GO AHEAD TOURS



New Year's Eve in Madrid with Barcelona & Seville

10 days | 13 days with Granada & Costa del Sol extension

Within the borders of one country, uncover three distinct destinations. Barcelona, Madrid, and Seville display intriguing distinctions, from Catalan castells to Andalusian architecture. Explore Barcelona's Gothic Quarter and Modernist landmarks. Then, see Madrid's illuminated streets as you ring in the new year during a celebratory Spanish evening. Cap off your trip in Seville, where Moorish architecture shines.



Your tour package includes

8 nights in handpicked hotels
8 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine, including a memorable New Year's Eve dinner with live music
4 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
2 train rides

Included highlights

Sagrada Família
Prado Museum
New Year's Eve in Madrid
Córdoba
Olive oil tasting
Royal Alcázar

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills.

Group size

15–38

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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: 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.

- 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 soak in the panoramic views from Mirador de l'Alcalde park
- Pass Plaça d'Espanya

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 free day in Barcelona or add excursions.
+ Barcelona Cooking Class & Dinner
+ Montserrat

Madrid → 3 nights

Day 5: Train to Madrid & sightseeing tour
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Journey by train to Madrid. This afternoon, 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, Velásquez, and more

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.
Please note: Porterage is not included for the train transfers. Travelers must be comfortable lifting and carrying all luggage over steps, onto platforms, and into luggage storage.

Day 6: New Year's Eve celebration in Madrid
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Enjoy a free day in Madrid.
This evening, soak up the local ambiance as you stroll through the illuminated streets of Madrid. Then, enjoy traditional Castilian fare and live *tuna* music as you celebrate New Year's Eve at one of the oldest restaurants in the city.

Day 7: Free day in Madrid
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Madrid.

Seville → 2 nights

Day 8: Seville via Córdoba & olive oil farm
Included meals: breakfast
Ride a high-speed train to the town of Córdoba. Then, discover some of the flavors and history of Andalusia.

- Explore Córdoba, which was once home to 700 mosques, 900 public baths, and 70 libraries
- Enter the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage site built in the eighth century as a mosque and then transformed into a cathedral during the Christian Reconquista of 1236
- Stop at an olive oil farm and join a local guide for a tour of the olive groves, mill, and cellar
- Sample some orange-infused olive oil drizzled on top of chocolate gelato
- Enjoy free time to shop

Continue on to Seville and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ Traditional Seville Flamenco Show

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Seville
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Uncover the beauty of Seville, the historic Andalusian capital, on a guided sightseeing tour.

- View the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España
- Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz
- See the Gothic Seville Cathedral, the third-largest church in the world
- Enter the Royal Alcázar, a palace that was once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella

Celebrate your trip with your group members at a farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to visit Granada and Costa del Sol.

+ Granada & Costa del Sol extension

Soak up the sunshine in southern Spain as you travel to Granada and Costa del Sol. Along the way, you'll enjoy guided tours of both Ronda and the Alhambra. Whether you're dining at a tapas bar or exploring the region's beautifully tiled palaces, relax and enjoy some extra time in Spain as you let your cares drift away on the sea breeze.

Granada → 1 night

Day 10: Granada via Ronda
Included meals: breakfast
Head south to Granada, stopping to explore the famous cliffside town of Ronda with a local guide.

- Admire the town's picturesque white buildings and pass the Plaza de Toros, which was constructed in the late 1700s
- View the staggering Puente Nuevo, an 18th-century bridge that spans a deep gorge
- Walk by Mondragón Palace and enter Casa don Bosco, a historic home with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside

Then, continue on to Granada.

Costa del Sol → 2 nights

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of the Alhambra & transfer to Costa del Sol
Included meals: breakfast
Set off on a guided tour of the Alhambra, the Moorish sultans' last stronghold in Spain

- Walk along the Cypress Promenade to view the upper and lower gardens of Generalife Palace, once the Nasrid dynasty's summer home
- Enjoy panoramic views overlooking Granada and the surrounding countryside
- View the unique curved, Roman-style courtyard inside the Palace of Charles V
- Admire the blend of Western art and Islamic design as you stroll through ornamented courtyards
- Enter the Nasrid Palaces and see the Mexuar, where the Council of Ministers met
- See where the royal family lived during visits to Comares Palace and the Palace of the Lions

After, head to Costa del Sol, a stretch of fashionable towns and beaches hugging the Mediterranean.

Day 12: Free day on Costa del Sol
Included meals: breakfast
Spend the day exploring Costa del Sol at your leisure or add an excursion.
This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ A Day in Gibraltar

Flight Home

Day 13: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the Málaga airport for your 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.ca/SM8 | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: Park Güell & La Pedrera
$149CAD/$159CAD* (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 its wave-like stone structure to the grandly designed roof. 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.

Day 4: Barcelona Cooking Class & Dinner
$189CAD (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Try your hand at preparing authentic Catalan cuisine during a cooking class this evening. Pass through the Gothic Quarter as you make your way to a culinary school. Then, join a professional chef to prepare local specialities using fresh, seasonal ingredients. You'll enjoy the meal you crafted, paired with wine, for dinner. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 4: Montserrat
$129CAD/$139CAD* (4.5 hours, departure time varies)
Journey to the ninth-century Santa María de Montserrat Abbey, 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 the skies are clear—the Pyrenees. A local guide will lead the way to the secluded Santa María de Montserrat Abbey, where you may have a chance to see La Moreneta, Catalonia's miraculous and beloved statue of the 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 statue of La Moreneta can't be guaranteed.

Day 8: Traditional Seville Flamenco Show
$109CAD/$119CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening)
Tonight, get a taste of old Seville during a live flamenco show. Flamenco is a unique and colorful Andalusian art form that combines guitar playing, singing, clapping, and dancing, and this excursion is sure to be one of the highlights of your Spanish journey. Sip an included drink as you watch the authentic performance, which allows expressive lyrics, moving instrumentals, and passionate dancing. After discovering why UNESCO has declared flamenco to be one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, enjoy free time to explore the vibrant Santa Cruz neighborhood.

Extension excursion options

Day 12: A Day in Gibraltar
$219CAD/$229CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)
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 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.ca/terms