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Day 1 | Welcome to Madrid



Settle into the passionate embrace of fiery Madrid, your launch pad to an epic journey through Spain. France and Italy, filled with unforgettable flavours and soul-stirring encounters. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of Madrid's most iconic sites

Meals: Welcome Reception Hotel: AC by Marriott Cuzco

Dav 2 | Discover Fiery Madrid



We join a Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the Spanish capital, during which we'll see the Royal Palace, the former residence of the Spanish royal family and the Cibeles Fountain. Enjoy an afternoon on your own exploring the world's best collection of Spanish art at the Prado Museum and shopping on Gran Vía. Or consider joining an Optional Experience to the imperial city of Toledo.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: AC by Marriott Cuzco

Optional Experiences:

Spectacular Toledo: Spain's Ancient Capital - With our Local Specialist, we'll visit the ancient capital of Spain, which sits above the River Tagus and is home to the nation's principal cathedral. We'll earn about Moorish and Jewish cultures, and how the area is famed for the production of Damascene work: intricate inlaid gold jewellery and craftwork. We'll also visit El Greco's masterpiece, The Burial of the Count of Orgaz, in St Thomas' church. Adult: 46.00 EUR

Dinner and Discovery in Downtown Madrid - Join us this evening as we scratch beneath the surface of some lesserknown aspects of Madrid's city centre. Then, we'll settle in for dinner, along with musical entertainment and finish up with a spin around some of the wonderful squares and fountains of magical Madrid. Adult: **61.00 EUR**

Day 3 | Journey to Gaudí's Barcelona



Leave Europe's highest capital behind, bound for the Costa Dorada and the sun-kissed shores of Barcelona. We venture to the pretty banks of the Ebro River and to mystical Zaragoza, whose centuries of heritage have been shaped by the Romans, Moors and Christians. Continue to Barcelona and enjoy some time to recharge siesta style this evening or dive into the indelible sights, sounds and flavours of this enchanting city on your free evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Barcelona Condal Mar Affiliated by Melia

Day 4 | Explore Vibrant Barcelona



Join your Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour, ascending Montiuïc to get your bearings and enjoy panoramic views of the city. See the monument to Christopher Columbus and vibrant Las Ramblas, before stopping at Antonio Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, La Sagrada Família. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure indulging in the fantasy world of Gaudí or strolling through the hidden lanes and peaceful squares in the city's Gothic Quarter. You could consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat, home to the mystical Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Barcelona Condal Mar Affiliated by Melia

Optional Experiences:

Mystical Montserrat - Today, with our Local Specialist, take a drive to the enchanting and mystical mountain of Montserrat, with its breathtaking views and spectacular scenery. While there, visit the Benedictine monastery to view the famed Black Madonna. At the daily farmer's market, perhaps sample and purchase their homemade cheeses, honeys, and other local specialties.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

*This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

Flamenco Spectacular With Dinner - Come and experience the passion and spirit of Spain at a spectacular flamenco evening. This modern interpretation of Spain's most famous entertainment is one of the best shows in town, and we've even included dinner and drinks.

Adult: **88.00 EUR**

Day 5 | Pass the Pyrenees to Arles and Avignon



We journey via the foothills of the Pyrenees into France. Stop in Arles, where Vincent Van Gogh found inspiration for so many of his paintings, before a visit to the UNESCO-listed Pont du Gard. Later this afternoon we arrive in the Provençal city of Avignon, where we'll view the Gothic Papal Palace and the bridge made famous in the song 'Sur le Pont d'Avignon'.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Avignon Grand Hotel

Day 6 | Venture through Pretty Provence to Nice



Our journey today takes us through the picture-perfect wheat and lavender fields of Provence, immortalised in the works of Van Gogh & Cézanne. We'll Dive Into Culture in the Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence, founded by the Romans over natural hot springs. Here you can shop for local produce such as wine, olive oil, herbes de Provence and saffron. Later, we visit the tiny Principality of Monaco and see the cathedral where Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly were married. This evening, the glitz and glamour beckon as you join your new friends for a memorable dinner in this playground of the rich and famous.

Meals: Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Centre Vieux

Day 7 | A Day to Enjoy the Riviera



Today, kick back and enjoy a well-deserved morning at leisure on the glorious French Riviera. Soak up the holiday atmosphere at the beach, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to hilltop Saint-Paul-de-Vence, one of the oldest towns on the French Riviera.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Novotel Centre Vieux

Optional Experiences:

St. Paul, Coastline Drive and Provençale Meal - First to the medieval hill top town of St. Paul to visit this artists' paradise. We'll continue along the Riviera, travelling on the Basse, Moyenne and Grande corniche roads with their spectacular views, to a local restaurant, for a delicious meal including drinks. Adult: **83.00 EUR**

Day 8 | Onwards to Colourful Cinque Terre and Pisa



Cross the border into Italy and join a Local Specialist for a visit of the dramatic UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre, a series of centuries-old seaside villages which cling impossibly to rugged cliffs that plunge into the Ligurian Sea. Admire the expanse of pastel pink, yellow and orange facades that jostle for sea views. Later, we head to Pisa where tonight, you'll dine in your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: NH Pisa

Day 9 | Off to Renaissance Florence



View Pisa's Square of Miracles, where we'll see the famous Leaning Tower. Next, your introduction to Tuscany is an exclusive Be My Guest experience where you'll Connect With Locals over traditional lunch fare and the legendary hospitality for which the region is renowned. Continue to the birthplace of the Renaissance where we'll dine at our hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 10 | Uncover Florence's Treasures



Join your Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of magical Florence. View the multi-coloured Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio. Then, walk through what was once the political hub of the city, the Piazza della Signoria, a veritable open-air treasure trove featuring wonderful sculptures and palazzi. Spend the rest of the day on your own exploration of Florence's iconic and unexpected sights.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist. Adult: **49.00 EUR**

*This optional is subject to availability and involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel this optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

Adult: **42.00 EUR**

Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills -

This evening we'll take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

Adult: 65.00 EUR

Day 11 | All Roads Lead to Rome



Journey through the rolling hills of Tuscany and Umbria, past the hilltop villages of Orvieto and Orte, before arriving in Rome, the 'Eternal City' – our home for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Optional Experiences:

Piazzas and Fountains - Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City. Adult: **37.00 EUR**

Roman Evening with Dinner - Spend a light-hearted evening with us in Rome. Relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine with drinks and music. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a drive and provide a glimpse into how Romans enjoy their city. Adult: **62.00 EUR**

Day 12 | Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



This morning, we'll visit the Vatican City and see the imposing St. Peter's Basilica, where Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà has been admired by millions. We venture into Ancient Rome with a Local Specialist and explore the remnants of Roman rule, enjoying views of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. On your final afternoon, enjoy some free time to indulge in la dolce vita. Perhaps, sit on the Spanish Steps, visit the Vatican Museum and admire the exquisite frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel or toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return to Rome. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an unforgettable Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Optional Experiences:

Inside The Vatican & Colosseum - We skip the lines at the Vatican Museums for a tour with our Local Specialist that shows not just remarkable works of art collected and commissioned over the history of the Papacy, but also Michelangelo's amazing ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Later, we hear fascinating tales of gladiatorial combat and more on our visit to the Colosseum, again with a time-saving entrance. Adult: **89.00 EUR**

Day 13 | Arrivederci Italy



For now it's a fond farewell to Rome and your newfound friends as your holiday through Spain, France and Italy comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast