

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary **Madrid & Barcelona** *Saturday, November 6-Sunday, November 14, 2010*

Our tour of Spain's most popular cities begins with a flight to Madrid, where you'll stay at a centrally located four-star hotel near the Royal Palace. You'll get your bearings during a guided excursion of Madrid via private motorcoach, then enjoy two days of leisure time for art aficionados to savor the **Museo del Prado** and **Museo Municipal**, architecture fans to tour the 2800 rooms Baroque-era Palacio Real, or culture lovers to visit Madrid's Moorish quarter or stroll the public gardens. Following your time in Madrid, you'll travel by train to the lovely coastal town of Barcelona. There, you'll enjoy four-star accommodations and a guided tour of the city, followed by ample leisure time to visit the **Picasso Museum**, in the heart of the gothic quarter or simply ramble through **La Rambla**, a series of five streets packed with buskers, street vendors and vibrant markets. All in all. It's a spectacular Spanish sabbatical that will recharge your senses.

Includes

- Round-trip air transportation on regularly scheduled **Alitalia** Airlines flights from Boston to Madrid and Barcelona to Boston, via Rome
- Seven nights' four-star accommodations: four nights Hotel El Coloso in Madrid; three nights Hotel Expo in Barcelona
- Tourist-class rail transportation between Madrid and Barcelona
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Half-day guided panoramic motorcoach tour of Madrid
- Half-day guided panoramic motorcoach tour of Barcelona
- Escorted, round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers

Rates

\$1,059 per person double occupancy

\$1,299 for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available upon request.

Add \$420 for current air taxes, fees charges and surcharges. Passport required.

Accommodations

Hotel El Coloso

Calle de Leganitos, 13
28013 Madrid, España
915 487 640
www.hotelcoloso.com

Located right in the heart of Madrid's culture and entertainment hub, between Gran Vía and Callao, El Coloso provides a comfortable atmosphere and a warm, meticulously appointed space with all the comforts of a four-star hotel.

Expo Hotel Barcelona

Explotacion Hotelera Expo Sa,
C/ Mallorca, 1-23,
08014 Barcelona, Spain
www.expohotelbarcelona.com

The Expo Hotel Barcelona is one of the finest 4 star hotels in the exciting and vibrant city of Barcelona. It offers four- star luxury, comfort and is situated in the heart of the city. Its ideal location just 50 meters from Sants Central Station means that access is easy. The hotel offers 423 rooms, and has a restaurant and bar,

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from Boston

Depart from Boston on your Alitalia flight to Rome.

Day 2: Flight from Rome to Madrid

Arrive in Rome board your connecting flight to Madrid. Upon arrival in Madrid, retrieve your luggage and clear customs. You'll be met by our local representative who will assist you during the transfer to the Hotel El Coloso, located downtown in the heart of Madrid. Check in and receive room assignments. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings.

Day 3: Madrid tour

This morning after enjoying breakfast depart on a guided half day motorcoach tour of Madrid. This tour is the perfect introduction to Madrid's famous sights from the Gran Via and Castellana, to famous squares including Plazas de Espana, Puerta del Sol and Puerta de Alcala. You'll visit the historic quarters and famous parks including Casa de Campo and Retiro. You will discover that Madrid is a multifaceted city, from its Arab origins, through to the heady nightlife of present-day Madrid. **(B)**

Days 4-5: Madrid

Enjoy breakfast and the days are at leisure for you to continue getting to know Madrid on your own. **(B)**

Day 6: Madrid-Barcelona

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred to the train station for your rail journey to Barcelona. Upon arrival you will be met and taken to the Hotel Expo, your home for the next three nights. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure. **(B)**

Day 7: Barcelona

After breakfast, you will depart for a half-day sightseeing tour of Barcelona, via motor coach where you will discover the exuberance and beauty of Barcelona. Barcelona is one of the Mediterranean's most impressive and best-planned cities, lined with charming streets. Ascend Montjuich Mountain for an astounding panoramic view of the city. Pass by the Plaça d' Espanya and the pavilions built for the 1929 International Exhibition and the Olympic Ring. Next, take Miramar Road to the port area and see the Christopher Columbus monument before heading to the Gothic district. Surrounded by the remains of Roman walls, this area has changed little over the centuries. You can stroll the narrow streets and have some free time to visit the Gothic Cathedral. Next proceed to Catalunya Square and Passeig de Gràcia Avenue, Barcelona's most elegant avenue and one of the best architectural walks in the city. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure. **(B)**

Day 8: Barcelona

Enjoy breakfast and the day is free for you to discover Barcelona on your own. **(B)**

Day 9: Return to Boston

Morning transfer to the Barcelona airport for your return flight to Boston, via Rome. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require valid Passport. Passports are the responsibility of each client.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*