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MADRID: THE CITY STAY

7 or 9 days | Spain

From the Royal Palace to flamenco lessons, discover all that Madrid has to offer. Its art rivals that of any city in the world; the Prado Museum houses first-class Spanish masterpieces. Excursions to Toledo, El Escorial, and Segovia broaden your cultural and historical perspective of Spain, introducing you to its many influences through the years.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (5 *with extension*); 1 walking tour (2 *with extension*)
-  **Entrances:** Royal Palace; Prado; Flamenco dance lesson and show; Toledo Cathedral; Church of Santo Tomé; Synagogue; El Escorial; Segovia Alcázar; Segovia Cathedral; *with extension:* Park Güell
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; *AVE high-speed train with extension*; 5 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (7 *with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily
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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

Day 2: Madrid

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain. During your stay you'll explore Puerta del Sol, the heart of the city, and travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age at Plaza Mayor, where you'll learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions. At the Prado art museum, behold paintings like Velázquez's *Las Meninas* and Goya's paired canvases. Get a taste of royal Madrid at the extravagant Royal Palace, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior and find more than 2,000 rooms decked in beautiful frescoes, delicate porcelain wares, and finely woven rugs.
- Take a walking tour of Madrid.

Day 3: Madrid

- Take an expertly guided tour of Madrid: Puerta del Sol; Plaza Mayor.
- Visit the Royal Palace.
- Take an expertly guided tour of the Prado.
- Participate in a flamenco dance lesson.
- Attend a flamenco show. Feel the beat this evening as you experience flamenco, the fiery dance full of Spanish soul. The dance is characterized by intricate footwork and clapping displays. During your lesson, your instructor will demonstrate basic techniques and describe flamenco's history and origins. Then, let the classical guitar be your guide and try it out for yourself. Later, watch bonafide flamenco artists in action during a special performance.

Day 4: Toledo | Madrid

- Travel to Toledo, the former Spanish capital where Muslims, Jews, and Christians peacefully coexisted for centuries after the arrival of the Moors in the early 8th century. You'll see the influence of all three cultures as you tour the city. Visit the Cathedral of Toledo, a spectacular example of Gothic architecture, before continuing to the Church of Santo Tomás. Here, you'll view *The Burial of Count Orgaz*, one of El Greco's supreme achievements. Then, step inside one of Toledo's synagogues and finish off your excursion with a stop at a local damascene workshop. Damascene is an intricate Muslim craft originating in Damascus and made famous in Toledo.
- Take an expertly guided tour of Toledo.
- Visit Toledo Cathedral.
- Visit the Church of Santo Tomás.
- Visit a synagogue.
- Return to Madrid.
- Time to explore on your own or [Enjoy a cooking class.](#)

Day 5: Madrid

- Full day to explore on your own or [Visit Salamanca: Casa de las Conchas; Old Cathedral and New Cathedral; University of Salamanca](#)

Day 6: El Escorial | Segovia | Madrid

- Take a guided excursion to Segovia.
- Visit El Escorial.
- Visit the Segovia Alcázar.
- Visit the Segovia Cathedral.

Day 7: Depart for home

[2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION](#)

Day 7: Barcelona

- Travel by AVE train to Barcelona.
- Take a walking tour of Barcelona: Las Ramblas.

Day 8: Barcelona

- Stop for a photo at Montjuïc.
- Take an expert-led tour of Barcelona: see the surrealist architecture of La Sagrada Família and Barrio Gótico, or Gothic Quarter.
- Marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful modernist mosaics on your visit to Park Güell.

Day 9: Depart for home

TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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