchanting evening of music, lights, and dancing combined with majestic horse dressage.



DAY 7:

Ubeda & Baeza

Morning

Your private driver will pick you from your hotel and will drive you to Ubeda (approx. 1.40hours) where you will meet your art historian guide for a 2:30-hour walking tour in the old town including the main monuments of Renaissance and Baroque architecture together with the recently discovered Water Synagogue.

After a short break for lunch (cost not included) at one of the most traditional restaurants in Ubeda, where you can try a delicious local homemade cuisine, your guide will take you for a guided visit around Baeza (only 6km away)

Late afternoon

You will continue making your way to your hotel in Granada (approx. 1:30 hours) where you will have the evening free to relax and get acquainted with the city.

The Renaissance Monumental Ensembles of UBEDA and BAEZA were declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 2003. Located in the very heart of the province of Jaén, they are fine examples of all the grandeur of the Renaissance in Andalusia in the 16th and 17th centuries. Truly unique examples of the arrival of Renaissance trends in Spain, evidenced by their streets packed with churches, palaces, and stately houses. The clear Italian influences to their urban model as well as the works of Andrés de Vandelvira, one of the most prestigious architects of the time, can be witnessed throughout the region.

Úbeda, the queen

Green olive groves mark the edge of this historic town. Plaza de Vázquez de Molina Square is home to the Ubeda's most representative examples of Renaissance architecture.

*The El Salvador Chapel, Santa María de los Reales Alcázares Church and Las Cadenas Palace will take you back in time to the most grandiose days of Ubeda's history. An amazing architectural site, where you can admire beautiful **Plateresque** façades, altarpieces by the great artist Alonso Berruguete.*

Baeza, the lady

Baeza is a charming town with an incredible Renaissance heritage, whose most valuable treasures are gathered around the cathedral, a markedly Plateresque building. In its diamond-shaped points, flower ornamentation, braids, and pinnacles we see an artistic trend unique in all of Europe. The Plaza del Pópulo, formed by the Casa del Pópulo and the Fuente de los Leones fountain, should not be missed, nor the old abattoir. Many other palaces and ancestral homes will guide you through this town, the birthplace of nobles and aristocrats.



DAY 8: Granada

Morning

Alhambra guided tour Guided tour of approx. 3 hours to discover the magnificent Moorish architecture of the Alhambra Palace and the beautiful Generalife gardens. This tour includes the tickets and 'skip the line' access to the different areas of the Alhambra so there is no need to queue.

Lunch As you will be finishing your Alhambra guided tour at about lunch time (13-14h), we recommend to have lunch at the Parador to enjoy the beautiful terrace over looking the Generalife gardens or go down town for a tapas experience around Plaza Nueva (good recommendations are provided in a separate attached file about Granada)

The Alhambra is Granada's – and Europe's – love letter to Moorish culture, a place where fountains trickle, leaves rustle, and ancient spirits seem to mysteriously linger. Part palace, part fort, part World Heritage site, part less on in medieval architecture, the Alhambra has long enchanted a never-ending line of expectant visitors.

Free afternoon & evening in Granada

Afternoon & evening to explore Granada at your own leisure

DAY 9: Caminito del Rey

Morning

Your private driver will pick you up from your hotel lobby to take you to the main entrance of the Caminito Path (approx. 1:45 hours) You will do the walk on your own and your driver will meet you at the end of the path, El Chorro railway station where you could enjoy a delicious lunch at a restaurant with stunning views over the Guadalhorce lakes and cliffs. (cost of lunch not included)

After lunch, you will be driven to your hotel in Ronda (approx. 1:35 hours) where you will have the evening free to enjoy at your leisure.

Walk description:

This is a linear path, not a circular one. The route is 7.7km long, it is divided into 4.8km of access ways and 2.9 km of boardwalks and should take around 2 to 3 hours to complete. The 2.9 kilometres of boardwalks (by far, the most famous part of the trail) is made up of 1.5km of long boardwalks, and 1.4 km of paths or forest walkways.

El caminito del Rey is an impressive walkway, pinned along the steep walls of a narrow gorge in El Chorro. Located in the centre of the province, between the towns of Álora, Antequera and Ardales, it is considered to be one of the most beautiful natural spots in the Malaga Mountains. Between its steep and considerably high walls, the River Guadalhorce flows after having passed through the reservoirs El Chorro (The Spurt), Guadalhorce, Guadalteba and Gaitanejo. The Gaitanes Gorge is a canyon, carved by the river Guadalhorce in the territory of Álora, which at some points is only 10 meters wide and 700 meters deep. For over a decade, the walkway had fallen in to disrepair and was partially closed. After four years of extensive repairs and renovations, the walkway re-opened in 2015



DAY 10:

Ronda

Morning

Your guide will take you for an introductory walking tour of approx. 2.5 hours including the old town, the cliffs, the New bridge and the bullring.

Ronda is a mountaintop city that sits in the heart of the Serrania de Ronda. Set dramatically above a Deep gorge and surrounded by lush river valleys, it is a place that is absolutely breath taking. The gorge, El Tajo, separates the city's 15th-century new town from its Moorish old town. Puente Nuevo, a Stone bridge spanning the gorge, has a look out offering stunning views and the new town's Plaza de Toros, a legendary 18th-century bullring, is one of the city's most recognizable landmarks.

Free afternoon

Afternoon & evening to explore Ronda at your leisure



DAY 11:

Ronda

Morning

Your private driver/guide will pick you up from your hotel and will take you to the White village of Setenil de las Bodegas (30 minutes). After visiting this picturesque town, you will be taken on a scenic drive through the spectacular Grazalema natural park with sightseeing stops at the charming towns of Grazalema and Zahara de la Sierra. We highly recommend having lunch at a very nice restaurant overlooking the Zahara lake (cost not included).

After lunch, you can stroll the narrow Streets of the Moorish old town of Zahara before heading to Sevilla (approx. 1:30 hours) where you will have the evening free to get acquainted with this beautifully charming city.

Setenil de las Bodegas: Named after its once flourishing wineries "bodegas", it is probably unique among the pueblos blancos or white villages of Andalucia. Its blinding white houses seem to emerge from the rocks, some even have rock roofs and olive groves on their roofs.

Grazalema is the most popular base for hikes in to the Parque Natural Sierra de Grazalema. It's also an age-old producer of blankets, honey, cheese, meat-filled stews and an adrenaline-filled bull-running festival, it has its own special charm.

Zahara de la Sierra, is quite simply a place that takes your breath away. It is, without a doubt, one of the most picturesque of all the Pueblos Blancos (white villages) in the Sierra de Grazalema, if not in the whole of Andalucia. The town enjoys an extraordinary setting, sitting at the foot of the Sierra del Jaral. Standing guard above the village are the remains of a Moorish castle that command views over the surrounding countryside and the white-washed village beneath.



DAY 12: Sevilla

Morning

Your historian guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of approx. 3h to discover the main historic sites of Sevilla (including the Cathedral, the Royal Alcazar/Palace and the Santa Cruz Jewish quarter). This is the perfect way to explore Seville's historical centre with a knowledgeable private guide. In just a half day you'll be able to visit the most important monuments of the city and learn about the part they played in the history of Seville. This tour includes 'skip the line' access to the Cathedral so there is no need to queue, all entrance fees are also included

Seville is the capital and largest city of the autonomous community of Andalusia. It is situated down the plain of the River Guadalquivir. The metropolitan population of about 1.5 million makes it the fourth- largest city in Spain. Its Old Town, the third largest in Europe with an area of 4km², contains three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Alcázar palace complex, the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies. The Seville harbor, located about 80 kilometres (50miles) from the Atlantic Ocean, is the only river port in Spain

Free afternoon & evening

Afternoon & evening in Sevilla at your own leisure.

Our recommended places to visit and things to do are:

- **Jardines de Murillo**
- **Plaza de España** (representation of the Ibero American Exhibition from 1929)
- **Maria Luisa Park**
- **Hotel Alfonso XIII** is an excellent example of the Neo Mudejar style. Built in 1928 for the Ibero American exhibition, it belongs to the Sevilla city council & is listed as a protected monument. This means that it is not necessary to be a guest to enter so take a look around and enjoy a drink in its courtyard or bars!
- **Plaza del Salvador** (Iglesia del Salvador)
- **Plaza de San Francisco**
- **Plaza Nueva**
- **Casa Pilatos** (a magnificent example of Italian Renaissance and Andalusian Mudejar style)
- **Hospital de los Venerables** (historic building with an important art collection from Murillo and Zurbarán)



DAY 13: Sevilla

Morning: free day

Full day in Sevilla at your own leisure. Here are a few more of our recommended places to visit and things to do:

- **Triana district:** Triana Market, Calle Betis, Triana Bridge, Triana ceramic workshops
- **La Maestranza** bullring and Museum
- **Horse carriage tour** (45 min for 40 €).
- **"Aire"**, Arabian baths (hammam/spa)
- **River cruise** along the Guadalquivir river (aprx 1h)
- **Shopping** in Calle Sierpes, La Campana or Plaza del Duque

Evening: Sevillas tapas & flamenco tour

This evening, you'll discover (and taste!) why Seville is the true home of tapas, and experience the mysteries, the emotion and the power of true flamenco!

The evening begins as you dive in to two of our favourite family-run taverns where your expert guide will serve up local delicacies and drinks and give you a crash course in eating tapas in Seville (an art form in its own right!). Then, over plates of delicious acorn-fed Iberian ham and local wines your guide will lead you through a fascinating explanation of the roots and mysteries of flamenco. From its unclear origins to its current world wide fame. And you'll learn how Seville fits in to this remarkable story. Then, we head for the show! Tucked in the city's gorgeous Santa Cruz neighbourhood, in a fabulous 15th-century building, you'll experience the power, passion and sheer drama of real flamenco.

After the performance, we'll sit down for dinner, a final stop of the evening a hidden family-run tapas bar that serves up incredible freshly cooked tapas, local wines and of course dessert. It's the perfect end to a magical evening in Seville!

Dietary restrictions

We love providing delicious options for those with dietary needs. If you have a dietary requirement or food allergy, please note it when booking. Due to the risk of gluten cross-contamination, this tour is not adaptable for those with celiac disease. We do not recommend this tour for vegans



DAY 14: Barcelona

Morning: fly to Barcelona

Private transfer to the Sevilla airport to take an internal flight to Barcelona (approx. 1:30 h flight time). Upon arrival at Barcelona's airport, private transfer to your hotel in the city centre.

Afternoon: Barcelona guided tour "Gaudi's highlights"

Barcelona is known as the capital of Modernism and the place where the famous architect Antoni Gaudí, worked and lived. Gaudí, one of the greatest innovators of his time, has left behind numerous treasures in Barcelona for the discerning traveller to discover. Today, we invite you to enter Gaudí's world of fantasy and geometry by visiting some of his masterpieces

Your art historian expert guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for an introductory walking tour of 3.5h to discover the most exceptional works of Gaudí. This artistic tour of Barcelona starts with a guided visit of the exterior and the interior of the Sagrada Família church, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece which is Barcelona's most famous landmark. Next, you will discover Gaudí's unusual Park Güell which has been declared UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 1900, Gaudí was given the assignment of designing Park Güell. Mr. Güell understood better than any of his contemporaries the meaning of Gaudí's architecture. The relationship between the two men was not simply that of an artist and his patron, but a real story of friendship. For many years the Güell family lived in the large family house (now a school) that stood on the land where the development was located, while Gaudí lived in one of the two houses that were built there. In the businessman's own lifetime, the park was already considered to be one of Barcelona's great tourist attractions, and the large square was often let for staging Catalanist events, traditional Catalan Sardana dancing and other civic and social events. This exceptional work, like no other, unites nature and architecture. The tour will end at Passeig de Gràcia where you will get an introductory explanation about the façades of Gaudí's famous houses, Casa Batlló and Casa Milà "La Pedrera". You will also admire some other interesting modernist apartment buildings on the same promenade. If you would like to do a self-guided visit of any of the Gaudí houses, we can book you "fast track" tickets to avoid long waiting lines.

Barcelona is the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region. Located at the Mediterranean sea in the very north of the Spanish coast, is certainly the most cosmopolitan and economically active city in the country. It has always proved its will to be modern, to follow the latest international trends or be ahead of them, especially in its architecture, which so well reflects the general approach to life in this always pulsating city. Barcelona has a very old history too and there are monuments of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance periods but what most defines its character is all that has been built during the last 100 years. Barcelona has been a centre of Modernist architecture and is especially distinguished by the works of the genius Antoni Gaudí, who together with his great contemporaries gave new and exciting looks to it, but has remained since then at the top of modernity



DAY 15: Barcelona

Free day

Free day to further explore Barcelona at your own leisure. Here are some sites of interest that we recommend to visit:

- **Casa Batlló** and **Casa Milla** at Passeig de Gracia
- **Las Ramblas**
- **La Barceloneta beach**
- **El Born district:** Picasso Museum, Palau de la Musica (UNESCO Heritage site), Santa Maria del Mar church
- **Montjuic & Plaza de España:** MNAC (National Catalunyan Art Museum), Olympic ring, Montjuic castle, Fundacion Miró and Poble Espanyol
- **Hospital San Pau** (Unesco Heritage site, designed by the modernist architect Lluís Domènech Montaner)



DAY 16: Figueres & Cadaques

Morning

Your driver and guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel for a 1:30-hour drive to Figueres to visit the Dali Museum. After the museum visit, it's off to the lovely fishing town of Cadaqués (approx. 1:20 hours) where your guide will do an orientation walk and you will have some free time to have some lunch (cost is not included but a very nice family-owned restaurant will be recommended and if you are interested we can make reservation for you). After lunch your driver and guide will take you to Port Lligat to visit Salvador Dali's summer home.

Late afternoon

You will be taken back to your hotel in Barcelona (approx. 2 hours) where you will have the evening free to enjoy at your leisure.

The beautiful fishing village of Cadaqués is located in a natural harbour in the Cap de Creus peninsula and is also well known as an artist's destination, especially since Salvador Dali moved to Port Lligat in 1916, a very small village on a bay next to Cadaqués.

Figueres is the birthplace of Salvador Dali and houses the Teatre-Museu Gala Salvador Dali, a large museum designed by Dali himself. Inaugurated in 1974, the Dali Museum rises on the remains of the former Municipal Theatre of Figueres and is considered to be the last great work of Salvador Dali.



DAY 17: Montserrat

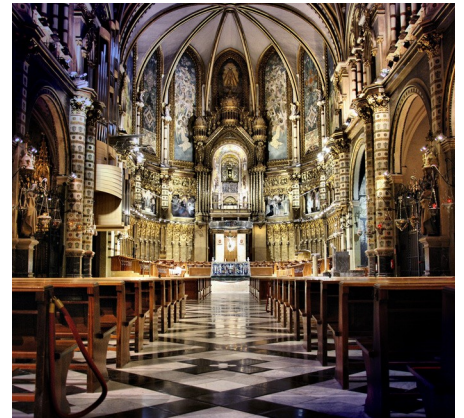
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Your private driver and guide will collect you from your hotel and will take on a spectacular scenic drive up to the incomparable setting of the mountain of Montserrat where you will have a 1.5hrs guided visit of the Royal Basilica. This is an ancient monastery and a holy shrine that is not to be missed during your visit to the Catalonia region. After the guided visit to the "Basilica", you will have some free time to wander around, take in the views, do a short hike or have some snack or drinks.

Early afternoon

You will make your way back to your hotel in Barcelona where you will have the rest of the afternoon & evening free to enjoy at your leisure.

The Mountain Montserrat rises majestically to 4,051 feet (1,236 meters), its name literally means "saw (serrated, like the common handsaw) mountain" in Catalan. It describes its peculiar aspect with a multitude of rock formations which are visible from a great distance. It is well known as the site of the Benedictine abbey, Santa Maria de Montserrat, which houses the famous 12th century Romanesque carving of Virgen Moreneta, the Black Madonna. The Royal Basilica has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Spain for hundreds of years. This is an ancient monastery and a holy shrine to not be missed during your visit to the Catalonia region



DAY 18: End of the trip

End of your trip

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end... We hope you enjoy your stay with us here in Spain. Hasta pronto!



PRICE & INCLUSIONS

The Best of Spain



ACCOMMODATION

At Just Explore we understand one of the biggest worries when booking a holiday is the standard for your hotel. That's why we only use pre-viewed character hotels with great locations to help you relax and enjoy your stay with us.

Your accommodation will be made up of:
4 Star hotels with double rooms sharing
Breakfasts included - All centrally located
Air conditioning - En-suite rooms

Guided Visits & Tours (all entrance fees included)

Madrid - City tour
Segovia & El Escorial - Day trip
Toledo - Train day trip
Cordoba - City tour
Montilla Olive Oil + Wine Day trip
Baeza & Ubeda - Day trip
Granada - Alhambra guided visit
Ronda - City tour
White Villages - Day trip
Seville - City tour
Barcelona - City tour
Montserrat - Half Day trip
Figueres & Cadaques - Day trip

TRANSPORT (all included)

Luxury AC vehicle

All private transfers from airport/railway station to hotels and vice versa.

All private transfers from town to town mentioned in above Itinerary.

All trains and flights mentioned in the above itinerary.

MEALS & SHOWS (all included)

-Equestrian show (Cordoba)

-Tapas & flamenco tour (Sevilla)

Assistance During Your Trip

Full support & assistance on hand 24hrs/day

As with all our clients we will provide you with maps, a list of recommended places to visit, bars & restaurants etc. to help you enjoy the authentic Spain whilst you're exploring at your leisure.

Medical Insurance

We recommend that all travelers take out their own private medical insurance whilst traveling to avoid any unforeseen medical expenses...

Please Note:

The above itinerary may change at any time due to circumstances beyond our control. We will duly advise of any such changes as soon as possible.

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