

Itinerary

BARCELONA, MADRID & SEVILLE

Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

Barcelona | 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona

Included meals: Dinner

Make yourself at home in the capital of Catalonia before meeting your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona

Included meals: Breakfast

Discover why the Catalan capital is touted for its unparalleled architectural landmarks, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress
 - Drive along Passeig de Gràcia, past Gaudí's "House of Bones"
 - Stop at Montjuïc, where the 1992 Olympic Games took place, and take in the panoramic views at Mirador de l'Alcalde park
 - Pass Plaça d'Espanya, one of the city's most important squares, and stroll past the soaring Columbus Monument, dedicated to the legendary explorer
- Enjoy a free afternoon in Barcelona or add an excursion.

→ Park Güell & La Pedrera

Day 4: Free day in Barcelona

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Barcelona or add excursions.

→ Montserrat

→ Flamenco Dinner Show

Madrid | 3 nights

Day 5: Transfer to Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Journey by high-speed train to Madrid, and arrive in time for an included dinner.

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast

Get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide.

- Make a photo stop at the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence
 - Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt
 - View the city's many squares, including Plaza de España, Plaza Mayor and the bustling Puerta del Sol
 - Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velázquez and more
- Enjoy a free evening in Madrid or add an excursion.

→ Traditional Spanish Evening

Day 7: Free day in Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Madrid on your own or add an excursion.

→ Toledo

Seville | 2 nights

Day 8: Seville via Córdoba

Included meals: Breakfast

Ride a high-speed train to the town of Córdoba and explore the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage-protected cathedral, on a guided tour. Then, stop at an olive oil farm for a tasting before continuing on to Seville.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Seville

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Uncover the beauty of Seville, the historic Andalusian capital, on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Enter the Alcázar Palace, once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
 - Get a glimpse into Seville's rich history, including the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España and in the Gothic Seville Cathedral where Columbus is buried
 - Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz
- Say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner.

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *(Please note: depending on your home airport, you may have to spend the night in the US and arrive home on day 11.)*

Post-tour extension

Costa del Sol | 2 nights

Day 10: Costa del Sol via Ronda

Included meals: Breakfast

Head south to Costa del Sol, stopping en route for a guided tour of Ronda, a famous cliffside town in Andalusia.

- View the staggering Puente Nuevo, an 18th-century bridge that spans a deep gorge
- Admire the town's picturesque white buildings and enter the Plaza de Toros, which was constructed in the late 1700s
- Walk by the Mondragón Palace and visit the terraced Cuenca Gardens

Day 11: Free day in Costa del Sol

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Costa del Sol on your own or add an excursion.

→ A Day in Gibraltar

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Málaga airport for your flight home.

Extension is available on select departure dates. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travelers is required.

Customize your experience

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Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour: 1.800.597.0350 | goaheadtours.com/smb

Day 3: Park Güell & La Pedrera | \$85* (4 hours, departure time varies)

On today's excursion, discover the magnificent works of Antoni Gaudí, the famed Spanish architect known for his bold, distinct designs. Casa Milà is the first stop. Take a guided tour of this building, popularly known as La Pedrera, which was built by Gaudí between 1905 and 1910. Everything about the building is visually unique, from the wave-like stone structure and grandly designed roof to the apartment that reflects the style of the 20th century bourgeois. Next, you'll head to Park Güell, also designed by Gaudí. Your guide will lead you through the park, which contains stunning buildings, intricate stonework, and colorful mosaics. At the top of the park, marvel at the brilliant views of Barcelona. *This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.*

Day 4: Montserrat | \$60-\$70* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)

Journey to the ninth-century Monastery of Montserrat, which inspired the composer Richard Wagner as he wrote Parsifal. Ride a high-flying cable car up the mountain and enjoy magnificent views of the Llobregat River Valley and—if skies are clear—the Pyrenees. A local guide leads the way to the secluded Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey, where you may have a chance to see La Moreneta, Catalonia's miraculous and beloved statue of the Black Virgin of Montserrat. Take some time to explore the monastery before descending the mountain by bus and driving back to Barcelona. Please note: Due to the ever-changing schedule of church activities, a viewing of the Black Virgin of Montserrat statue cannot be guaranteed.

Day 4: Flamenco Dinner Show | \$115-\$125* (4 hours, evening with dinner)

The clapping, the singing, the stamping—experience the dramatic art of flamenco dancing, one of Spain's most celebrated traditions. Expressive and colorful, this Andalusian style of dance combines guitar playing (toque), song (cante) and rhythmic handclaps (palmas). Dinner will be served before the performance.

Day 6: Traditional Spanish Evening | \$95-\$105* (3 hours, evening with dinner)

On your way to dinner, walk through the illuminated streets of Madrid, taking in the local neighborhood ambiance in the evening light. Then, enjoy conversation, camaraderie and live music at one of the oldest restaurants in the city. Between traditional Castilian courses, you'll be entertained by tuna music, an artistic tradition with its roots in Spain's universities.

Day 7: Toledo | \$70-\$80* (3 hours, departure time varies)

Discover Toledo, the cliff-top city often referred to as La Ciudad Imperial ("The Imperial City"). Upon arrival, you'll have some free time to explore. Later in the afternoon, your guided tour begins at Toledo Cathedral, a massive, Gothic structure that houses 750 medieval stained glass windows and a treasure trove of golden artifacts. Gaze upon the cathedral's sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways at the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé and one of Europe's oldest synagogues, Santa María la Blanca. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites visited are subject to change. If the Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca is closed, you'll visit the Synagogue of El Tránsito instead.

Extension optional excursion

Day 11: A Day in Gibraltar | \$125-\$135* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Make your way along the Costa del Sol to Gibraltar, a pocket of British culture in the Mediterranean. This overseas territory of Great Britain is most famously home to the iconic Rock of Gibraltar. Today, you'll get a close-up look during a visit to the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, established in 1993 to protect native wildlife. Here, get to know the resident population of semi-wild Barbary macaques while keeping an eye out for the many species of migratory birds that use the rock as a resting place. Then, take in sweeping views of the ocean (and Africa on a clear day) as you journey to sites such as St. Michael's Cave, Spur Battery, and Europa Point Lighthouse. End with an included lunch and pint at a local pub and some free time in town before transferring back to Costa del Sol. Please note: As Gibraltar is a territory of the United Kingdom, you must show your passport to enter. Make sure you have yours with you before this excursion departs.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.

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