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LUXURY TRAVEL

Spain

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28–SUNDAY, JUNE 30

DAY 1-3, BARCELONA

Barcelona, a Gothic, Modernist Mediterranean Sea is the capital of Cataluña. A cosmopolitan city with Roman remains, medieval quarters and the most beautiful examples of 20th century Modernism and avant-garde nestled on the banks of the Garde. It is no surprise that emblematic constructions by the Catalan architects Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner have been declared World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO. The founding of Barcelona as a city began with the Romans who set up a colony called Barcino at the end of the 1st Century BC. Barcelona's history, some of the world's most famous architecture, beaches, the famous Mediterranean food, the culture and traditions and a very cosmopolitan feel, make Barcelona the place to be.

TRANSPORT

Arrival/Departure Transfer with Mercedes E-Class Taxi from Barcelona to Hotel

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Arts Barcelona Marina 19-2108005 Barcelona, Spain

EXCURSION/ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Barcelona Modernism and Gaudí Architecture Tour

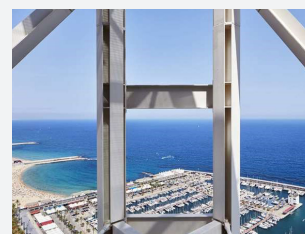
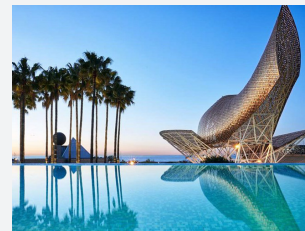
Meet your local expert guide at hotel lobby and visit some of his most impressive creations: the Batlló House and the Milá House from the outside, stroll through Park Güell and visit his unfinished masterpiece: The Sagrada Família.

Barcelona is considered to be the best open-air museum of Modernist art and architecture in Europe. You will visit some of the famous streets in the Eixample and see some of the 150 buildings designated to be of particular artistic and historical merit by the autonomous government of Catalonia. Antonio Gaudí is considered to be the most talented and innovative of the Modernist architects. Gaudí created his own unique style. Modernism has become one of the main cultural attractions of Barcelona, to the extent that UNESCO has declared many of the city's modernist buildings, World Heritage Sites. Paseo de Gràcia is by far the most elegant and sophisticated avenue in the city. Looking down the length of the Passeig de Gràcia, with its high-end designer stores and chic hotels, it is difficult to imagine that it was once nothing more than a dirt road connecting the walled-in city with the little village Gràcia on the hill. It wasn't until the mid-19th century that the road started to take on its modern appearance. Wealthy families commissioned houses along this avenue, the city adorned it with modernist streetlamps and benches and theatres and other leisure venues opened their doors to cater to the pleasures of the rich. Anyone with any sort of standing in the upper echelons of Barcelona society had to frequent the Passeig de Gràcia social circles or be considered out of touch with all that was new, exciting and chic in the city. The presence of Barcelona's finest modernist buildings makes this avenue a veritable open-air museum.

Barcelona Food Tour

Dive into the heart of the city's most famous food market, La Boqueria, and privately explore the culinary delights that the city has to offer such as cured meats, olives and much more!

Meet your private, experienced foodie guide and let him/her take you through the narrow alleyways of La Boqueria Market, which is Barcelona's most popular market where even the best professional chefs get their ingredients still today.



Your guide knows his/her way around inside the market, and on busy days, you will avoid the crowded main alleyways, and start your search for some of the best local delicacies in the smaller, more intimate parts of the market. Remember that these small, hidden stalls supply the most distinguished restaurants in the city.

From olives to ham, from edible flowers to salted cod and from sweet treats to delicious ice-cream, this is your chance to taste the exquisite flavors of Barcelona. Bear in mind that we have designed it so that your children will have as much fun as you.

Take your taste buds for an experience in Barcelona they will never forget!

SUNDAY, JUNE 30–WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

DAY 3–6, GRANADA

“Quien no ha visto Granada, no ha visto nada” (“Who hasn’t seen Granada hasn’t seen anything”). A city of fascinating history and exquisite beauty, Granada is one of Spain’s most cherished treasures—in fact, you’ll quickly see why Granada has garnered the nickname “Moorish jewel.” Situated in the southeastern part of the autonomous community of Andalucía, Granada comprises an important pillar of Spain’s most folkloric region. Granada has an unmistakable Moorish essence, due to the fact that it was the last city to be reconquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. The gastronomy, craftwork and urban planning are influenced by its glorious past. Fountains, viewpoints and “Cármenes,” houses surrounded by typical gardens of this city, create unforgettable corners in the city.

TRANSPORT

Arrival/Departure Transfer with Mercedes E-class Taxi from Granada Airport

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hospes Palacio de Los Patos Solarillo de Gracia, 1 Granada, 18002 Spain

The older and newer sections of the Hospes Palacio de los Patos complement each other so well, you’d swear this was the original design. Most of the facilities—including the restaurant, spa, thermal bath and 22 of the bedrooms (with barely-there furnishings and loft-style looks)—are in the newest part of the hotel. In the more historical palace section, ornate carved ceilings commingle with flat-screen televisions with nouveau-aristocratic flair. Outside, you’ll find a wonderful terrace, which is the place to see and be seen in the afternoons and evenings. Don’t miss the highly acclaimed Los Patos Restaurant.

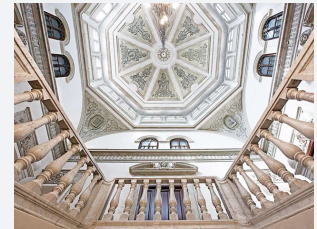
EXCURSION/ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Guided Tour to the Alhambra

The Alhambra, palatine citadel, is much more than palaces and gardens. It is the best representation of artistic, cultural and scientific development achieved by the Al-Andalus in its last period. The monumental complex of the Alhambra and the Generalife, declared World Heritage since 1984, has been a universal tourist attraction for centuries, alluring travelers from all over the globe.

You will start by visiting the city of the Alhambra, initially established in 13th century by the founder of the Nasrid dynasty Mahamed Ibn Alhamar on the red hill of Assabika that dominates Granada. The fortress or Alcazaba was built first followed by the Royal Palace and “High” Alhambra, residence of the courtesans. Later Charles V ordered the construction of a palace within the same grounds. You will visit: Mexuar Palace, the Serrallo, Myrtels Palace, the Hall of la Barca, the Ambassadors Hall, Lions Palace, the Hall of the Abencerrajes -of tragic legends-, Lindaraja, the Gardens of the Partal and the Palace of Charles V.

Continue then to the Generalife, which next to the Alhambra was a place of leisure for the Moorish Kings of Granada. It’s beautiful gardens stand out with their abundant and varied flora and stunning water features, described in one poem as “water that cries.” As well the Generalife Summer Palace which you will also visit.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3–SATURDAY, JULY 6

DAY 6–9, MADRID

Madrid, capital of Spain since 1561 is the nerve center of Spain, both physically and culturally. Madrid is short of nothing; art galleries, large open lush gardens, streets lined with Spain's best tapas bars and a city atmosphere that never dwindles no matter the time of day, week or month. Madrid has an infectious appetite for art, music, and epicurean pleasure, and it's turned into a cosmopolitan, modern urban center while fiercely preserving its traditions.

TRANSPORT

Arrival/Departure Transfer with private luxury vehicle from Madrid Airport to Hotel

ACCOMMODATIONS

Villa Magna Paseo de la Castellana 22 Madrid, 28046 Spain

EXCURSION/ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Essential Madrid Tapas tour

Madrid is a vibrant city which will sweep you off your feet. Strolling around the streets, visiting the spectacular museums, taking in the wonderful architecture, blending in with the cultural patchwork and of course...sampling a 'Tapa'. Tapas are synonymous with Madrid, it's a tradition where food, drink and friendships come together. What better way to discover Madrid than through a culinary experience shared in good company? Originally the tapa was considered a small accompaniment to a drink, but it has grown to mean a complete dining experience and has created a new breed of gourmet bar.

Have you ever visited a city for the first time and had the good fortune to meet up with someone who has all the local knowledge? That is what we do. You will experience Madrilian food night out savoring the best traditional fare that the city can offer. This is the experience that we will share with you right from the start as we guide you through this historic city.

Let us have the honor of showing you some of the best and historic restaurants in this, our capital. Let us take care of the details to ensure your Madrid visit will be truly unforgettable and of course, worth repeating! Between restaurants you will pass through some of the traditional and emblematic sites of the city with all the historical notes and anecdotes that make up the fabric of this great city. Bear in mind that your experience will also be ours and we will do everything to make sure it will be an evening worth remembering.

Madrid through the centuries & Royal Palace tour with private car and driver

Meet your guide at hotel lobby and start to discover Madrid under its different historical periods. The tour will start with a panoramic tour of the city where you will learn about the origins of Spain's fascinating capital city through its architecture before visiting the Royal Palace. You'll get to see the most important and representative buildings and monuments of Madrid, including the beautiful quarters of Madrid of the Hapsburgs and Madrid of the Bourbons. You will also visit monuments from the time of the reign of Joseph Bonaparte in the 19th Century including the elegant Plaza de Oriente. You will also discover the boulevards of contemporary Madrid; the Gran Via, the Paseo de la Castellana, the Salamanca quarter, the Plaza de Castilla, the Parque del Oeste, the University Quarter, the commercial and business areas of Modern Madrid and the Las Ventas bullring.

Step into the largest palace in Europe with our Local Expert Guide and experience a slice of the royal lifestyle as our expert shows you through the Royal Palace's lavish rooms. If there's a state function happening, we'll head to the world-famous Prado Museum instead.

The palace was initially designed by Filippo Juvarra to accommodate the court of Felipe V, a total of more than 3000 courtiers. Juan Bautista Sacchetti initiated the building project in 1737 and Francisco Sabatini and Ventura Rodríguez terminated the works. It is surrounded by the beautiful Sabatini and Campo del Moro parks. The palace itself contains furniture, tapestries, paintings and ceramics as well as other important works of art and frescos by Tiepólo. Velázquez, Goya, Giordano and Mengs are all represented here amongst the dozens of valuable tapestries and paintings, making the palace one of Europe's most important museums.

