

Spain

Day One

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona!

Day Two

Guided Tour of Las Ramblas and Picasso Museum

On arrival in Barcelona, you will experience a guided tour of the area and its famous landmarks including Las Ramblas and the Picasso Museum which has one of the most extensive collections of artworks by the 20th century Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. You will spend the rest of the day familiarizing yourself with your new surroundings and spend time at your leisure.

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Day Three

Visit to Sagrada Familia, Casa Batlló and Parc Güell

Sagrada Familia is one of Gaudi's masterpieces. The large Catholic Church is still under construction even though it was started in 1882. Gaudi spent the last 40 years of his life working on this project and it isn't scheduled for completion until 2026. Following this, you will see the Casa Batlló, another of Gaudi's masterpieces. It was originally a normal family house in the Eixample district of Barcelona. You will spend the afternoon at Parc Güell which was commissioned by Eusebi Güell who wanted to create a stylish park for Barcelona's aristocracy. The park contains amazing stone structures, mosaics and fascinating buildings decorated with dragons and natural shapes.

Overnight in Barcelona

Day Four

Visit to Camp Nou

Today, you will visit Camp Nou, often called "the Nou Camp" in English, which is a Spanish football stadium. The stadium, located in the west of the city, has been the home of FC Barcelona since its construction in 1957. It has hosted numerous international matches at a senior level including two UEFA Champions League finals, the most recent being in 1999.

Paella Cooking Class

In the evening, you will take part in a Paella cooking class! The class will enable you to learn the key skills in making the truly Spanish rice dish that originated in its modern form in the mid-19th century on the east-coast of Spain. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to try what has been made during the class.

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Day Five

Visit to National Museum of Catalan Art

The museum is located on Montjuic Mountain alongside the Joan Miro Museum and Museu d'Arqueologia de Catalunya. It contains some great examples of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque artwork and explains the history of Catalan art.

Transfer to Madrid

After checking in to your hotel, the rest of the day is yours to explore the city.

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Day Six

Visit to El Museo Del Prado

El Museo Del Prado is the largest art gallery in the world. It features one of the world's finest collections of European art, from the 12th century to the early 19th century, based on the former Spanish Royal Collection.

Visit to Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza

Discover another famous art museum that contains works from the likes of Van Gogh, Mondrain, Klee, Hopper, Duccio and Lucas Cranach. It is known as a part of the "Golden Triangle of Art", which also includes the Prado and the Reina Sofia galleries.

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Day Seven

Visit to Valley of the Fallen and Escorial

Take a visit to the impressive Valley of the Fallen - a breathtaking 1,300m high monument. The complex was built between 1940 and 1958 and is a monument intended to commemorate all those who died on both sides during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). About 40,000 Nationalist and Republican soldiers are buried here. You will then enjoy Escorial, A remarkable building situated on the south-eastern slope of the Sierra Guadarrama about twenty-seven miles north-west of Madrid.

Visit to Segovia

Head off to Segovia for the rest of the day; situated just further north. The old city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is surrounded by walls built in the 8th century AD.

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Day Eight

Transfer to Airport for Return Flight

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



Included:

Flights:

Return air transportation from Toronto to Barcelona and from Madrid to Toronto

Accommodation:

- 3 nights in Barcelona
- 3 nights in Madrid
- Students in multi-bedded rooms
- 40+4: 4 teachers in 2 twins
- 30+3: 3 teachers in 1 twin and 1 in single
- 20+2: 2 teachers in twin

Transportation:

- Private coach transfer from Barcelona airport - Barcelona hotel
- Private coach transfer from Barcelona hotel - Barcelona station
- Train tickets for transfer from Barcelona - Madrid
- Private coach transfer from Madrid station - Madrid hotel
- Private coach transfer from Madrid hotel - Madrid airport
- Full day coach to Valley of the Fallen, Escorial and Segovia

Meals:

- Barcelona hotel on B+B basis
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Guided Tours:

- Guided tour of Barcelona (Barcelona and Picasso Museum)
- Guided tour of Sagrada Familia
- Radio guided tour of Nou Camp
- Guided tour of Valley of the Fallen and Escorial

Visits + Admissions:

- Las Ramblas
- Picasso Museum
- Sagrada Familia
- Parc Guell
- Nou Camp
- Paella Class
- El Museo Del Prado
- Valley of the Fallen

- Escorial
- Segovia
- Casa Battlo
- National Museum of Catalanian Art
- Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza

Tour Leader/Guides:

- Brightspark Representative traveling with you from Canada throughout the tour

Teacher Resources/Support:

- Parent Information Evening with customized Powerpoint Presentation
- Pre-trip Parent Meeting

Not Included

- Baggage, cancellation (medical reasons only) and excess medical insurance program
- All airport departure and security taxes
- Lunches, dinners not mentioned in itinerary and all beverages
- Tips
- Personal Expenses

ESTIMATED TOUR COST PER STUDENT FROM TORONTO, MARCH 2012

- Based on a minimum of 20 students & 2 teachers (in 2 singles) **\$0.00**
- Based on a minimum of 30 students & 3 teachers (in 1 twin & 1 single) **\$0.00**
- Based on a minimum of 40 students & 4 teachers (in 1 twin & 2 single) **\$0.00**

