



Portugal, Spain and France

15 Days | Summer 2027

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Lisbon; Évora; Seville; Barcelona; Sagrada Família

Entrances: Mercado Ribeira market challenge; Mosteiro dos Jeronimos; Chapel of Bones; Fortaleza de Sagres; Boat cruise, Lagos; Seville Cathedral; Gibraltar; Park Güell; Sagrada Família; Bike tour, Barcelona; Pont du Gard

Overnights: Lisbon (2); Algarve region (3); Costa Del Sol (2); Barcelona (2); Provence (1); French Riviera (3)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Portugal

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon!

Day 2: Lisbon

Arrive in Lisbon

Built around the wide, winding River Tagus, the Atlantic port of Lisbon was taken back from the Moors in 1147 and later set forth intrepid seafaring discoverers such as Vasco de Gama. Trams run up and down the narrow, cobbled streets of Lisbon's seven hills, from which you can admire the magnificent government square of Praça do Comércio, rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1755.

Scavenger hunt in Mercado Ribeira (*time permitting*)

Explore and test some basic Spanish phrases with local vendors during a market challenge in the 75,000-square-foot gourmet food hall.

Walking tour of Lisbon (*time permitting*)

Your introduction to Lisbon begins with a Tour Director-led walking tour. You might explore the winding cobblestone streets in Lisbon's age-old Islamic Alfama district, stroll the pedestrian street of Rua Augusta or see the iron filigree tower of the Santa Justa Elevator.

Day 3: Lisbon

Guided sightseeing of Lisbon

Discover Lisbon during your guided tour. As you drive through the city, see the Padrão dos Descobrimentos and the Torre de Belém, where many navigators set sail. You will also visit the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos and further relive the days when Portugal was a great trading empire. Built by King Manoel to honor the country's great voyagers, here the king lies buried, along with Vasco da Gama, who sailed from Portugal in 1497 and discovered a sea route to India.

Walking tour of Sintra

A lush, paradisiacal retreat nestling into the Atlantic headland and offering spectacular panoramas, Sintra is an unspoiled UNESCO site for tourists, artists, geologists and archaeologists alike. People from all over the world come here to marvel at the tranquility and prehistoric heritage of a town, which also boasts exquisite Royal Palaces, handicrafts and regional wines.

Exploration time in Cascais

Continue on to Cascais, now a popular destination for elegant youngsters seeking nightlife and surf at the fearsome beach of Boca do Inferno, Cascais was made fashionable when King Luis I converted the 17th century citadel into a beautiful Royal retreat. Neolithic remains were discovered in underground caves in the 19th century while the Museu do Mar reveals Cascais' history as a bustling fishing port.

Day 4: Lisbon | Algarve region

Travel via guided sightseeing of Évora to the Algarve region

A local guide will lead you on a sightseeing tour of Évora. A walled town since Roman times, Évora is now mostly Islamic in character with alleys cut by arches and brilliant, whitewashed houses decorated with colorful azulejos (tiles). Évora was once the seat of Portuguese royalty. Its town center, the Praça de Giraldo, has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During your tour, you will see the Agua de Prata Aqueduct (Silver Water Aqueduct) and the Igreja Real de São Francisco. This church is famous for its chapel of bones, which you will also visit.

Arrive in the Algarve region

Portugal is a nation with close ties to the sea. For centuries, many of its people have made their living as fishermen, and some of Western civilization's best-known explorers began their journeys into the New World from the seaports of Portugal. Join your Tour Director in exploring the coastal region of Algarve.

Day 5: Algarve region

Excursion to Cape St. Vincent

Unspoiled by hordes of tourists, Cabo de São Vicente is a nature lover's paradise. The area is home to an impressive variety of bird and marine life and is the southwesternmost point of Portugal. Legend says that because the sunset was so much deeper here than in any other part of the ancient world, several cultures believed this point to be the edge of the world!

Visit the Fortaleza de Sagres

Blank, hulking and forbidding, Sagres' fortress offers breathtaking views over the sheer cliffs, and all along the coast to Cabo de São Vicente. According to legend, this is where Prince Henry the Navigator established his navigation school and primed the early Portuguese explorers.

Exploration time at the beach

This afternoon you will have free time to relax on a beautiful beach!

Day 6: Algarve region

Excursion to Lagos

Take a boat excursion (*pending confirmation*)

Board a catamaran in Lagos and head out to sea! Enjoy the scenic coastline as you make your way to the grottos. You will then board smaller boats and take a tour of the enchanting grottos that are carved into the coast.

Walking tour of Lagos

Get to know Lagos during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Learn why this area has become a popular destination for locals and tourists, alike.

Exploration time in Lagos

Enjoy time to make your own explorations of Lagos. You may choose to further explore its traditional Portuguese cafes and family-owned shops or spend time relaxing on the beach.

Day 7: Algarve region | Costa del Sol

Travel via a guided sightseeing of Seville to Costa del Sol

Discover Seville during your expertly guided tour. Your local guide will take you to visit the beautiful mosaics of Plaza de España and the geranium-strewn alleys of the Barrio de Santa Cruz. You will also enter into the Seville Cathedral, the world's third largest church.

Arrive in Costa del Sol

Welcome to the cosmopolitan Costa del Sol. This blue-skied coast is a treasure trove of small, coved fishing villages and family holiday resorts popular with seafood lovers, water sports enthusiasts and beachgoers alike.

Day 8: Costa del Sol

Excursion to Gibraltar

Experience an excursion to Gibraltar, a town situated on a 2.6-mile stretch of limestone that rises from the entrance of the Mediterranean Sea. You'll visit the Punta Europa to learn about natural gas production, discover the peninsula's fascinating network of caves and grottos, and explore the remains of the once dominating Moorish Castle. Get a look at the playful Barbary macaque—the only wild monkey population on the European continent. From here, take in a history of traders and merchants that dates back to the 1800s as you peruse the goods of Gibraltar's bustling shops.

Day 9: Costa del Sol | Barcelona

Travel via AVE train to Barcelona

Board Spain's high-speed train, dubbed the AVE-Alta Velocidad Española. The first AVE train was inaugurated in 1992 with the completion of the Madrid-Sevilla line. The train will reach a maximum speed of more than 180 miles per hour before arriving in Barcelona, your destination for the evening.

Arrive in Barcelona

Welcome to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. As the capital of fiercely nationalistic Cataluña, Barcelona also celebrates unique identity through its language and increasingly influential government.

Walking tour of Las Ramblas

Join your Tour Director on a walking tour that will introduce you to Barcelona. Together, you will walk down the dynamic Las Ramblas pedestrian street. Keep an eye out for colorful flower stalls, mime artists, local eateries and perhaps come upon the splendid La Boqueria food market.

Day 10: Barcelona

Guided sightseeing of Barcelona

Your expertly guided tour will introduce you to the vibrant and culturally rich, Barcelona. You'll enter Gaudí's fantasyland of Park Güell, complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and one of the longest benches in the world. Your bus will also take you through the Eixample district, down the Paseig de Gràcia where you'll see the Gaudí houses, La Pedrera and Casa Batlló.

Guided visit of the Sagrada Família

Enter into this amazing skeleton of a cathedral. Gaudí began this church in 1882, and it remains unfinished. Construction still continues and completion is slated for the mid-21st century, yet no one knows if the finished product will be what Gaudí intended. Take your time to explore this bizarre masterpiece by wandering around the base, marveling at the enormous statues of saints or climbing one of the many towers for a spectacular view of the city. (*Please note that this visit is pending confirmation due to limited group reservations.*)

Exploration time in Barcelona

Enjoy time to explore Barcelona on your own. You may enjoy a stroll down one of its vibrant avenues like the Passeig de Gràcia or you may wish to visit one of Barcelona's many museums, like the Palace of Catalan Music or the Picasso Museum.

Your Itinerary

Bike tour of Barcelona (*pending confirmation*)

This is your chance to take in the sights and sounds of Barcelona as you enjoy a wonderful bike tour of the city's main attractions. Your tour guide will give you a brief introduction to your day and your fellow cyclists.

Day 11: Barcelona | Provence

Travel via Montpellier to Provence

Spend some time today exploring the eighth-largest city in France. Montpellier is broken up into smaller neighborhoods that each have their own unique character. Your Tour Director will lead you through them to see the main sites including The Place de la Comedie, the botanical gardens and the St. Pierre Cathedral. After your walking tour you will have free time to discover the city on your own.

Visit the Pont du Gard

See the Pont du Gard, a portion of an aqueduct built by the Emperor Agrippa in AD 19. This spectacular work of Roman engineering is impressive in both form and function – the water conduit, atop the three levels of arches over the River Gard, brought 2,000 gallons of fresh water to the city each day.

Arrive in Provence

Welcome to the Provence region of France, one of the most beautiful and acclaimed parts of the country. In this region, discover a land of stunning architecture with heavy Roman influence, varied local produce and strong artistic links, none more famous than Impressionism.

Day 12: Provence | French Riviera

Travel via St. Tropez to the French Riviera

Enjoy some time today to make your own explorations of St. Tropez.

Arrive in the French Riviera

Welcome to the French Riviera, land of deep blue waters waving palm trees and sun-drenched promenades. Learn why this area of France is a favored resort of the rich and famous, locals and visitors alike.

Day 13: French Riviera

Excursion to Monaco

Follow the coastline of the Riviera to Monaco, a speck of a principality that packs wealth, royalty, and the world's most famous casino into just 0.8 square miles. The Grimaldi family has ruled Monaco since 1297, making them the longest-reigning family dynasty in Europe. During your Tour Director-led walking tour, see the palace where Prince Albert currently resides, and pass by the Cathédrale de Monaco, site of Prince Rainier's wedding to Grace Kelly in 1956. The cathedral is also the final resting place of Princess Grace, who was killed in a car accident in the hills of Monaco in 1982, and Prince Rainier who died in 2005 and was buried with his wife.

Walking tour of Nice

Get to know Nice during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Together you might stroll through the Vieille Ville, past white-washed villas or see the famous Promenade des Anglais.

Day 14: French Riviera

Exploration time in Nice

Enjoy time to explore Nice on your own. You may choose to relax at the beach or take a stroll down the Promenade des Anglais.

Day 15: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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