

SPAIN HINT

06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS

(3N BARCELONA; 3N MADRID)

ITINERARY:

DAY 1: BARCELONA

Arrival in Barcelona and transfer to your hotel. Day at leisure to rest or take a look around Barcelona. Overnight in Barcelona

DAY 2: BARCELONA

This tour will take you to the best of Gaudí, at different points of the city, in a comfortable coach and avoiding entrance queues.

Antoni Gaudí, visionary architect during Barcelona's modernista (art nouveau) period early last century, graced Barcelona with nearly all his extraordinary and beautiful buildings. No less than 7 have been listed as World Heritage by UNESCO.

We will explain what makes them extraordinary: the detail, the symbols, the structural secrets, the technical innovation, and give you a guided tour of Park Güell and the Sagrada Família.

Gaudí's master work, the Sagrada Família, is the last on the tour so you can stay and explore it as long as you like, return in the coach to the city centre, or continue on "The Montjuic & Panoramic Tour".

Itinerary: Passeig de Gràcia-Façades of Casa Batlló and La Pedrera-Gràcia-Park Güell-Sagrada Família

Frequencies: Daily all Year Round except Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1 & 6

Duration: 3 Hrs. Approximately

Use this free afternoon to discover another Barcelona's highlights like the Olympic Ring, the Two Harbours and the monuments of Antonio Gaudí, the Park Güell and his buildings at the Paseo de Gracia. Overnight in Barcelona

DAY 3: BARCELONA

Discover **Montserrat & Gaudí**, two of the Catalonia's icons. Ride to the top of the Montserrat mountain with the rack railway, enjoy the panoramic views and visit the Monastery; and discover Gaudí's most hidden treasure, the Gaudí Crypt which is located inside the Colonia Güell, a textile village packed with surprises.

You'll be amazed at the Crypt, where the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí experimented with many architectural solutions before building the Sagrada Família (World Heritage Site, 2005).

In addition to Gaudí's building, the Colonia Güell gives visitors the opportunity to: Explore its streets while admiring the most important Catalan art-nouveau, or modernista buildings in the life of the village, which are of great architectural interest.

Visit the Interpretation Centre inside the former workers' cooperative. The centre has a permanente exhibit that provides the keys to understanding the village as a whole and the church in particular. The Colonia Güell has been declared a Property of Cultural Interest and is one of the largest industrial complexes in Catalonia. Here people worked and learned skills in a new integrated urban design that was innovative for its time.

Travel & more

DAY 4: BARCELONA – MADRID

In the morning make your way for the railway station to take your high speed train to Madrid. After only 3 hr reach the capital of Spain and continue to your hotel, check in hotel. Overnight

DAY 5: MADRID

Breakfast in your hotel. Time for a Madrid sightseeing tour. There is no better way to get to know a city than by admiring its monuments and observing the people as they walk around its most emblematic streets and squares. Today we take a guided tour through the narrow and steep streets of the oldest part of Madrid.

In the afternoon we may suggest a visit to one of the three most important art galleries in the world, the Prado Museum, the Thyssen Bornemisza Museum and the Reina Sofia Museum, or a visit to the Royal Palace, former residence of the Spanish Kings.

DAY 6: MADRID

Breakfast in your hotel and our morning starts today with an interesting tour to Toledo. Upon arrival we start with a panoramic walking tour of Toledo, entering to the old quarters to visit the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, and admire the facade of the impressive Primate Cathedral, the old Palace of Justice and the City Hall. We'll continue our walk through the old Jewish quarter with its narrow streets to visit the Church of St. Tomé, with the very famous painting of El Greco "The Burial of Count Orgaz", the old Synagogue of Ste. Mariatala Blanca, which remain as a symbol of the coexistence of the "Three Cultures", Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes, and the house Museum Victorio Macho, located over River Tagus with outstanding views. The households works of the famous sculptor and here we'll see a short audiovisual movie about the city. We'll also visit a typical factory of Damasquino, well known handicraft art of Toledo.

DAY 7: MADRID - DEPARTURE

Breakfast in your hotel and free time until your transfer to the airport for your return home. End of our services.