

MADRID & BARCELONA

Experience the medieval and the modern in Madrid before taking quick jaunts to Segovia and Toledo. In Barcelona, Gothic architecture mixes with Gaudí's surreal designs. Your tour also includes a paella cooking class and a trip to the beach!

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SPAIN: MADRID & BARCELONA

Day 1: Board your flight to Spain.

Day 2: Madrid

- Meet your Tour Director at **Madrid Barajas International Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and head to **Madrid** city center for a panoramic sightseeing tour led by a local guide.
- Visit the world-famous **Museo del Prado**, housing one of the finest collections of European art, including major works by Raphael, Goya, and El Greco.

Day 3: Madrid

- Step into luxury with a guided tour of the **Royal Palace**. This ornate rococo building has over 2,000 opulently decorated rooms.
- Enjoy free time to explore Madrid. Visit sites you learned about on yesterday's tour, or explore new places like **Cibeles Square**, **Plaza de España**, or the lively **Puerta del Sol** district.
- Score the winning goal with a behind-the-scenes tour of **Estadio Santiago Bernabéu**, home of Real Madrid.

Day 4: Segovia

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Segovia**.
- Upon arrival, your group will stop at the **Segovia Aqueduct**, one of the best-preserved elevated Roman aqueducts in the world.
- Visit the 500-year-old **Segovia Cathedral**, which sits at the boundary between **Plaza Mayor** and the **Old Jewish Quarter**. Inside, you can admire the 16th-century stained-glass windows and the altar piece carved by Francisco Sabatini.
- Your tour continues at the **Alcázar**. Cross the drawbridge over a deep moat to enter the fortress. Its splendid views over the **Pinarillo** (and the **Jewish Cemetery**), the village of **Zamarramala**, and the **Church of Vera Cruz** are reason enough to make your way to this old castle. Just to the south of the building, you'll see the **Casa de la Química**, which was built during the Enlightenment and served as Louis Proust's research center.

Day 5: Toledo

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Toledo**.
- Your local tour guide will lead you through this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Popular stops include the **Gothic cathedral** and the **Iglesia de Santo Tomé**, which features one of El Greco's masterpieces.

Day 6: Zaragoza

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Zaragoza**, the capital city of the Aragón region.
- Your half-day guided tour will include a visit to the **Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar**, a baroque Roman Catholic cathedral and the tenth-largest church building in the world.

Day 7: Barcelona

- Board your private motor coach and meet your local guide for a tour of the capital city of the region of Catalonia.
- Your first tour stop will be the iconic **Sagrada Família**, a Roman Catholic basilica designed by Catalán architect Antoni Gaudí. Construction began in 1882, and this UNESCO World Heritage site is still unfinished.
- Live like a local by learning to cook traditional Spanish **paella**.
- Your tour continues with a visit to **Parc Güell**. Located on Carmel Hill (part of Collserola mountain range), the public park is known for its gardens and bright architectural designs.
- Take in a **Flamenco show** during dinner.

Day 8: Barcelona

- Enjoy a free morning in Barcelona before traveling to Madrid by private motor coach.

Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

