

# Touring Portugal and Spain

Tailor - made tour by



## Description

This tailor - made tour will take you to Portugal and Spain, specifically to Porto, Lisbon, Comunidad Valenciana and Cataluña. You will visit some of the most important cities in both countries where to enjoy with delicious and traditional local food and thousand of activities can be made.

Hosted in 4\* hotels you will get to know the most important cities in Portugal, Porto and Lisbon and Spain, including Valencia and Barcelona. You will find how despite of being so close they are completely different in people, places, food and traditions.

The whole tour has been organized to let you reach each place by public transport so you don't have to worry about driving.

Everything has been prepared to match all your requirements. However, if you are missing something or you would like to add or quit anything please let me know as this is not a closed pack. We are specialist in Tailor-made tours so fell free to ask for anything you would love to have.

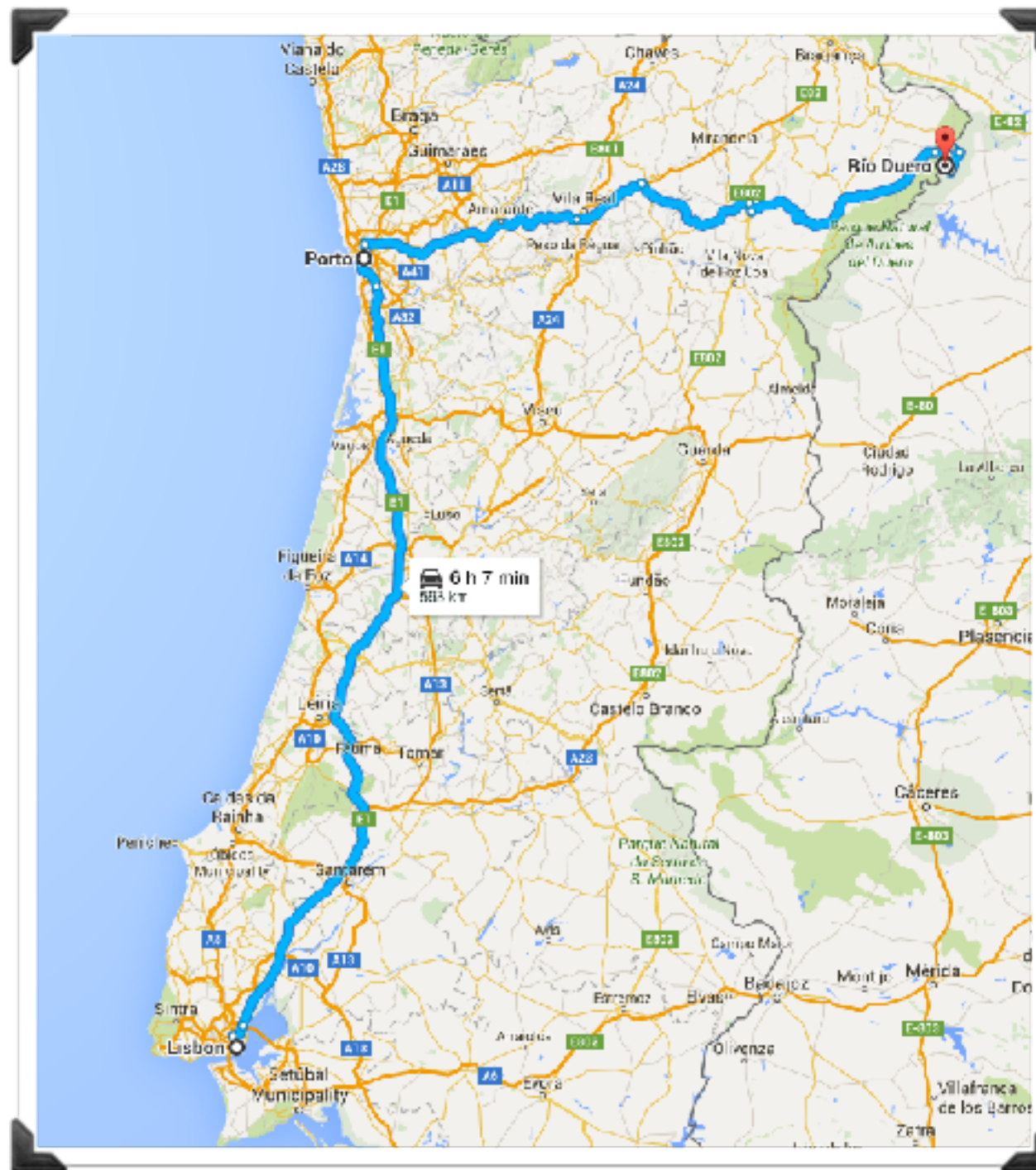
PORTUGAL

## Description

**Lisbon**, Lisbon, Portugal's hilly capital, is a coastal city known for its cafe culture and soulful Fado music. From imposing São Jorge Castle, the view encompasses the old city's pastel-colored buildings, Tagus Estuary and the Ponte 25 de Abril suspension bridge. Nearby, the National Azulejo Museum displays 5 centuries of decorative ceramic tiles. And just outside Lisbon is a string of Atlantic beaches, from Cascais to Estoril.

**Porto**, Porto is a coastal city in northwest Portugal known for its stately bridges and Port wine production. In the medieval Ribeira (riverside) district, narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafes. São Francisco church is known for its lavish baroque interior with ornate gilded carvings. The palatial 19th-century Palácio de Bolsa, formerly a stock market, was built to impress potential European investors.

## Route Map



## Journey Plan (aug 30th & 31st)

**Days 1&2:** Arrive in Porto. I'll arrange a private transfer to take you to your accommodation and a couple of tours in town. Please read ahead.

### PORTO

**Porto**, is the second-largest city in Portugal, after Lisbon, and one of the major urban areas in Southwestern Europe.

Located along the Douro river estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centres, and its historical core was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996. The western part of its urban area extends to the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean.

Its settlement dates back many centuries, when it was an outpost of the Roman Empire. Its combined Celtic-Latin name, Portus Cale, has been referred to as the origin of the name "Portugal", based on transliteration and oral evolution from Latin. In Portuguese, the name of the city is spelled with a definite article ("o Porto"; English: *the port*).

One of Portugal's internationally famous exports, port wine, is named for Porto, since the metropolitan area, and in particular the *caves* of Vila Nova de Gaia, were responsible for the packaging, transport and export of the fortified wine. In 2014, Porto was elected *The Best European Destination* by the Best European Destinations Agency.

## Journey Plan (aug 31st)

### PROPOSED TOURS

#### TRIP'EIRA CITY TOUR

##### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

This trip will introduce you to Porto, the culture, the people, the city and the surroundings. More than show you the city, we want you to experience it.

We pick you up and begin what will be an unforgettable ride.

This tour is designed to take you on a journey in and around the city, learning all the historical background of Porto, while at the same time falling in love with it, trying some of the best food that you have to taste in the city.

While it may be fun to be in the city center for a while, it's much more fun to be able to get out of the over-crowded areas and dive in in the real Porto.

In this tour we give you an in-depth view of this rapid changing city while seeing the best views around and exploring the most exciting areas.

Not only we will make you fall in love in the city - in the end you will never want to leave again, especially because of the wine .

##### THIS TRIP INCLUDES

Bifana (the one Anthony Bourdain loved) :´ ( one drink, one local savoury pastry and a local treat, and of course Port wine

##### SITES VISITED

Porto streets, D.Luiz Bridge, Sé, Casa da Música, Palácio Cristal, Serralves, historical center, viewpoints and the best places that only locals know.

##### THIS TOUR STARTS AT

9h

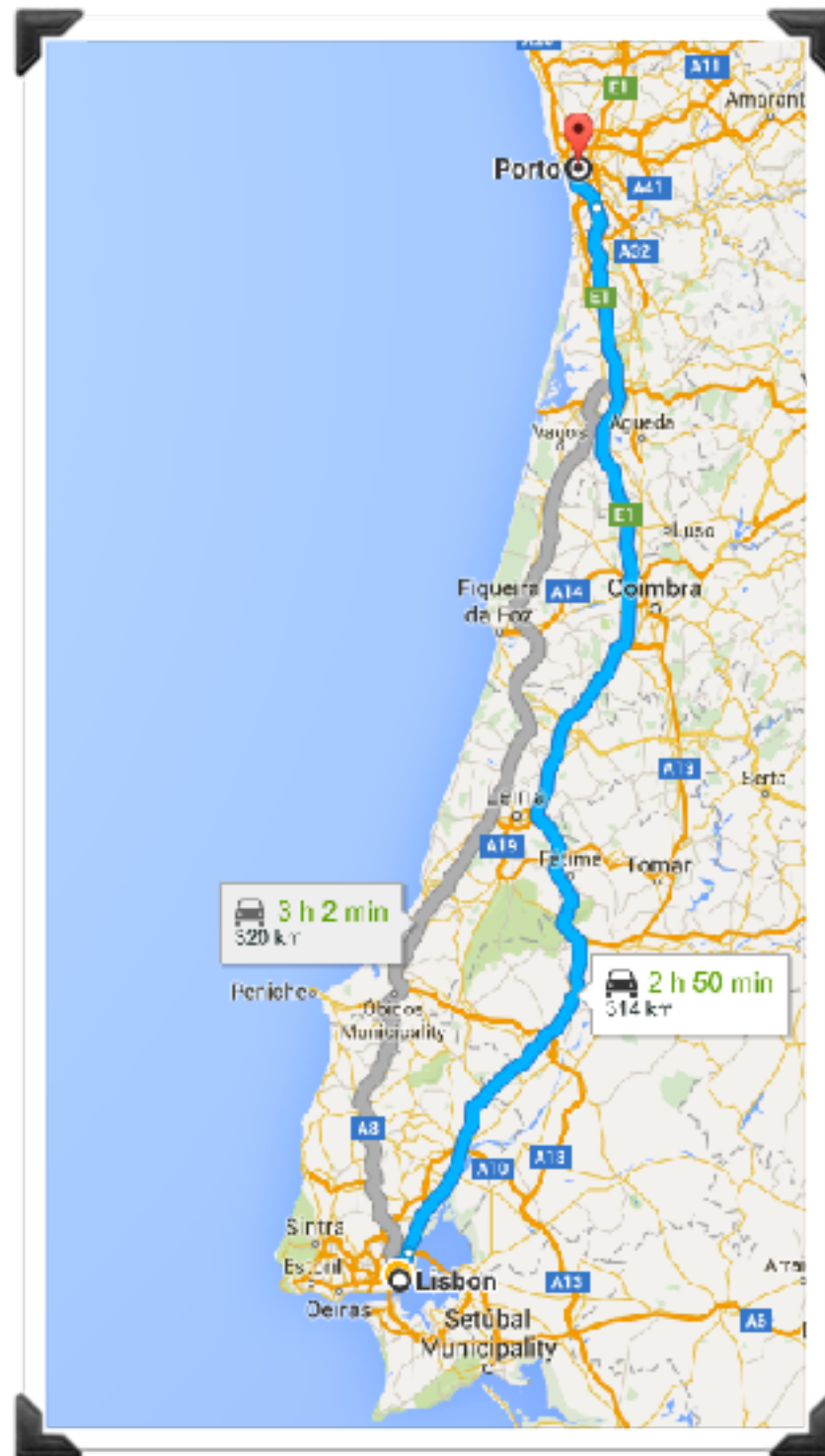
##### DURATION

5-6 Hours



## Route Map

## Porto - Lisbon



3h. 30 min.



## Journey Plan (sept 1st & 2nd)

Days 3&4: Get a train to Lisbon. The capital of Portugal, a great city to walk through. I'll arrange a city tour so you can get a bit of it and then discover it at your own pace.

### LISBON

Lisbon is recognized as a global city because of its importance in finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, education and tourism. It is one of the major economic centres on the continent, with a growing financial sector and one of the largest container ports on Europe's Atlantic coast.

The city is the 7th-most-visited city in Southern Europe, after Istanbul, Rome, Barcelona, Madrid, Athens and Milan, with 1,740,000 tourists in 2009.

Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in the world, and the oldest in Western Europe, predating other modern European capitals such as London, Paris and Rome by centuries. Julius Caesar made it a municipium called *Felicitas Julia*, adding to the name *Olissipo*. Ruled by a series of Germanic tribes from the 5th century, it was captured by the Moors in the 8th century. In 1147, the Crusaders under Afonso Henriques reconquered the city and since then it has been a major political, economic and cultural centre of Portugal. Unlike most capital cities, Lisbon's status as the capital of Portugal has never been granted or confirmed officially – by statute or in written form. Its position as the capital has formed through constitutional convention, making its position as *de facto* capital a part of the Constitution of Portugal.

Journey Plan (sept 2nd)

## PROPOSED TOURS

### LISBON CITY INTRODUCTION

#### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CITY WE LOVE

We will show you our city like if it was our house. Just meet us in our meeting point and we'll pick you up in portuguese style and take you for an unforgettable ride. This tour is designed to take you and other travellers on a journey in and around the city, learning all the historical background of Lisbon and Portugal while at the same time falling in love with it, trying some of the best food that you have to taste in the city.

More than showing you the city we will make you understand it

While it may be fun to be in the city center for a while, it's much more fun to be able to get out of the over-crowded areas and dive in the real Lisbon.

Travelling in our amazing city is much more than taking a picture to the 28 tram; you have to understand it's people and eat the food and drink the wine, or it's like you've never been here. In this tour we give you an in-depth view of this growing capital while seeing the best views around and exploring the most exciting areas, street art, food and knowing its people.

#### THIS TRIP INCLUDES

The famous Bifana (that Anthony Bourdain loved) :´ ( one drink (wine, beer or juice), local savoury pastries and a local treat.

#### SITES VISITED

Lisbon streets, Parque das Nações, 25th April bridge, Cristo-rei, historical center, viewpoints and the best places that only locals know.

#### THIS TOUR STARTS AT

9h

#### DURATION

5-6 Hours

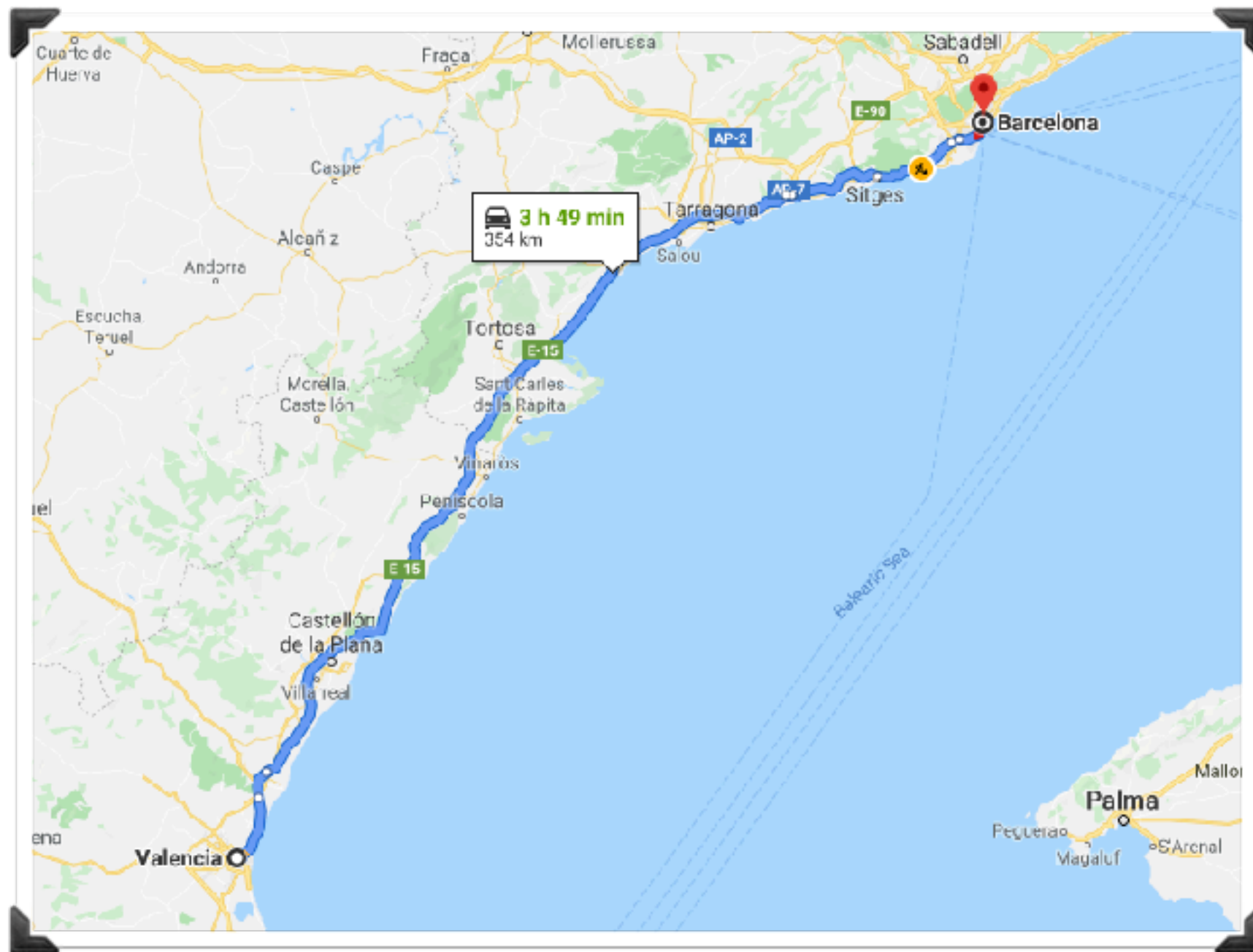
SPAIN

## Description

**Valencia**, a city of contrast between the old town and history and the great modernism of its new buildings, some of them designed by prestigious architects as Calatrava.

**Barcelona**, the capital of Catalonia, is a Mediterranean and cosmopolitan city with Roman remains, medieval quarters and the most beautiful examples of 20th century Modernism and avant-garde..

## Route Map



## Journey Plan (sept 3rd - 5th)

**Days 5-7:** Fly to Valencia. This city is increasing its popularity every year and the City of Arts and Science is a must - visit. I'll arrange some tours you can read ahead in this presentation.

### VALENCIA

There are few cities like **Valencia**, able to harmoniously combine the remnants of its farthest past, dating to the year 138 BC, with the most innovative and **avant-garde** buildings from the new millennium.

Valencia is trade and culture, cinema, theatre, museums, magic, business. It is the centre of international and avant-garde design, and one of the most active cities in Europe regarding fairs and conferences.

Thanks to its location, Valencia has historically been Spain's Mediterranean port and has that special charm of cities that are also seaports. And the fine sand and clean water, the vastness of the sea and the closeness of the coastal mountains make the **Valencian coast** uniquely attractive.

You shouldn't miss its cathedral, the city of aArts and Sciences complex, the Regional Government Palace or any of its museums and beaches.

You cannot miss either the most traditional food in this town, the Paella. I will recommend you where to go but you should choose between the Pepica and Duna restaurants.



## Journey Plan (sept 3rd - 5th)

### VALENCIA





## Journey Plan (sept 3rd - 5th)

### TOURS AND OTHERS:

#### City tour (sept 3rd):

I will arrange a private guided walking tour through the city for 2,5 hours. I think it can be interesting. Includes a small sampling of food and a drink at the end of the tour. Note this one can be also arranged by bike or Segway.

#### Albufera (sept 4th):

Pick up at your hotel in a private mini bus to take you to the Natural Park of the “Albufera”, the largest lake of Spain where the best rice and eel of Spain grows. You’ll go in a boat and will see the rice fields surrounding the “Barracas” (typical houses of Valencia). Then you will enjoy a traditional spanish Paella (the most popular of Spain) and visit el Palmar after lunch. You’ll be taken back to your hotel at the end of the tour. Duration: 4,5 hours.

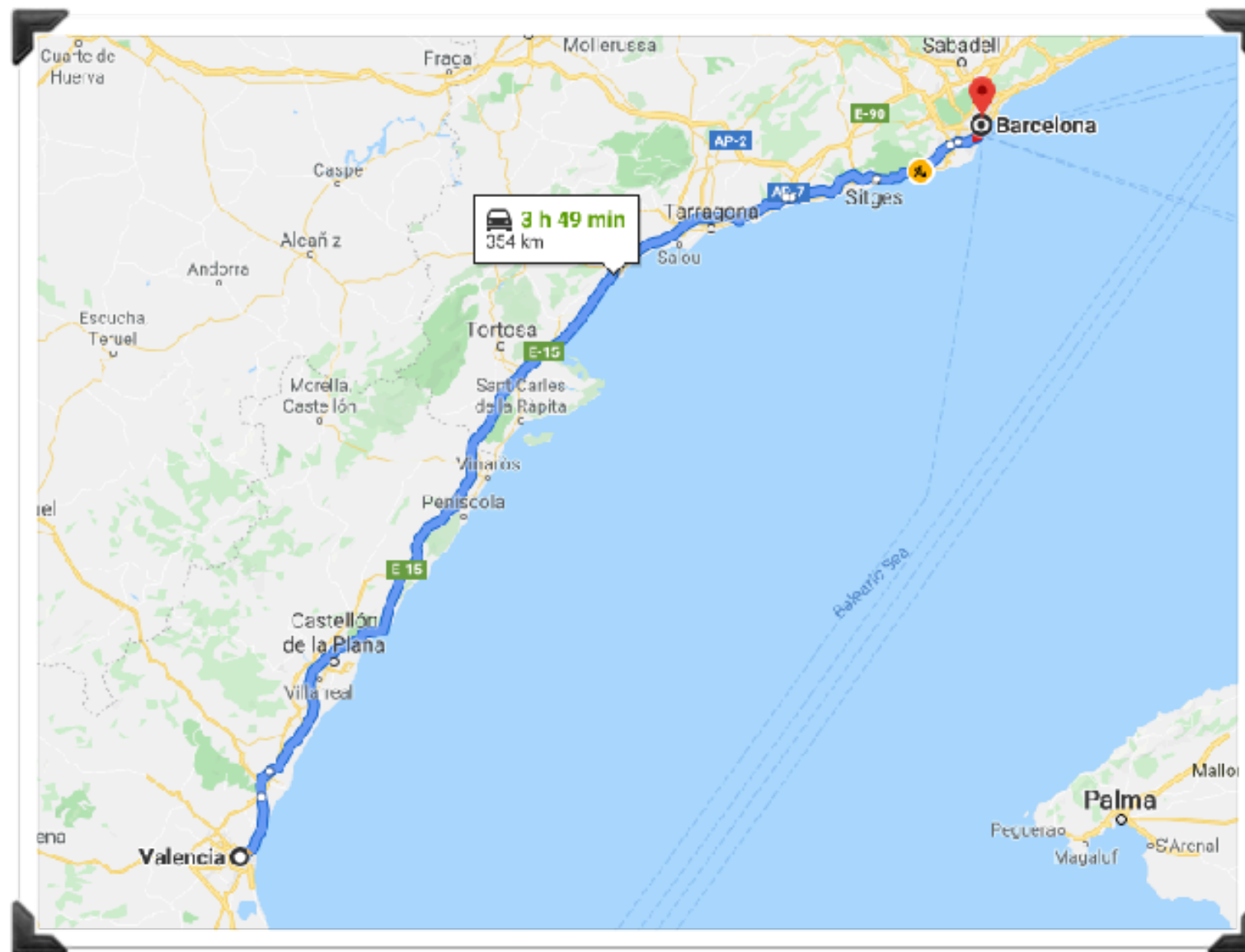
#### City of Arts and Science (sept 5th):

Probably the most popular attraction in Valencia. I can get tickets for the Oceanographic, the Hemispheric and the Museum if you desire so. Or you can do it yourself if you are interested.



## Route Map

## Valencia - Barcelona



2h. 40 min

## Journey Plan (sept 6th - 8th)

**Days 8-10:** Get a train to Barcelona. Walk through the town and visit it at your own pace (remember you will receive a complete and comprehensive guide book with places to see, where to eat, what to do..., when booking with us). I will arrange some tours for you in town.

### BARCELONA

It is no surprise that emblematic constructions by the Catalan architects Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner have been declared **World Heritage Sites** by the UNESCO.

The city's origins are Roman, and its long history and economic dynamism have made Barcelona a cultural city, which can be seen in the **historic-artistic heritage** and the promotion of the most innovative artistic trends. A wide cultural programme will take visitors to museums, exhibitions, open-air sculptures... and many concerts, plays and dances.

Popular culture also has its manifestations in this city, which still conserves its most cherished traditions, like the fiestas of **La Mercè** or the festivities in the neighbourhoods of Gràcia, Sants and Poblenou. These are all exceptional opportunities for getting to know the city's more festive side.

Tradition and modernity can also be seen in its innovative and imaginative gastronomy, based on fresh garden produce, fresh fish, a wide variety of sausages and olive oil. Traditional handmade cakes and pastries and sparkling wines are some of the other highlights in this brief overview of Barcelona's **gastronomic culture**.

Strolling around the streets of Barcelona will bring surprises at every turn. Pedestrian streets in the old quarter, green spaces, and a splendid **seafront** with a range of modern facilities are a reflection of its multi-faceted character.



## Journey Plan (sept 6th - 8th)

### BARCELONA





## Journey Plan (sept 6th)

### BARCELONA

**Half day small premium group guided tour (GAUDI TOUR ON A LUXURY OPEN TOP MINIBUS WITH ACCESS TO SAGRADA FAMILIA AND PARK GUELL):**

Experience the artistic masterpieces of Gaudi on board of a luxury open top minibus on this premium small group tour – this is the complete Gaudi experience. You will begin by visiting the world-renowned and still unfinished Sagrada Familia Basilica, exploring the inside with your skip the line tickets and official guide. Take your time admiring the stunning interior and exterior of this remarkable building, a must do highlight of any trip to Barcelona. You will then continue on to Park Güell – the unmissable park to the north-west of the city, full of Gaudi's unique and eccentric designs. Next, voyage down central Barcelona's stunning Paseo de Gracia boulevard, you will stop to admire the intricate façades of La Pedrera and the Casa Batlló. And on the way passing by "Casa Vicens" the first masterpiece of Antoni Gaudí and sowed the seeds of later works. Built between 1883 and 1885 as a summer house for the Vicens family, here he showcased his unparalleled talent. Declared Unesco world Heritage in 2005. Throughout the tour, we will visit a complete sample of Gaudi's works – unique, artistic and valuable buildings that have received recognition as UNESCO world heritage sites. Your guide will not only explain the buildings history, but also tell stories that put the incredible artistic mind of Antoni Gaudí in context.

#### **Highlights:**

- Enjoy fast-track access to the Sagrada Familia and Park Güell.
- Admire La Casa Batlló, La Pedrera & Casa Batlló.
- Learn the fascinating history of the incredible Gaudi with an expert official guide.
- Be amazed with Sagrada Familia and Park Guell



## Journey Plan (sept 7th)

### TAPAS TOUR

#### **2 hours private tour:**

With a local guide you'll be taken to taste some fine wines (5 selected wines of the country) and some tapas.

#### **Please note this tour could also be:**

1.- 3 hours: 8 tapas + 2 drinks + taste of 3 selected spanish products.

Extra cost 20 euros/pp

2.- 3 hours + 1 hour of Flamenco (not private): 8 tapas + 2 drinks + taste of 3 selected spanish products + flamenco show.

Extra cost 55 euros/pp

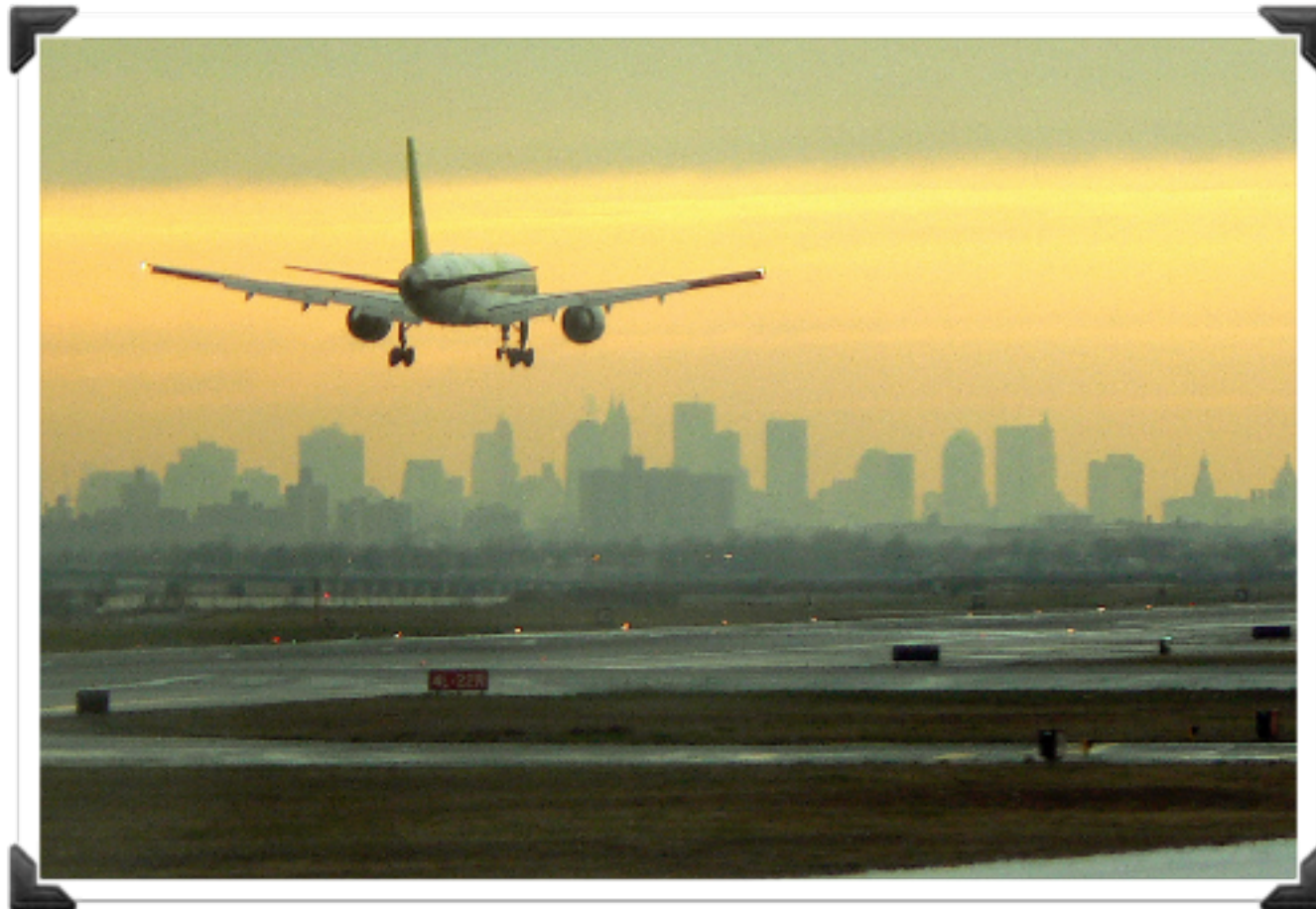
3.- 2,5 - 3 hours (chocolate tour): 5 stops and 10 tastings of chocolates, sweets and drinks.





## Journey Plan (sept 9th)

Day II: Private transfer to the airport and end of trip.





Next steps to be done

Please **check the whole** route and tell me if you are missing something you would love to have, do or visit and I will include it or quit it.

Please think about the possibility of **renting a car** in the Basque Country for at least 1 day. It would let you visit some very small fishermen's villages around and San Juan de Gaztelugatxe, a must - see undoubtedly.

If you want to enjoy any **special local food** as please tell me where and I will book the best restaurant for you.

**Check the number of days** in each place. Although I have planned this so you can spend time enough in each place to figure out how the town is, you maybe want to extend some days at some location. Please let me know and I will include it.

Our service include a **complete guide book** with your entire route, maps, places to visit, things to do, where to eat and drink, what to eat and drink, etc... so you can enjoy the north of Spain as if you were a spanish traveling around.

## What's included

- Private transfer Porto airport - accommodation
- **4\* hotel-apartment in Porto. Breakfast included. 2 nights.** (Studio deluxe - located by the water)
  - Small premium group tour: City of Porto
- Train tickets Porto - Lisbon
- **4\* hotel in Lisbon. Breakfast included. 2 nights.** (Jr Suite room, located beside the Santa Justa elevator).
  - Small premium group tour: City of Lisbon
- Private transfer accommodation - Lisbon airport
- Flight Lisbon - Valencia
- Private transfer Lisbon airport - accommodation
- **4\* boutique hotel in Valencia. Breakfast included. 3 nights.** (Family room, located 500m to the city center,).
  - Private city tour
  - Tour to La Albufera and lunch of traditional paella
  - Tickets for the City of Arts & Science

## What's included

- Train tickets Valencia - Barcelona
- 4\* hotel in Barcelona. Breakfast included. 3 nights. (Family room - beside Plaza Cataluña square)
  - Small premium group tour: Gaudi + skip the line tickets Park Güell + Sagrada Familia
  - Small premium group tour: Taspis tour and Boqueria market
- Private transfer accommodation - Barcelona airport
- Complete and comprehensive guide with your route, maps, what to see, etc.. so you miss nothing.
- 24/7 emergency contact number.
- Good-bye pack

**BUDGET 1 (bank transfer)**

**2220 euros/pp\* = 2464,20 dollars/pp\* (4 people)**

**BUDGET 2 (credit card secure payment)**

**2220 euros/pp\* = 2464,20 dollars/pp\* (4 people)**

**BUDGET 3 (paypal secure payment)**

**2328,78 euros/pp\* = 2584,95 dollars/pp\* (4 people)**

\* pp = per person

\* exchange rate 01/10/20 —> 1 eur = 1,11 US dollars

\* These prices may vary after one week (01/17/20). Valid except typo. Flight tickets cost to be confirmed when booking

## Awards

Luxury Travel Guide - Service Excellence of the Year (2016) winner



Luxury Travel Guide - Bespoke Tour Operator of the Year (2017) winner

Luxury Travel Guide - Exclusive Tour Operator of the Year (2018) winner



Travel & Hospitality Awards - Tour Company of the Year (2018) winner

## Awards

LUX Magazine - Global Excellence Awards (2017) - Best for Premium Customized Tours winner



LUX Life Magazine - Spain's Leading Destination Specialists of the Year (2018) winner

Luxury Travel Guide - Exclusive Tour Operator of the Year (2019) winner



Luxury Travel Guide - Cultural Tour Company of the Year (2020) in Spain winner

Thank you

All our tours are made to suit all your needs and requirements. This one has been organized on a 4 people basis in family rooms sharing.

This trip has been planned starting in Porto and ending in Barcelona.

If you want to read some of our client's comments about us and our services please click [here!](#)

We are specialists in TAILOR-MADE tours so I will modify this presentation for you as many times as you need until you get exactly what you want.



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