

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Barcelona Getaway

6 DAYS: Saturday, March 7-Thursday, March 12, 2020

Per person double occupancy \$2,739; Single reservations \$2,909

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.

Take in stunning seascapes and cosmopolitan flair in the Catalan capital. 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

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

Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

Barcelona | 4 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona Included meal: Dinner

Welcome to Spain! Transfer to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon at your leisure before gathering with your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona Included meal: 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, site of the 1992 Olympic Games, and take in the panoramic views at Mirador de l'Alcalde Park

- Pass Plaça d'Espanya, one of the city's most important squares, and stroll past the soaring Columbus Monument, dedicated to the legendary explorer

Then, take the afternoon to explore the city on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Barcelona Flamenco Show & Tapas (additional cost)

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: Free day in Barcelona Included meal: Breakfast

Enjoy a free day in the city or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Montserrat & Cava Cellars (additional cost)

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: Cooking class & farewell dinner Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy another free day in the city or add an excursion this morning.

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.

Optional Excursion Park Güell & Hospital de Sant Pau (additional cost)

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. Must book 20 days before departure

Flight Home

Day 6: Departure Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Barcelona.