

Spain

Enticing, enchanting and exhilarating



Flamenco

Flamenco and fiestas, tapas and beaches, castles and cathedrals; scintillating Spain lives up to all its clichés – and much, much more. The Spanish landscape possesses a diversity that is quite simply outstanding; from the towering peaks of the wild Pyrenees in the north to the sun-drenched costas of the Mediterranean, from the sleepy whitewashed mediaeval villages of Andalucia to the Rioja vineyards of the Basque country, from the volcanic subtropical landscapes of the Canary Islands to the fertile green fields of Galicia.

Geographic variety is matched by cultural diversity. The country's architectural heritage includes Roman churches, Moorish palaces, Gothic cathedrals, Renaissance mansions, Baroque universities and Gaudi's whimsical Art-Nouveau creations; Spanish opera singers Montserrat Caballé, Plácido Domingo and José Carreras are justly world-renowned; in art, Velázquez, Goya, El Greco, Miró, Picasso and Dali all flourished here while role models in the world of sport – Rafael Nadal, Seve Ballesteros, Fernando Alonso, David Villa, Fernando Torres have encouraged wider participation and the provision of new facilities.

Diverse the nation may be, but Spaniards are united by a capacity to enjoy life to the fullest. In towns and villages people still go out in the evening for the paseo, when the streets are crowded with strollers; communal eating is usual, with large groups meeting for tapas or dinner; and fiestas present a chance for everyone to take a break from day-to-day life and celebrate.

Sightseeing

With its spectacular landscapes and rich history, Spain possesses a wealth of attractions from vibrant cities, numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites to some of the world's finest museums and art galleries.

Accommodation

Hotels in Spain offer a vast range of accommodation from world-class luxury properties and golf resorts to more modest establishments that still provide excellent value. Traditional *fincas* (small farmhouses) may be rented, providing peace and quiet away from the hustle of the coast.



Family activities

Zoo Aquarium Madrid; Teleferico Madrid; Prado Museum; Aquapolis Water Park; Parque Warner near Madrid; Parque de Atracciones; Retiro Park; Xanadu Snow Park, Madrid; Museo de la Cera (Wax Museum), Madrid; Zoological Park, Barcelona; Guell Park; Teleferico and Montjuic, Barcelona; Sagrada Familia; Port Aventura Theme Park, Salou near Barcelona; Aqualeon Water/Safari Park; Catalunya en Miniatura, Catalan monuments in miniature, near Barcelona; Illa Fantasia Water Park and Isla Magica Seville.

Shopping

What you can buy – Spanish fashion, jewellery, lace, leather goods, tapestries and carpets, antiques, furniture, wrought-iron, ceramics, gold and silverwork and azulejos (glazed pottery tiles).
Where you can buy – Shopping malls, department stores, boutiques and street markets.

Entertainment

With the Spanish zest for life, entertainment thrives in nightclubs, discos, tapas bars, cafés and restaurants, dance halls, theatres and cinemas. Flamenco dancing is an unmissable mercurial fusion of motion, emotion and music.

Sports and leisure

Whilst the long coastline offers sailing, fishing and a huge variety of water sports, Spain has lots more to offer – from challenging golf courses, skiing in the Pyrenees and the Sierra Nevada and Formula One to tennis, basketball, cycling, handball and motorcycling.



Plaza Mayor, Madrid

Events

Madrid and Barcelona Carnival (February); Las Fallas de Valencia (March); Spanish Grand Prix (Formula 1), Barcelona; Festival of May Crosses, Granada (May); Festival of San Juan (June); International Music Festival, Granada (June); Tomatina Tomato Fight, Valencia (August); Rioja Grape Harvest Festival (September).




Honeymoon

For honeymooners seeking a true escape into the most sultry, exotic, and lyrical aspects of Europe’s past and present, Spain is the perfect destination. The Iberian Peninsula’s widely varied terrain offers deserts, expansive highlands, plains, and mountains with rain-forested roots and snow-capped summits. At its edges, cliffs plunge into ocean water, their convergence gilded by fine sandy beaches or pebbly strands. Ways of life have been carved into every niche, and the music of flamenco and the scent of olives welcomes the roads to rocky Gibraltar, and sun-drenched Seville and Malaga.

Exploring by road

With its good road system Spain is perfect for coach tours and self-drive.



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Colours of Spain

9 days/8 nights • Overland coach tour

Madrid • Seville • Cordoba • Granada • Costa del Sol

- Highlights of Madrid, Seville, Cordoba and Granada
- Enjoy enchanting Costa del Sol, beautiful landscape and rich Mediterranean culture

This tour is ideal for those who want to experience Spain in its entirety as we take you to some of Spain's most enchanting, extraordinary natural beauty and rich Mediterranean culture.

Day 1: Madrid

Arrive at Madrid Barajas International Airport. After clearing simple immigration and customs formalities, you will be transferred to your hotel. We suggest you take advantage of the free time to get to know one of Europe's most dynamic capital cities. Early evening, enjoy an 'Illuminated Madrid', drive through the bustling streets of the old city, ending at the historical and impressive Plaza Mayor. This area is home to some of the most typical restaurants and taverns which serve delicious 'tapas'. Return to your hotel at your own convenience. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 2: Madrid

This morning's escorted sightseeing tour will allow you to get a glimpse of some of Madrid's most outstanding attractions, like the Puerta del Sol, the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the stately Alcala Gate, the busy Gran Via, the Plaza de España and the Plaza de Oriente. After lunch proceed to Imperial, former capital city of Toledo, where you will be escorted through its narrow cobblestone streets, soaking up the mediaeval atmosphere. Touring will include the interior of the magnificent Gothic Cathedral and a visit to St. Tome Church, where El Greco's masterpiece painting is displayed. There will also be some time to shop for unique and typical local handicrafts. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 3: Madrid – Merida – Seville (536 kilometres)

Depart through the once-remote region of Extremadura, home to many of the 'conquistadors'. Arrive in ancient Merida. After lunch, visit the impressive Roman amphitheatre archaeological site before continuing to Seville. Overnight in Seville.

Day 4: Seville

This morning's marvellous tour takes you to explore this gracious and charming city, Spain's third largest. See the Tower of Gold, the tranquil and extensive Maria Luisa Park, the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter and finally the huge cathedral (one of the world's largest) with its Giralda Tower (a former minaret). After lunch, continue to explore the city at leisure or indulge in some shopping. In the evening enjoy a Flamenco show. Overnight in Seville.

Day 5: Seville – Cordoba – Granada (281 kilometres)

Depart for Cordoba. Visit one of the world's marvels, the former Great Mosque (now a cathedral). Enjoy some free time for lunch on your own. We then continue to Granada, passing thousands of acres of olive groves. In the evening, visit the quaint and typical Albaicin quarter, where Andalusian customs and music create an enchanting atmosphere and enjoy your dinner. Overnight in Granada.

Day 6: Granada – Costa del Sol (150 kilometres)

This morning, enjoy an escorted tour of the magnificent Alhambra and the verdant Gardens of the Generalife. We then take you to the world-famous resort area of the Costa del Sol. Overnight at Costa del Sol.

Day 7: Costa del Sol

The day is at leisure to enjoy this vacationer's paradise. Overnight at Costa del Sol.

Day 8: Costa del Sol – Madrid (550 kilometres)

Transfer to the rail station to take the fast train AVE to Madrid in Tourist Class. Arrive in Madrid and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 9: Madrid

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. You also have the option of extending your stay.

Total distance: 1,517 kilometres.



This tour is available as:

- Overland coach tour – Includes air-conditioned vehicle, English-speaking local tour guide and pre-booked four star accommodation.

Madrid

Captivating capital city

The then insignificant Castilian town of Madrid, set on a high plateau close to the geographical centre of the country and ringed by mountains, was changed forever when it was chosen by King Felipe II as his capital nearly 450 years ago, leading it to become the hub of Spain's mighty empire. Today, the legacy of its wealth and power may be seen in the splendid buildings, astonishing art galleries and stupendous museums that dot the city.

But modern Madrileños, whilst proud of their distinguished history, have much more to enjoy – a dynamic nightlife, a burgeoning flamenco and jazz scene, countless fine restaurants and tapas bars, the retro hedonism to be found in Malasaña and shopping for Loewe's latest creations in Salamanca.

Places of interest: The 'Golden Triangle' of art museums – **Prado**, **Reina Sofía** and **Thyssen-Bornemisza** around the **Paseo del Prado** at the heart of Bourbon Madrid; **Puerta del Sol**, **Calle Mayor** and **Plaza Mayor**, the centre of Old Madrid, evoking the splendour of Spain's 17th-century Golden Age; the lovely **Jardín Botánico** and beautifully landscaped **Parque del Buen Retiro**; the **Plaza de Oriente**, overlooked by the **Royal Palace** and **Teatro Royal**.

For the family: **Faunia Madrid**, a huge natural park with thousands of different animals from all over the world; **Xanadu Snow Park**, not just a place to visit, ski and snowboard, but one of Europe's largest shopping centres, which also includes a cinema, go-karting, mini-golf and ten-pin bowling. Enjoy fantastic views of the city from the **Teleferico**, an aerial cable car; and, for football fans, take a guided tour of the Real Madrid **Santiago Bernabéu Stadium**, where you can walk down the players' tunnel, stand in the Presidential box and even visit the dressing rooms.

Best buys: Designer wear, jewellery, antiques, handicrafts, paintings, furniture and ceramics. The prime shopping districts are located around the main squares in the **old town** and along the **Calle de Serrano** in **Salamanca**. Bargain hunters should head for the **Rastro**, Madrid's famous flea market on **Ribera de Curtidores**. **El Corte Inglés**, Spain's largest department store is on **Calle de Preciados**. The main areas for antiques are **Salamanca** and the arcades on **Calle Ribera de Curtidores** - **Nuevas Galerías** at number 12 and **Galerías Piquer** at number 29.



Real Madrid Santiago Bernabéu Stadium

Out and about: **Museo del Prado**, perhaps Europe's greatest art gallery with some 4,000 works from the 12th to 19th centuries; **Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza**, containing over 800 paintings, sculptures, carvings and tapestries, ranging from primitive Flemish works to contemporary pieces; the 2,800 room **Palacio Real (Royal Palace)**, with the splendidly frescoed Hall of Halberdiers and Hall of Columns, the Throne Room's 17th-century sculptures and the lavish private apartments of Charles II; **Plaza Mayor**, a beautifully-proportioned cobbled square lined with shops and cafés in covered arcades; **Chueca**, Madrid's trendy Bohemian district.



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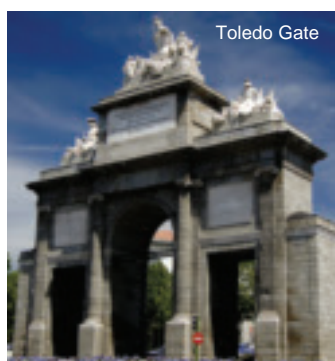
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Toledo & El Escorial tour

Full-day coach excursion from Madrid



Toledo Gate

Just 70 kilometres south of the capital, spectacularly situated atop a hill above a bend in the River Tagus, ancient **Toledo** possesses an air of graceful, elegant charm. The city, Spain's mediaeval capital and a treasure trove of El Greco artworks, is now a National Monument and a World Heritage site. Behind the old city walls, the narrow, cobbled streets and steep alleyways house a deep architectural and cultural heritage – Romans built a fortress here 2,000 years ago, in the 6th century Visigoths made Toledo their capital and in the Middle

Ages the city was a melting pot for Muslims, Christians and Jews, producing a harmonious fusion of Islamic, Gothic and Hebrew influences.

Our comprehensive tour will reveal the treasures of this endlessly intriguing city, including the **Plaza del Ayuntamiento**, bordered by the magnificent Gothic cathedral, the **Palacio Arzobispal** (Archbishop's Palace) and the 17th century **City Hall** with its two handsome corner

towers and a beautiful tiled frieze by El Greco's son Jorge Manuel Theotocopuli; a walk through the **Old Jewish Quarter**; the church of **Santo Tomé** housing El Greco's masterpiece '**The Burial of Count Orgaz**'; the **Sinagoga de Santa Maria la Blanca**, the oldest and largest of the city's original synagogues which was converted to a church some 600 years ago. **The Victorio Macho Museum**, located on a rocky promontory overlooking the Tagus, where visitors can see many of the sculptor's works as well as enjoying splendid views of Toledo; the 16th century Franciscan monastery of **San Juan de los Reyes**, an extraordinary fusion of Gothic, Spanish and Flemish styles; and a visit to a **Damasquino** workshop, a craft originating in Damascus and brought to Spain by the Moors, in which gold and steel are united in complex patterns to produce this unique jewellery.

Your journey then takes you to **El Escorial**, a huge, grandiose testament to the wealth and power of the Spanish empire. Built on the instructions of Philip II over 450 years ago, it is one of the most eccentric structures in all Europe, uniquely combining the functions of a palace, monastery, church and pantheon. Even in a country which has always built its cathedrals and palaces in extravagant styles, El Escorial is in a class of its own. Your tour of this monumental building includes visits to the **Royal Palace**, **Royal Pantheons**, **Infantes Pantheons**, **Chapter House** and **Basilica**.

The tour operates daily except Mondays, lasts for approximately 11 hours and includes the services of an English-speaking guide.



Cathedral of Toledo



El Escorial



Buen Retiro Park

Madrid panoramic city tour & Royal Palace

Half-day coach excursion in Madrid

This introduction to the fascinating Spanish capital will show you many of the city's highlights including **Buen Retiro Park**, founded in 1631 containing sculptures, monuments, galleries and a peaceful lake; the **Theatre Royal Opera House**, built in 1850 and fully restored in 1997; **Prado Museum**, one of the world's greatest art galleries, housing magnificent collections of paintings by Velázquez and Goya, whose statues stand by the main

entrance; **The National Library**, founded in 1712 and now housed in an enormous 19th century neo-classical building near the **Plaza de Colon**, containing over five million pieces of literature; **Centro de Arte Reina Sofía**, an outstanding museum of 20th century art (including Guernica, Picasso's testament to the horrors of the Civil War); **Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum**, located in the 18th century Villa Hermosa Palace, with major works by Titian, Rubens, Picasso, Van Gogh and Goya; and the vast, lavish 18th century **Royal Palace**, one of the most beautiful and exuberantly decorated in Europe, built by Spain's first Bourbon kings on a high bluff above the River Manzanares. The tour includes visits to the official reception rooms, royal chapel and the private rooms of King Carlos III and Isabel II. The palace was occupied by the royal family until the abdication of Alfonso XIII in 1931, the present king uses it only for state occasions.

The tour operates daily, lasts for four hours, includes the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees.



Royal Palace

Ávila & Segovia

Full-day coach excursion from Madrid

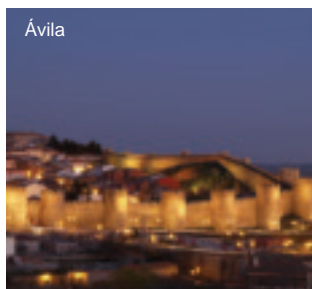
This full-day tour takes you north-west from Madrid through the mountains of the **Sierra de Guadarrama** to **Ávila de los Caballeros (of the Knights)**, 1,130 metres above sea level. The centre of the city is completely encircled by two kilometre long 11th century walls (the best preserved in all of Europe), punctuated by 88 towers and nine gateways.

We stop at **Cerro de Los Cuatro Postes**, from where you get one of the best views of the walls and city, before seeing the 12th century fortified cathedral and visiting the **Basilica de San Vicente** (Ávila's most important Romanesque church with its ornamental belfry) and the **Convento de Santa Teresa**, built on the site of her home. If you are fortunate, you may see groups of *tunas* – students dressed in traditional costume walking the streets while singing songs and playing guitars.

Your journey of discovery then takes you to **Segovia**, the most spectacularly sited city in Spain. The **old town** is set on a rocky hill high above the surrounding rivers. The towers and crenellations of the **Alcázar** (once the summer residence of the royal family in days gone by) rise steep from the crags and the domes and spires of the massive cathedral (the

last Gothic cathedral to have been built in Spain) pierce the skyline – an impressive sight at any time of day and absolutely magical at sunset. No less imposing is the 728 metre long, 29 metre high **aqueduct**, built by the Romans some 2,000 years ago and in use until the late 19th century.

The tour operates from Tuesdays to Sundays, lasts for nine hours, includes the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees.



Ávila



Alcázar, Segovia

Hotel Villa Magna

Location: Paseo de la Castellana.

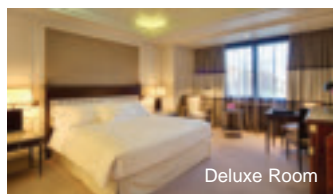
This hotel is situated in the heart of the Spanish capital surrounded by aristocratic palaces, designer boutiques, trendy restaurants and internationally renowned museums. Classic-style blends perfectly with contemporary facilities at this unique, Madrid luxury hotel. The hotel is adjacent to a designer brand shopping mall. The rooms are well equipped with the latest technology and facilities while the restaurants are well-known in Madrid for their Michelin star status. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 15 kilometres away.

Facilities: 150 rooms and suites. Three restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shopping arcade, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage.

Check-in: 1400 hours/**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



The Westin Palace Madrid

Location: Plaza Cánovas del Castillo, Prado.

Commissioned by King Alfonso XIII in 1912, the newly restored Westin Palace Madrid is set near Prado, historic monuments and some of the best tapas restaurants in town. Topped by an enormous stained glass dome, the regal building has been a centre of Spanish society for almost 100 years. The rooms and spacious suites have been updated with modern conveniences and exquisitely decorated with antique furnishings and original mahogany. The hotel is a great location from where you can explore the city. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 17 kilometres away.

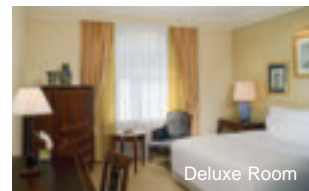
Facilities: 468 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room, sauna, solarium and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

Hotel Urban



Location: Carrera de San Jerónimo.

This charming Art-Deco style boutique hotel is ideally located in the heart of the city, just a few minutes away from Museo del Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, the Queen Sofia Foundation and shopping. Paseo del Prado, Puerta del Sol and El Retiro park are only a few steps away. Hotel Urban combines avant-garde architecture with finest art, featuring a remarkable collection of Egyptian, Chinese, Hindu and African pieces of art throughout the hotel. The hotel even boasts its own small Egyptian Museum. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 17 kilometres away.

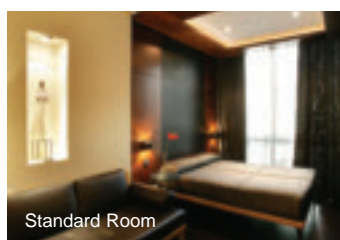
Facilities: 102 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Standard Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool and fitness room.

Check-in: 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Standard Room



InterContinental Madrid

Location: Paseo de la Castellana.

This hotel is an impressive landmark on Paseo de la Castellana. An 18th century palace was the inspiration for InterContinental Madrid, which is situated on one of the city's most famed thoroughfares. Located in the cultural and business district, the hotel is just minutes away from the Prado Museum, Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, the Real Madrid Museum, Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the elegant Serrano shopping street and the Royal Palace of Madrid. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 15 kilometres away.

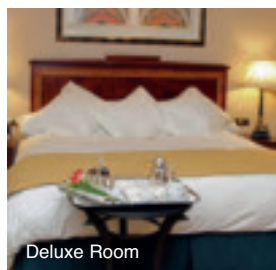
Facilities: 302 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



ME Madrid

Location: Plaza de Santa Ana.

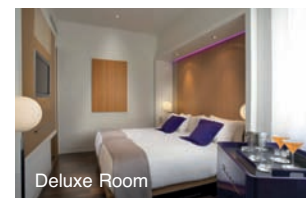
In the heart of the Spanish capital, the well-known Grand Hotel Reina Victoria is reborn as ME Madrid hotel, an experience beyond accommodation. The hotel showcases forward and futuristic thinking in terms of décor and art. ME Madrid is destined to raise eyebrows. Substance and style are the operative words for accommodation in this hotel. Located on famous Plaza de Santa Ana, the hotel is surrounded by traditional Tapas bars, restaurants and is walking distance to museums, places of interest and shopping. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 20 kilometres away.

Facilities: 192 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, iPod docking station, complimentary wireless connectivity, minibar, iron and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours/**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



NH Paseo del Prado

Location: Plaza Cánovas del Castillo, Prado.

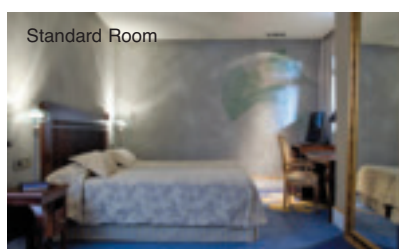
Amidst the historical district of Madrid, this hotel is strategically situated in the Golden Triangle of Art comprised of the Prado, Thyssen-Bornemisza and Reina Sofia Museums, with easy access to many other attractions. Offering a 19th century feel enhanced by modern details, the hotel overlooks the Fountain of Neptune, one of the city's most emblematic highlights. The building is decorated in marble and Spanish walnut wood, with deep elegant carpets produced at the Royal Tapestry Factory. Madrid Barajas International Airport is 17 kilometres away.

Facilities: 114 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Standard Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

Check-in: 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Standard Room



Barcelona

City of style and freewheeling fun

Spain's second largest city has long prided itself on being the most liberal, avant-garde and fun loving in the country. As a major Mediterranean port, it has always been receptive to outside influences, as well as consciously seeking them it was to Barcelona that Christopher Columbus returned to report his discovery of the New World. Such stimuli are today reflected in the city's cuisine, architecture and vibrant cultural and social life.

Art, culture, gastronomy and entertainment all come together in Barcelona. Museums and galleries have exhibits ranging from the city's Roman origins to contemporary works of art, shopping opportunities vary from traditional crafts to the finest international brands, there is nightlife to suit all tastes and Catalan cuisine is justly famed the world over.

Places of interest: Las Ramblas; Casa Mila; Gothic Quarter; Casa Battlo; Gaudi's extraordinary **Sagrada Familia Cathedral**; **Picasso Museum**; **Gaudi Museum**; Guell Park; Plaza de Catalunya; Botanical Garden; Tibidabo; Imax Theatre Port Vell; Olympic Village; MNAC National Museum of Art of Catalunya; Museum Fundacion Joan Miro; Spanish Village.

For the family: **Parc de La Ciutadella**; Barcelona Zoo; Beaches; **Barcelona Aquarium**; IMAX Cinema; Magic Fountain of Montjuic with its spectacular display of colour, light, motion, music and water acrobatics; **Tibidabo Amusement Park**; **Wax Museum**; the football museum at Camp Nou, the 110,000-people capacity stadium that is home to FC Barcelona.

Best buys: The fashion-conscious will enjoy stylish Barcelona's many haute couture salons, designer boutiques and fine jewellers. Most of the mainstream stores can be found on or near **Las Ramblas**, the broad, tree-lined boulevard that leads up from the waterfront to Placa de Catalunya and **Passeig de Gracia**. Antiques, porcelain, art, furniture, books and crafts are also good buys. Street markets provide bargains as well as lively entertainment.

Out and about: Opportunities to enjoy theatrical performances, concerts and Flamenco shows abound. Restaurants are plentiful, many featuring fresh, high-quality seafood, meat, poultry and game in rich sauces that are typical of Catalunya. Tapas bars are deservedly popular and a vibrant nightlife can be found in the city's wide range of clubs, discos and bars. **Port Aventura Theme Park** offers a range of exciting rides, whilst Illa Fantasia Water Park has over 20 different water slides and three large swimming pools.

Sports and leisure: Tennis, jogging, watersports and football.



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Barcelona city tour

Half-day coach excursion in Barcelona

This tour provides a fascinating introduction to some of **Barcelona's** most outstanding art and architecture. Your first visit is to **Güell Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, designed by **Gaudi**. Here the influence of natural shapes on the architect's work is exemplified by walkways supported by twisting rock pillars that seem to be growing out of the ground, amazing stone structures and vibrant multi-coloured tiled plazas from which there are

magnificent views of the city. The tour continues to Gaudi's exuberant **Sagrada Família Cathedral**; the Monumental Bullring, combining Moorish and Byzantine architectural styles; and the **Picasso Museum**, housing some 700 works by the famed painter and sculptor.

At the **Paseo de Gracia**, one of Barcelona's grandest boulevards, you can see modernist and Art-Nouveau buildings, including the **Casa Milà** (nicknamed La Pedrera - The Stone Quarry - a building with no straight lines at all), **Lleó Morera**, **Ametller** and **Batló** houses, before returning along Calle Balmes.

The tour operates daily in the afternoon, lasts for three and a half hours and includes the services of an English-speaking guide.

Please note that the Picasso Museum is closed on Sundays and Mondays. On these days the tour includes visits to either Santa Maria del Mar, a 14th-century church considered to be the finest example of Catalan Gothic architecture anywhere, or the Parc de la Ciutadella which contains a zoo, lake, splendid fountain and several museums.



Hotel Arts Barcelona ✓✓✓✓✓



Location: Port Olímpic.

This luxurious hotel is ideally located at the Marina, with marvellous views over the sea and easy access to the beach and a beautiful promenade with excellent restaurants and bars. The historic centre and plenty of shopping options are just a few minutes away. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 25 kilometres away.



Indulge in the most exquisite cuisine at Michelin star restaurant Enoteca or taste the innovative art of cooking of two Michelin star chef Sergi Arolo at Arolo restaurant. Indulge in a haven of beauty treatments and massages at the hotel's The Spa by Six Senses Spa, a duplex spa located on 42nd and 43rd floor, an oasis of peace and tranquillity, with stunning views over the city and the sea.



Facilities: 483 rooms, suites and apartments. Five restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, casino, shops, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, CD, DVD, iPod connection cable, data ports, wireless connectivity, espresso machine, minibar, iron and safe.

One-, Two- and Three-Bedroom Apartments:

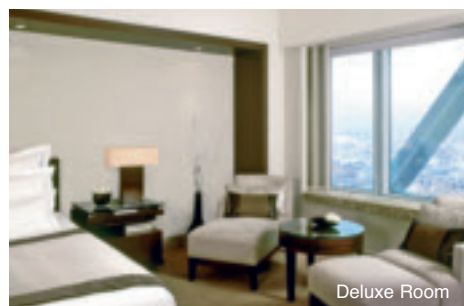
Additionally these apartments have a separate living area and fully-equipped kitchen.

Sports and leisure:

Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



El Palace Hotel Barcelona



Location: City centre, Gran Via de las Corts Catalanes.

This luxurious hotel is perfectly located in the heart of the city, close to Las Ramblas, the Gothic Quarter and the most prestigious shopping area. El Palace, a symbol of Barcelona's hotel tradition which opened in 1919, has reopened its doors after extensive renovation, maintaining the classic ambience and glamorous, traditional style that has always been characteristic for this elegant hotel. Unwind and indulge in culinary delights at Caelis, the hotel's Michelin star awarded restaurant. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 17 kilometres away.

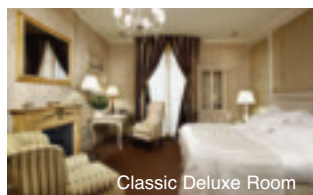
Facilities: 125 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Classic Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room, spa and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Classic Deluxe Room



Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona

Location: City centre, Passeig de Gràcia.

This elegant hotel is superbly located on the city's famous Passeig de Gràcia, near the Casa Batlló by Gaudí with its fabulous façade, surrounded by designer boutiques and only minutes away from the Gothic Quarter and historic centre. Situated in a mid 20th century building, this luxurious hotel features a modern and highly stylised contemporary interior design. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 17 kilometres away.

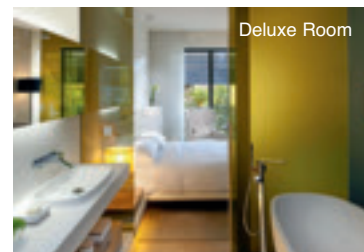
Facilities: 98 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, DVD, data ports, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Indoor and outdoor pool, fitness room, spa, steam bath and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

Casa Fuster



Location: City centre, Passeig de Gràcia.

This landmark hotel is prestigiously located on Passeig de Gràcia, one of the most sought after areas of Barcelona, within easy reach of the sights of interest, shopping and the Gothic Quarter. Dating back to 1908, the building is classified as a World Heritage site combining historic architecture and contemporary design. Enjoy a drink at the

famous Café Vienés featuring a unique and historical ambience, which was the meeting point of the intellectual society at the time. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 18 kilometres away.

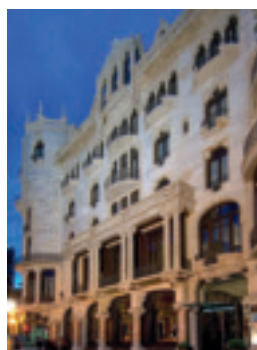
Facilities: 96 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, business centre, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.

Classic Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness room, sauna and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



W Barcelona



Location: Barceloneta.

This fabulously located hotel rises above the spectacular beachfront near the harbour, only minutes away from the historic centre, shopping and restaurants. Where Miró meets the Mediterranean and mediaeval quarters showcase modernist masterpieces, W Barcelona is an avant-garde icon shaped like a sail, inspired by the city's artistry and exuberance. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 18 kilometres away.

Facilities: 473 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, two bars, 24-hour room service, shops, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

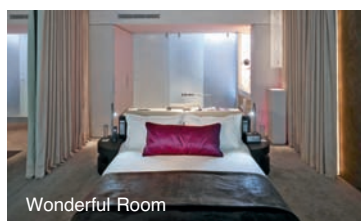
Wonderful Rooms: All rooms feature sea view overlooking the harbour.

Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, iPod docking station, wireless connectivity, minibar, iron and ironing board and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool, fitness centre, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage.

Check-in: 1500 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Wonderful Room



Le Meridien Barcelona

Location: City centre, Las Ramblas.

The hotel is ideally located in the heart of the city on the famous Las Ramblas, the city's iconic boulevard of leisure and entertainment, offering easy access to Barcelona's harbour, Gothic Quarter, museums, restaurants and shopping. This fine hotel offers impeccable services and conceals a contemporary soul behind its neo-classical façade. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

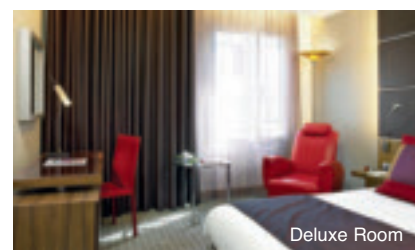
Facilities: 233 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, complimentary wireless connectivity in public areas, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Deluxe Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and ironing board and safe.

Sports and leisure: Fitness room and massage.

Check-in: 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

Hilton Diagonal Mar Barcelona

Location: Diagonal Mar.

This modern hotel enjoys a unique setting just a stone's throw away from the beach, a beautiful park, opposite a shopping centre featuring a wide range of shops, restaurants and movie. This fine hotel is an ideal base for leisure and business travellers alike, just 15 minutes away from the historic centre and prestigious sites of this vibrant city. Barcelona El Prat International Airport is 23 kilometres away.

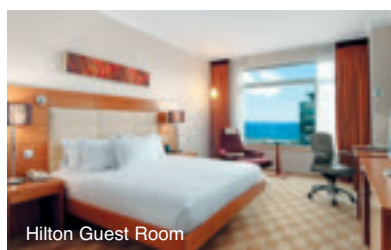
Facilities: 433 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

Hilton Guest Rooms: Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee, iron and ironing board and safe.

Sports and leisure: Outdoor pool (open from April – October), fitness centre, sauna and massage.

Check-in: 1400 hours

Check-out: 1200 hours.



Hilton Guest Room

