



*Educational
Tours*



Hola, Barcelona



7 or 10 DAYS

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Spain



Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 5 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (8 with extension)
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Barcelona • Tarragona archaeological site Eixample District
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Sitges
- 1 EF walking tour: Barcelona
- 5 visits to special attractions: Parque Guell • Picasso Museum Tarragona archaeological site Casa Milà (La Pedrera) • Dalí Museum

OPTIONAL:

Montserrat

WITH EXTENSION: All of the above PLUS:

- 1 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide: Palma de Mallorca
- 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director: Soller and Valldemossa
- 2 visits to special attractions: Palma Cathedral • Castillo de Bellver



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In addition to the palm trees and the fountain depicting the Three Graces in Plaça Reial, you can also spot Gaudí's touch on the cast-iron lamps.

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Spain • Spend the night flying across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Barcelona

Arrival in Barcelona • Touch down in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city and the capital of Cataluña. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand V received Columbus in Barcelona upon his return from the Americas in 1493. Barcelona played a prominent role in the overthrow of Spain's monarchy in 1931, and was also the last city in Spain to surrender to Franco in 1939. After clearing customs you are greeted by your bilingual EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of Barcelona • Barcelona, known as "La Gran Encisera" (the Great Enchantress) has inspired countless artists—Miró, Picasso and Dalí all lived or studied here at the beginning of their careers. Experience the spirit and romance of Barcelona on our EF walking tour. Your tour director takes you down Las Ramblas, the tree-lined pedestrian boulevard that W. Somerset Maugham called "the most beautiful street in the world." Wander among the newspaper kiosks, flower and bird stalls, and performers, from human statues to street musicians to fortune tellers. Restaurants, cafés and hotels abound, as do tourists and locals alike.

Day 3 Barcelona

Guided sightseeing of Barcelona • Your guided tour takes you past the controversial and still unfinished La Sagrada Familia (the Church of the Holy Family), where you will make a photo stop. This masterpiece of twisting spires and colorful mosaics was designed by Gaudí, who estimated it would take 200 years to complete. You will also see some of Gaudí's other works during our panoramic bus tour of Paseo de Gracia, one of Spain's most cosmopolitan streets. Check out Plaza de Catalunya and Plaza España, a bustling six-street intersection that boasts the Magic Fountain of Montjuic, a fountain that puts on a fabulous show of water, lights and music on the weekends. Then enjoy a marvelous harbor view from atop Montjuic Hill, where much of the 1992 Olympics took place. Here, you will see the former stadium and the Olympic



Number of overnight stays in parentheses.

Rings. Continue to the Plaza de Colon, a square built in honor of Christopher Columbus (“Columbus” is *Colon* in Spanish). Finish your tour in the 14th-century Barrio Gótico, the oldest surviving part of the city, and home to the stunning Barcelona Cathedral, built in the Mediterranean Goth style.

Visit to Parque Guell • You’ll also visit the Parque Guell, a World Heritage Site designed by Antoni Gaudí. The beautifully landscaped park is decorated with playful Modernist mosaics. Visit the Room of a Hundred Columns, a covered market with 84 pillars, and see the Casa-Museu, where Gaudí lived from 1906 to 1926.

Visit to the Picasso Museum • Pay tribute to Málaga’s native son, Pablo Picasso, who was born here in 1881. The Picasso Museo Málaga, which opened in 2003, boasts an extensive selection of works from the private collections of Christine Ruiz-Picasso, the widow of Picasso’s son Paul, and their son, Bernard. Both the permanent collection and the temporary exhibits highlight the artist’s role in shaping 20th-century works.

Flamenco Evening • You will better understand the soul of Spain after a flamenco dance lesson followed by a performance of this traditional art form. Born of Indian, Moorish, Arabian and gypsy influences, flamenco dance is a passionate display of intricate heelwork and clapping, accompanied by songs and guitar. Your lesson will introduce you to the different movements and give you a chance to practice them yourself!

Day 4 Tarragona • Sitges • Barcelona

Guided sightseeing in Tarragona • A local guide introduces you to Spain’s most important Roman town, Tarragona. Explore the ancient streets inside its 2nd- and 3rd-century Roman Wall, including Las Ramblas, which offers excellent views of the lower part of the city. As you peruse Tarragona, discover the many reasons UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site, including its circus (A.D. 81-96) and praetorium, or governor’s residence.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Sitges • Your tour director shows you around the lovely village of Sitges, about 20 minutes south of Barcelona. With nearly 300 sunny days each year, its attraction is obvious. There is another draw, however: Carnival. The lively festivities, costumes and parties that abound the days leading up to Lent draw hundreds of thousands each year from all over Europe.

Day 5 Barcelona

Walking tour of Modernist district • Discover the best of Barcelona’s Modernist buildings as you explore the Eixample district, dominated by architects Gaudí, Domenech i Montaner and Puig i Cadafalch. You will visit the Casa Milà, an apartment complex with two strategically positioned courtyards, allowing for light in every room. The rock-like structure, which features no straight lines, causes people to frequently refer to it as “La Pedrera,” or rock quarry, and its unique balconies resemble moving waves. The unique building was created by Gaudí after being commissioned by

businessman Pedro Milà i Camps, who was inspired by another of Gaudí’s work, the *Batló*, which you will also see. The Casa *Batló* is now a museum, but even the interior of this 1905 building is much as it was when created. Marvel at the bold colors that shimmer from the delicate tiles covering the outside. Continue past the triangular Casa Terrades, which was built in just two years, from 1903 to 1905. See the Baro Palace, which Puig i Cadafalch’s designed with two totally different façades because the building sits in a narrow space that faces two different streets. You will also see the Fundació Antoni Tàpies, created by the Catalán painter in 1984 to promote the study and understanding of modern and contemporary art.

Optional excursion to Montserrat • Opt to journey northwest to the picturesque town of Montserrat, which inspired composer Richard Wagner as he wrote *Parsifal*. Its rugged mountain setting provides a dramatic backdrop for a 9th-century monastery whose basilica houses the Black Virgin Mary of Montserrat.

Day 6 Barcelona

Excursion to Figueras • Make an exciting full-day excursion to Figueras, a fascinating Catalan city on the exquisite Costa Brava. You’ll visit a one-of-a-kind theater museum dedicated to the surrealist world of renowned Spanish painter Salvador Dalí and the Castell de Sant Ferran, a massive fortress dating from the 18th century.

Day 7 Barcelona • Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you’ll check in for your return flight home.

EXTENSION

Day 7 Barcelona • Mallorca

Transfer to Mallorca • Today, board a ferry and cruise across the Mediterranean Sea to Mallorca, largest of the sun-soaked Balearic Islands.

Arrival on Mallorca • Arrive on the island of Mallorca, home to the world-famous resort of Palma. Named for its many palm trees, Palma was for centuries a favorite vacationing spot of Spanish royalty.

Casa *Batló* was designed by Gaudí for a wealthy aristocrat in Barcelona; today, the building functions as a museum.



Day 8 Mallorca

Guided sightseeing of Palma • An expert guide introduces you to the local highlights. Stroll through the narrow streets of the seaside Old Quarter and visit the town's cathedral, scenically overlooking the Bahía de Palma. One of the largest Gothic cathedrals in the world, its construction spanned four centuries. (Inside lie the tombs of Mallorca's last two kings.) Your sightseeing tour also includes a visit to the Castillo de Bellver, a 13th-century fortress that once served as a summer residence for royalty.

Day 9 Mallorca

Optional excursion to Sóller and Valldemossa • Head to Sóller, where you'll spend time exploring this charming town. Situated about two miles inland from its port, Port de Sóller, the tranquil town lies in a large, fertile valley, famous for its orange groves and terraces of ancient olive trees. The valley and surrounding Tramuntana Mountains have long been a favorite destination for people who enjoy walking, nature, eco-tourism and swimming, or people simply seeking a peaceful get-

away from the hustle and bustle of Palma de Mallorca. Getting to know the town can be a fascinating experience, with houses dating back to before the 14th century. Visit the main square, Plaça de la Constitució, and the adjacent 16th-century Església Parroquial de San Bartolomé, its Modernist façade belying a beautiful Gothic interior. Then take a trolley down to the picturesque coastal town of Port de Sóller. Later, travel by bus to Valldemossa, known mostly for the Cartuja de Valldemossa, the former monastery where Frédéric Chopin and his lover, George Sand, spent their famous "winter of discontent" (1938-39). Sand later recounted their four-month stay in her book *Winter in Mallorca*, which is available in local stores in almost every language. Later, return to your hotel.

Day 10 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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