

# Paris, Barcelona & Madrid

**ITINERARY NIGHTS:** Paris (2), Night Train (1), Barcelona (2), Madrid (2)

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Paris City Tour • Notre Dame • Louvre • Versailles • Barcelona City Tour • Sagrada Familia • Pueblo Español • Zaragoza • Madrid City Tour • Prado Museum • Toledo City Tour • Toledo Cathedral • Toledo Sword Workshop

**OPTIONS:** Chartres Cathedral • Montserrat • Flamenco Performance



**DAY 1** Depart for France.

**DAY 2 PARIS** Bienvenue à Paris! Your TSA Tours guide waits to escort you on a **Paris City Tour**. See the majestic Eiffel Tower, the historic Latin Quarter, the world-famous Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, and visit the Gothic Cathedral of **Notre Dame**.

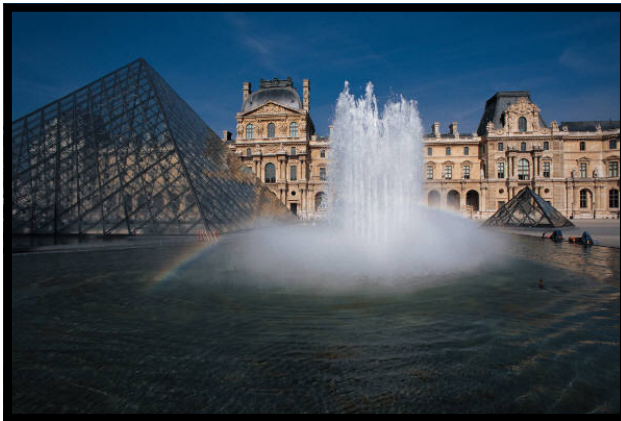
Explore the **Louvre** on a guided tour. From I. M. Pei's modern pyramid to the ancient Egyptian sarcophaguses, the Louvre is the largest museum on Earth! After the French Revolution, the Louvre was opened as a

museum and its fabulous collection was rightfully made accessible to the public. While there, be sure to see da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, the exquisite *Vénus de Milo* and the *Winged Victory of Samothrace*.

**DAY 3 PARIS** Take a guided tour of the **Palace of Versailles**, home of Louis XIV,

the Sun King. See the magnificent Hall of Mirrors where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ending World War I. Stroll through the intricate formal grounds and sculpture gardens of Louis XIV's extravaganza, and marvel at the splendor in which French royalty once lived.

**DAY 4 NIGHT TRAIN** Today is free for explorations with your advisors. **Option:** Tour the beautiful cathedral of Chartres with its 13<sup>th</sup> century stained glass windows. Tonight,



transfer by night train to Spain's second largest city, the Mediterranean capital of Catalonia.

**DAY 5 BARCELONA** Explore Barcelona on a **City Tour** with a licensed guide. You will see the Parque de la Ciudadela, Barceloneta and its beaches, Barrio Gótico,

Plaza de España, Palacio Nacional and Fuentes, and visit Gaudi's unusual Church of the **Sagrada Familia**. Also visit **Pueblo Español**, representing architecture and artisans from all regions of Spain.

**DAY 6 BARCELONA** Today is free for more explorations with your advisor. You may want to walk the tree-lined Ramblas or do some shopping in the boutiques. **Option:** Travel to Montserrat, one of Spain's major tourist attractions by virtue both of its scenic magnificence and its famous monastery. Ride through mountain landscapes of fantastically eroded crags and terraces before arriving at the principal religious and cultural center of Catalonia. Tour the monastery and stroll around the area for panoramic views of the surrounding steep rock faces.

**DAY 7 MADRID** Transfer by coach to the vibrant capital of Spain, with a stop in



**Zaragoza**, once the residence of the kings of Aragon.

**DAY 8 MADRID** Your full day of activities begins with a **Madrid City Tour**. See the Plaza de España, the statue of Cervantes, the Royal Palace, and Plaza Mayor. Later enjoy a guided tour of the world-renowned **Prado Museum**. Then travel to historical Toledo, a picturesque town with a ring of Gothic and Moorish walls. See the masterpieces by El Greco in the **Toledo Cathedral**, the Old Synagogue, the Royal Palace, the Church of Santo Tome and visit a local **sword workshop**.

**Option:** Thrill to the stamping heels, soulful songs and clinking castanets of a fiery, colorful Flamenco performance tonight.

**DAY 9 DEPART** Bid farewell to Spain and board your flight home with memories of three of Europe's most fabulous cities.

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