

**OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSION:
MALLORCA**

Day 10, Friday 26th Sept Overnight: Deia, Mallorca
This morning we fly to Palma, Mallorca. We transfer by coach to our hotel in Deia, one of the island's most picturesque villages, spectacularly set on a ridge of the Tramuntana mountain range with breathtaking views of the Mediterranean. The courier will lead a walking tour of the village and we'll stroll up the winding lanes to the little church at the top of the town to visit the grave of Robert Graves, the famous poet and classical scholar. A dinner party at the hotel this evening welcomes you to the Balearic Islands! **(B, D)**



Palma, Mallorca

Day 11, Saturday 27th Sept Overnight: Deia, Mallorca
This morning we'll explore the old city of Palma, including a visit to the magnificent 13th century Gothic cathedral. We'll continue to the southeast corner of the island and a tour of one of Mallorca's famous pearl factories. Lunch will be at the mountaintop monastery of San Salvador. An afternoon visit to Petra and the Birthplace Museum of Junipero de Serra, a Franciscan friar who established a string of missions along the coast of what is now California. We return to Deia for a free evening. **(B, L)**

Day 12, Sunday 28th September Overnight: Deia, Mallorca
A full day's excursion along Mallorca's stunning northern shore. We'll begin with a visit to Valldemosa and the monastery where Georges Sand and Frederic Chopin lived during the winter of 1838-39. An afternoon drive along the mountain coast road, through olive grove terraces built by the Moors in the 11th -12th centuries. A walking tour of charming Soller will be followed by a journey on the open tram down to the sea and a chance to explore its quaint fishing harbor. This evening, our farewell dinner at a traditional Mallorquin restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 13, Monday 29th September Overnight: Home
Morning transfer back to Palma Airport for the return flight back to Barcelona and from there to the US. **(B)**

The cost of the above extension double occupancy, is **\$890** per person (single supplement: \$180). This includes the following:

- i) Internal flights, Barcelona-Palma round trip.
- ii) 3 nights' accommodation in a first class hotel, double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities.
- iii) 3 continental breakfasts.
- iv) 2 table d'hote dinners, 3 courses.
- v) 1 lunch.
- vi) All ground transportation by private coach & driver.
- vii) Local English-speaking guide throughout
- viii) All entrances to sites featured in the extension.
- ix) All airport taxes, customs fees, hotel taxes & service charges.



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Guggenheim, Bilbao

Our second city, Barcelona, is Spain's most visually striking city. As Rose Macaulay wrote four decades ago, "...it gives an impression of tempestuous, surging, irrepressible life and *brio*." We'll spend our days exploring the *Barri Gotic*, the very heart of Barcelona, her outstanding museums and architecture, and take an excursion up the Costa Brava in search of Salvador Dali.



Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia

An optional 3-night extension to the Mediterranean island of Mallorca concludes the trip with a welcome change of pace as we explore hidden villages and monasteries, winding lanes and quiet corners. This is the magic and romance of the Mediterranean - azure waters, white sands and year-round golden sunshine - but beware, it will leave you aching for more.

This fall join Discover Europe's Gavin Miller on an unforgettable European adventure to experience the beauty, art and culture that is irresistible Spain!



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Day 01, Wednesday 17th September.
Departure from your chosen departure city.

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Day 02, Thursday 18th September.
Our courier will meet us at Bilbao airport for the short journey to our city-center hotel. There will be time to unpack, relax and rest before a short afternoon panoramic tour of the city. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D)**

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Day 03, Friday 19th September.
Today, the Guggenheim, probably the most talked-about museum in recent years. After a guided tour of the museum's highlights, we break for

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lunch at the museum's restaurant. This afternoon we visit the nearby Museu de Bellas Artes, now overshadowed by its world-famous neighbor, but with a fine collection of works by El Greco, Goya, Van Dyck and the Basque artists. The evening is free. **(B)**

Day 04, Saturday 20th September.
Our excursion today takes us first to the town of Guernica, site of the first aerial bombing of a civilian population - an atrocity that was immortalized in Picasso's eponymous anti-war painting. The town was bombed by German planes on the orders of General Franco during the Spanish civil war. We continue along the coast to the resort town of San Sebastián. Destroyed by fire in 1813, the town was largely rebuilt in the Belle Epoch style and has become a playground for the rich and famous with sweeping sand beaches and a reputation for the best Basque cuisine. We return to Bilbao after dinner. **(B, D)**



Guggenheim Museum Bilbao

Day 05, Sunday 21st September.
This morning we transfer to Bilbao rail station where we board the direct express train to Barcelona. We'll travel first class and have lunch on the train while enjoying the spectacular scenery. After checking into our hotel in Barcelona, the four-star Tryp Colon situated in the Gothic quarter, across from the Gothic cathedral, we'll have a chance to freshen up before a late dinner. **(B, D)**

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Day 06, Monday 22nd September.
We begin the day with panoramic sightseeing of this vibrant and cosmopolitan city. From the Old City to the ancient harbor, the chic commercial center - the "Eixample" - to its world-class museums, this city is endlessly fascinating. We'll visit some of Gaudí's greatest buildings, pass by the Port Olympic and Olympic Village, built for the 1992 Games and stop at the Parc Guell, Gaudí's extravaganza of art nouveau, to visit his home. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B)**

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Parc Guell

Day 07, Tuesday 23rd September.
Today we spend on Montjuic, visiting its remarkable museums. The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya has a splendid collection of medieval paintings, Romanesque frescoes that have been painstakingly removed from village churches and restored, and some of the

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finest examples of Renaissance and Baroque art. A short walk brings us to the Fundacio Joan Miró which displays the work of Miró from 1914-1978. After lunch we'll visit the Poble Espanyol, or "Spanish Village," which was designed for the International Exhibition and chronicles the development of Spanish vernacular architecture. This evening we gather for a traditional Catalan meal. **(B, D)**

Day 08, Wednesday 24th September.
Today we take an excursion to the north of the city, along the Mediterranean coast. Our first stop is Girona, where we'll visit the Cathedral and the Arab Baths and have free time to explore. We continue north to Figueras, the home of Salvador Dali. There will be time for lunch before we visit the famous Dali Museum. Our final stop, before returning to Barcelona for a free evening, will be at the gorgeous seaside resort of Cadaqués. **(B)**

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Day 09, Thursday 25th Sept.
We begin our final day in Barcelona with its most famous museum, the Museu Picasso. Housed in two adjoining medieval palaces, this is one of the most important collections of Picasso's work in the world, containing several pieces from his Blue period and many of his Cubist interpretations of old masters. We'll spend the morning here before a free afternoon to explore the Barri Gotic, its cathedral, its medieval streets and its churches. Alternatively, you could take an optional excursion by train and cable car to the nearby Benedictine monastery of Montserrat. This spectacular peak rises out of the surrounding Rio Llobregat valley and has long inspired poets, artists and travelers alike. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner in Barcelona. **(B, D)**

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Museu Picasso, Barcelona

Day 10, Friday 26th September.
This morning we transfer to the airport either to fly home or to Palma, Mallorca for the 3-day extension. **(B)**

Overnight: Home

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner



Gaudi Building

The cost of this itinerary, double occupancy, is **\$2580** per person including flights from Boston. The land only cost would be \$1980 per person and the single supplement: \$390.

This includes the following:

- i) Roundtrip airfare on British Airways, Boston-London-Bilbao and Barcelona-London-Boston.
- ii) 8 nights accommodation in first-class hotels, all rooms with private facilities.
- iii) 8 continental/buffet breakfasts.
- iv) 5 table d'hote dinners, (3 courses + coffee).
- v) Fully-qualified bilingual *Discover Europe* courier for 9 days.
- vi) All ground transportation by private motorcoach as detailed in the itinerary.
- vii) 1st class rail tickets from Bilbao to Barcelona.
- viii) Local guides for sightseeing in Barcelona and Bilbao and for visits to Montjuic, the Picasso Museum, and the Guggenheim
- ix) All entrance fees to sites featured in the itinerary.
- x) Fully-comprehensive travel insurance.
- xi) Porterage of one suitcase per person.
- xii) All airport taxes & customs fees, hotel taxes and service charges.