



## Barcelona: The City Experience

6 days | 9 days with Madrid extension

A sparkling city on the Mediterranean Sea, Barcelona is unrivaled for architectural diversity and cultural vibrancy. From the twisting corridors of the Gothic Quarter to the fanciful creations of Antoni Gaudí, Barcelona is packed with unique elements that are beautiful to behold. This dynamic city will draw you in with its alluring architecture, colorful street life, and hip cafe scene.



### Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in a well-located hotel
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 dinners with beer or wine, including a farewell cooking class and dinner
- Sightseeing tour with a local guide
- Expert Tour Director
- 3-day Barcelona Metro Pass
- Private deluxe motor coach

### Included highlights

- La Sagrada Família
- Gaudí's "House of Bones"
- Passeig de Gràcia
- Montjuïc
- Mirador de l'Alcalde Park
- Plaça d'Espanya
- Catalan cooking lesson

### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

### Group size

15–30

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

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## Barcelona → 4 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Spain! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's 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.

- Stop at Montjuïc, site of the 1992 Olympic Games, and take in the panoramic views at Mirador de l'Alcalde Park
- Pass Plaça d'Espanya
- Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress
- Drive along Passeig de Gràcia, past Gaudí's "House of Bones"

Spend a free afternoon in Barcelona or add an excursion.

+ Barcelona Flamenco Show & Tapas

### Day 4: Free day in Barcelona

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Barcelona or add an excursion.

+ Montserrat & Cava Cellars

### Day 5: Cooking class & farewell dinner

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Spend a free day in Barcelona or add an excursion.

This evening, head to a local cooking school in the Gothic Quarter to prepare regional dishes alongside a professional chef. Then, enjoy drinking local wine and eating the foods you prepared at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.

+ Park Güell & Hospital de Sant Pau

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## Flight Home

### Day 6: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit Madrid.

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## + Madrid extension

Keep the adventure going and add another European capital to your trip. Take a high-speed train to Madrid to see how the city buzzes with energy on local guide-led visits to Puerta del Sol and the Prado.

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## Madrid → 3 nights

### Day 6: Train to Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take a high-speed train to Madrid this morning. Spend a free evening in the Spanish capital or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Spanish Evening

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast*

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

- View 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 Colón and Plaza Neptune
- 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

### Day 8: Free day in Madrid

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Madrid or add an excursion. Tonight, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Toledo

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## Flight Home

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/BWE](https://goaheadtours.com/BWE) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Barcelona Flamenco Show & Tapas

\$115/\$125\* (4 hours, evening with dinner)

Discover why UNESCO has declared flamenco to be one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity during this evening's show. Originating in Andalusia, this style of dance combines guitar playing, singing, clapping, and dancing. A tapas dinner will be served at a nearby restaurant before the expressive, dramatic, colorful performance. Please note: On some departures the flamenco show may take place before the tapas dinner.

## Day 4: Montserrat & Cava Cellars

\$109/\$119\* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Step outside Barcelona this morning on a journey to the Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey, located about an hour north of the city. After a guided tour, you'll be free to explore this mountainous enclave on your own. You may have a chance to visit La Moreneta, Catalonia's miraculous and beloved statue of the Black Virgin of Montserrat. Or, ride the St. Joan cable car to the heights of Montserrat, where you'll find sweeping views of Catalonia. If you're lucky, you may be able to hear a performance of L'Escolania, the boys' choir that practices daily at the abbey. Later, drive to cava wine country. You'll descend into a wine cellar to learn about the production of cava and taste the sparkling white wine for which Spain is famous. Please note: Due to the ever-changing schedule of church activities, a viewing of the Black Virgin of Montserrat statue cannot be guaranteed.

## Day 5: Park Güell & Hospital de Sant Pau

\$115/\$125\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Start off the day by heading to Park Güell, which was designed by renowned Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí. Spend time walking 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. Then, visit the nearby Hospital de Sant Pau. This UNESCO World Heritage site was designed by Lluís Domènech i Montaner and remained a functioning hospital until 2009. Take a guided tour of the building, which now houses a museum and cultural center, to learn about its modernist architecture and interesting history.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 6: Traditional Spanish Evening

\$119/\$129\* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Start the evening with a stroll through Plaza Mayor. Your Tour Director will tell you about the history of the square, where you'll see locals and travelers alike. 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 tuno music, an artistic tradition with its roots in Spain's universities.

### Day 8: Toledo

\$105/\$115\* (8 hours, departure time varies)

Today, discover Toledo, the clifftop 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, you'll kick off a guided tour at Toledo Cathedral: a massive Gothic structure housing a treasure trove of stained glass windows and golden artifacts. Gaze upon its sacristy, containing masterpieces by the likes of Van Dyck, El Greco, Rubens, and Titian. After exploring the labyrinth of medieval alleyways in the heart of the city, you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé—a former mosque, dating to the 12th century, graced by one of El Greco's finest works, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz." End your day with a stop at Santa María la Blanca, a museum that ranks as one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. Please note: This tour involves some walking over uneven terrain. Also, depending on the day of the week, the sites you visit may change.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three 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. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)