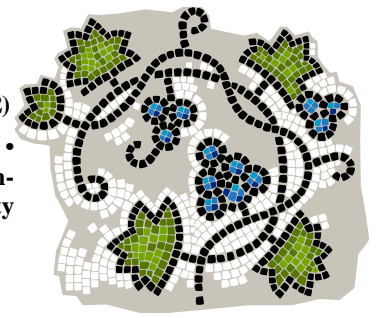


MEDITERRANEAN MOSAIC

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Madrid (2), Barcelona (2), Nîmes (1), Nice (2), Portofino Area (1), Florence (2), Rome (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid City Tour • Prado • Evening Walking Tour • El Escorial • Valley of the Fallen • Tapas Dinner • Zaragoza • Barcelona City Tour • Nîmes Amphitheatre • Maison Carrée • Arles • Aix-en-Provence • Monaco Tour • Musée Oceanographic • Eze • Perfume Factory • Florence City Tour • Accademia • Evening Walking Tour • Rome City Tour • The Colosseum

OPTIONS: Toledo • Picasso Museum • Uffizi Gallery • Space Electronics Disco



DAY 1 Jet overnight to Spain!

DAY 2 MADRID *Bienvenido a Madrid*, where your two-week adventure begins. A guided **City Tour** takes you to see the Palacio Real, the Cibeles fountain, the Puerto del Sol, and on a visit to the **Prado Museum** in the heart of Bourbon Madrid. Be sure not to miss Goya's *Majas*. This evening take a **walking tour** with your guide to the lively Plaza Mayor.

DAY 3 MADRID Enjoy a guided tour of **El Escorial**, site of the Royal Apartments, then continue on to visit the **Valley of the Fallen**, an architectural wonder built to honor those who died in Spain's Civil War. **Option:** Tour historical Toledo, a town within a ring of Gothic and Moorish walls. Tonight, savor a **Tapas Dinner** of traditional Spanish delicacies.

DAY 4 BARCELONA Transfer via **Zaragoza**, a major university and religious center. Arrive in Barcelona, a Mediterranean seaport and capital of Catalonia.

DAY 5 BARCELONA See the panoramic view from Montjuïc, Barceloneta and its



beaches, Barrio Gotico, Plaza de España, the **Palacio Nacional**, then tour Gaudí's amazing Church of the **Sagrada Família**.

Option: Visit the Picasso Museum to view the artist's works dating from his ninth year to his famous 44 variations on Velázquez's *Las Meninas*.

DAY 6 NIMES Transfer to France through Perpignan, and arrive in Nîmes to visit the **Amphitheatre**, built by Romans in the first century AD, and the **Maison Carrée**, an excellently preserved Roman temple dating from the time of Augustus.

DAY 7 NICE Journey through **Arles**, an important center of Provençal life, then on to **Aix-en-Provence**, a city filled with plane trees and bubbling fountains. Arrive in Nice



and begin exploring this most ancient of cities on the shores of the Mediterranean.

DAY 8 NICE Bonjour! Take a guided tour of **Monaco**, the principality considered to be the jewel of the French Riviera. See the casinos, the palace, and visit the **Musée Oceanographic**. Tour a **perfume factory** near the hilltop town of **Eze** and continue back to Nice for a free afternoon, perhaps basking on the beaches.

DAY 9 PORTOFINO AREA Travel to the Italian Riviera via Genoa. After an overview of the unspoiled Cinque Terre region, arrive in the resort of Portofino. Note: The walk to the lighthouse here is beautiful, especially when the setting sun shines on the Gulf of Rappallo.

DAY 10 FLORENCE Stop in **Pisa** to view the world famous architectural wonder, the Leaning Tower. Arrive in the magnificent city where the Renaissance began: Florence, Italy's center of art and culture.



DAY 11 FLORENCE Today's guided **Florence City Tour** introduces you to the Duomo with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, a tribute to Renaissance sculpture. Also see the Church of San Lorenzo and the Bargello, the former city hall. Proceed to the **Accademia**, home to Michelangelo's *David*. Your afternoon is free. **Option:** Tour the **Uffizi Gallery** to see the Medici family collection of art masterpieces. **Evening Option:** Dance the night away at the Space Electronics Disco.

DAY 12 ROME Transfer to Rome via **Orvieto** and take a funicular up to visit the Gothic cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo. Arrive in Rome for a **walking tour** to Piazza Navona and the beautiful Trevi Fountain

DAY 13 ROME On today's guided **Rome City Tour** you will visit the **Colosseum**, see the Arch of Constantine, the Imperial Forums, Piazza Venezia, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Monument to Vittorio Emmanuel. Continue to **Vatican City** to visit St. Peter's and the **Vatican Museums** including the magnificent Sistine Chapel. The afternoon is free.

DAY 14 DEPART Board your flight and return home with new appreciation for the history, people and wonders along the Mediterranean Sea.

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