

# BARCELONA & MADRID City Break

## 7 Days, 6 Nights



*Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region, is defined by quirky art and architecture, imaginative food and vibrant street life. It has medieval roots, seen in the Gothic Quarter, but a modernist personality represented by architect Antoni Gaudí's fantastical Sagrada Familia cathedral....maze of narrow, curved streets, vibrant city attracting crowds ... Ramblas to enjoy street musicians, living statues; shop on the Passeig de Gracia, rest in Guell Park. Have a sunset drink on the Barceloneta Beach ... Admire Barcelona famously whimsical modernista architecture and Gaudí's seven masterpieces.*

*Madrid... few cities boast an artistic pedigree quite as pure as Madrid's. For centuries, Spanish royals showered praise and riches upon the finest artists of the day, from home-grown talents such as Goya and Velázquez to Flemish and Italian greats. Masterpieces by these and other Spanish painters such as Picasso, Dalí and Miró now adorn the walls of the city's world-class galleries. Three in particular are giants - the Museo del Prado, Centro de Arte Reina Sofía and Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza...*

Package is quoted per person in **EURO** and Includes:

- ✈ 03-Night accommodation in **BARCELONA** at the hotel of your choice
- 🍳 Daily Buffet breakfast
- 🚌 Barcelona Hop-on-Hop-off 01-Day Pass
- 🗣 Guided tour and Fast Track in Sagrada Familia
- 🎫 Entrance ticket to Segrada Familia
- 🚄 High-speed train ticket Barcelona-Madrid, OR Madrid-Barcelona on economy class
- ✈ 03-Night accommodation in **MADRID** at the hotel of your choice
- 🍳 Daily Buffet breakfast
- 🚌 Madrid Hop-on-Hop-off 01-Day Pass
- 🗣 Half-Day Guided tour to Toledo
- 🎫 Entrance fee to Toledo Cathedral
- 🚌 Regular tours Seat-in-Coach
- 🚗 Round trip transfer Airport/Hotel/Airport
- 🛡 Travel insurance
- 📅 Guaranteed Departure: Daily
- 🚫 Package Excludes air ticket

Period	HOTEL CLASS: SUPERIOR "T"		HOTEL CLASS: SUPERIOR PLUS "A"	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
Apr. to Oct. 2024	€ 1,461	€ 2,232	€ 1,681	€ 2,614
Nov. to Dec. 2024	€ 1,279	€ 2,051	€ 1,489	€ 2,420

No. Nights	City	HOTEL CLASS: SUPERIOR "T"	HOTEL CLASS: SUPERIOR PLUS "A"
3	Barcelona	Evenia Rosselló or similar	Granados 83 or similar
3	Madrid	Soho Boutique Opera or Congreso or similar	Meliá Madrid Princesa or Villa Real or similar

### Important Notices & Price Validity:

- ✚ *Fares are subject to change according to Availability at the Date and Time of Booking.*
- ✚ *The itinerary or activities might be subject to change in light of logistic and/or technical issues.*
- ✚ *Prices are valid all Year round. Please check for random Promotions during specific dates.*
- ✚ *In case a hotel is not available, then alternate hotel of similar category shall be provided.*
- ✚ *The itinerary is also available in the opposite direction: departing from Madrid and ending in Barcelona.*
- ✚ *Prices do not include Tips, Portorage ...*
- ✚ *Prices are not valid during fairs, congresses or special events.*
- ✚ *For Christmas and New Year prices, please contact us.*
- ✚ *City Tax is excluded and must be paid directly at the hotel.*
- ✚ *For other Packages in Spain, please email us.*
- ✚ *You can extend your stay, combine it with other programs in Portugal, Spain and/or Morocco. Just email us.*
- ✚ *For TOURS and EXCURSIONS' prices, please let us know.*

## ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival at Barcelona airport or station and transfer to hotel. Free day at leisure. Hotel accommodation.

Day 2: Breakfast, then hop-on-hop-off bus 1-day pass to discover the city at your own pace. Hotel accommodation.

Day 3: Breakfast then enjoy a guided tour of Gaudi's most important architectural artwork, Sagrada Familia. Time at leisure. Hotel accommodation.

Frequency	Daily
Schedule	To be advised
Duration	1,5 hours
Departure Point	JULIA office: Sardenya Street 311, Barcelona. Please check in at the reception.
Arrival Point	Sagrada Familia

The tour starts in our **Sagrada Familia** office. You must check in 15 minutes before the beginning of the tour. Your guide will pick you up at the office with the rest of the group and will bring you to the Basilica. Enter the **temple** and get astonished by the most important monument of Barcelona. Get to know the history and the relevance of the **Sagrada Familia** through your local guide explanations. **The interior, inspired by nature and religious symbolisms**, will take your breath away. Thanks to our radio device system, you will be able to listen to your guide while walking around the building.

All the architectonic and spiritual elements of the temple merge into an astonishing and unique beauty. Explore the exterior yourself and discover why it is considered a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. When the tour ends, you can stay inside and visit the museum. A collection of photographs, drawings, and scale models explain the history of the Basilica. The museum also contains interesting facts about Gaudi's life. ¿Will you miss the opportunity to feel the magic of the Sagrada Familia.

Day 4: BARCELONA-MADRID: Breakfast then transfer from hotel to train station to join the high-speed train Barcelona-Madrid. Arrival, transfer and hotel accommodation in Madrid.

Day 5: Madrid. Breakfast, then hop-on-hop-off bus 1-day pass to discover the city at your own pace. Hotel accommodation.

Day 6: Breakfast, then half-day tour of Toledo. Stroll along the old town, admire the fascinating mix of cultures.

Frequency	Monday to Saturday
Schedule	08:45 a.m.
Check-In	15 minutes before the departure time
Duration	5 hours approx.
Departure Point	JULIA TRAVEL, C/ SAN NICOLÁS, 15 (next to Plaza de Ramales)
Arrival Point	The tour ends at Plaza de Oriente (bus parking lot)
Not Available	04 Apr; 08 Jun; 15 Aug; 01 Nov; 08 & 25 Dec

Immerse yourself in the history and discover the perfect mix of the **Arab, Jewish, and Cristian cultures**. Get lost in the **old town of Toledo**, which had been declared Patrimony of Humanity in 1986. Find out the historical importance of its more than 2000 years of existence. ¿Did you know that it used to be the capital of Spain? Discover its fabulous patrimony and how the coexistence of these three cultures during the centuries influenced its contemporary architectural style.

Follow your guide through the little streets of Toledo to the gothic Cathedral, which was raised above the remains of an ancient Arab Mosque. It was built during the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and, nowadays, is one of the most important cathedrals of the Gothic Period of Spain. Before entering, you may take notice of the details of its façade and the big bell tower. Enjoy the interior and the Sacristía and admire its artwork collection and the fifteen El Greco pieces you may find among them. Before your trip back to Madrid, you may have some free time to explore Toledo on your own.

**Day 7:** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport or train station. End of our services.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

BARCELONA: SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE				
Segrada Familia	Casa Mila (La Pedrera)	Park Güell	Passeig de Gràcia	Palau de la Música Catalana
Catedral de Barcelona	Casa Battlo	Parc del Laberint d'Horta	Montjuic	Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC)
Plaça del Rei	Las Ramblas	Parc de La Ciutadella	Plaça de Catalunya	Montserrat Mountain & Monastery
Santa Maria Del Mar	Camp Nou	La Boqueria	Gothic Quarter	Barceloneta
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### BARCELONA FACTS

1. Millions of tons of sands were pumped onto 02 miles of shoreline lifting Barcelona into the rank of the world's great beach cities.
2. 7 out of 9 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES in Barcelona waere created by Antoni Gaudi, called God's Architect. And they are: (1) Casa Vicens (2) Palau Guell (La Rambla) (3) Casa Battlo (Passeig de Gracia) (4) Casa Mila (5) Park Guell (6) Nativity façade and Crypt of La Sagrada Familia (7) Crypt in Colonia Güell.

MADRID: SOME SITES TO SEE				Almudena Cathedral
Royal Palace	National Library	Plaza Mayor	Plaza de Colón	Real Jardín Botánico de Madrid
Museo Nacional Del Prado	Puerta del Sol	Plaza de Cibeles	Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas	Campo del Moro
Royal Palace of El Pardo	Puerta de Alcalá	Plaza de España	Barrio de La Latina	Market of San Miguel
Palacio de Cristal del Retiro	Puerta de Toledo	Plaza de Oriente	Gran Vía	Neptune Fountain
El Retiro Park	Basilica of San Francisco el Grande, Madrid	Plaza de la Villa	Royal Seat of San Lorenzo de El Escorial	National Archaeological Museum

### MADRID FACTS

1. Madrid was created around the year of 860 A.C.
2. It has been the capital of Spain since the 17<sup>th</sup> century.
3. According to FIFA, Real Madrid FC is the world's most successful football club of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
4. Madrid is one of the greenest cities in Europe.
5. It has more cloudless days than virtually any other city in Europe.
6. The official symbol of Madrid is a bear rearing up on its hind legs feasting on berries from the madroño tree.
7. Madrid is the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) largest city in the EU, after London and Berlin.
8. It's the highest capital city in Europe.
9. The name Madrid comes from the Arabic "magerit" which means 'place of many streams'.
10. It is home to the Warner Brothers Movie World which is Spain's own kind of Disney World.
11. It is known for its Prado Museum. Museo del Prado.
12. It is famous for its Calamari Sandwiches.
13. Madrid houses the Oldest Restaurant in the World: Sobrino de Botín.
14. Madrid has the Biggest Zara in the world, on Paseo de la Castellana.



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Share  
your "Story":  
what you experienced  
as new, inspirational,  
take us with you off  
the beaten path,  
standout dinners,  
street food,  
hangouts