

GMHS INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

2025-2026

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC, CANADA

Dates: 2/12/26 - 2/15/ 2026

Company: Jumpstreet Tours

Details: Activities will include a tour of the city, tubing, sledding, cross-country skiing, a visit to the fine arts museum, Montmorency falls, a Cabane a sucre and St. Anne.

Advisor: Lauren Kennedy & Katherine Guyette

Grades: GMHS 10-12

Students: 20-40

MADRID AND BARCELONA, SPAIN

Dates: April 8-17, 2026 – 10-day trip

Cost: \$4,700 per student

Company: Passports

Details: Students will travel to Spain and explore Madrid, Barcelona and surrounding cities. Students will have an opportunity to truly engage in an educational and cultural experience. Sites/excursions include: Museo del Prado, Plaza Mayor, Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium, Sagrada Familia Basilica, Chocolate Making Workshop, and many more!

Advisor: Stephanie Sanchez

Grades: GMHS 9-12

Students: 20-30

Your Tour Proposal from

Jumpstreet Tours
by WorldStrides



Granby Memorial HS
**4 Days Quebec City - Winter
Carnival**
February 12 to 15, 2026

Included:

- A detailed itinerary tailored to your needs;
- A price sheet with details about what's included;
- Information about options, insurance, and [health & safety](#);
- A link to our full [Terms & Conditions](#).

Peace of mind must be at the core of what we offer. Jumpstreet by WorldStrides uses the services of **Exlog Global** to understand the world around us when it comes to travel risk management and making safe decisions for our groups. Meanwhile our **Doctors on Call** program offers real time medical consultation while on tour.

You can also help ease the decision-making process with our [Insurance Plans and Cancel For Any Reason Waiver Benefit \(CFAR\)](#), which your participants can purchase to cancel their trip for whatever reason up until 2 days from departure and get a 75% refund.

Now that you know you'll be well taken care of, let's turn our focus to the fantastic world of educational travel.

Livia Laverdure



"I only wish I would have known about Jumpstreet sooner. The activities were not only more fun for my students than past tours (not-led by Jumpstreet), but the guides were intuitive to the students' needs and willing to switch up something or add in an extra activity for fun."

- Alexa, middle school teacher



Thursday, February 12, 2026

- 07:00 AM The day has arrived! The trip you've been waiting for is finally here!! Hop aboard your locally chartered luxury motorcoach, get comfortable and get ready for your adventure!
- Stops and lunch en route (at individual expense).
- 03:30 PM Hooray! You've arrived in Quebec City! Meet your tour leader and check in to the hotel to relax and unwind before dinner. The fun starts now :)
- 04:30 PM Check out the beautiful view of the mighty Fleuve St-Laurent and look out for the famous Pont de Québec, the longest cantilever bridge span in the world, as you drive along Boulevard Champlain and make your way to...
- 05:00 PM Welcome to Chez Victor, a beautiful restaurant offering a variety of reinvented burgers in Quebec's Lower Town and where the word 'delicious' is an understatement!
- 06:30 PM Stop to admire "La Fresque des Québécois". See how many characters of Quebec's history you can identify!
- 07:30 PM Québec City got its name from "Kébec", a Franco-Algonquin term that roughly translates to "where the river narrows". You're going to learn why it earned this name on your ferry ride across the St. Lawrence River, where you'll get not only a spectacular view of the Château Frontenac but also a glimpse of neighbouring Lévis.
- 08:30 PM Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit)

Friday, February 13, 2026

- 08:15 AM Everybody ready? Time to head out for your activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun that's in store.
- 08:30 AM You know what they say: Eat your breakfast like kings and queens. This morning, that's exactly what you'll be doing at Chez Cora. This local chain is both delicious and inspiring, a true Quebec flagship! Bon appétit!
- 09:30 AM All aboard! Next stop: Valcartier!
- 10:00 AM Are you ready to visit one of the world's coolest hotels? See how guests stay warm in the themed suites of the Hotel de Glace de Québec during your self-guided visit of this hotel made out of snow and ice!
- 11:00 AM Some say it's worth learning French grammar in exchange for an inner tubing ride, so today, we're going to try out all of the fun slides at the Village Vacances Valcartier! The Himalaya, the Avalanche, and so many more. Let's goooooooo! (Inner tube rental is included.)
- Have lunch on site (at individual expense).
- 02:30 PM Discover the Carnival sites with your tour leader during an orientation tour, followed by some time to explore the sites on your own! See the ice castle, the snow sculptures, Bonhomme Carnaval and so much more!
- 04:00 PM Depart for the hotel to relax and unwind before dinner.
- 05:30 PM All aboard! Next stop: the SUGAR SHACK!
 Discover how the people of Quebec managed to brave the difficult winters through the tradition of maple syrup production as your tour leader shares their Sugar Shack story.
- 06:00 PM Get ready to party like it's 1699! At Érablière du Cap, an authentic French-Canadian cabane à sucre, you're going to feast on a 17th Century meal and get down to traditional songs and dances. You'll even break a sweat attempting to make your own maple butter. Don't forget to add some syrup to your pea soup (we're not kidding).
- 09:00 PM Departure for the hotel.

Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 07:30 AM Everybody ready? Time to head out for your activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun that's in store.



- 08:00 AM Start your day with flaky croissants and hot chocolate at Paillard, an artisan bakery located in the heart of the old walled city.
- 09:30 AM Enjoy the many pleasures of winter, including cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, at Le Domaine de Maizerets.
- 11:30 AM The Côte-de-Beaupré, also referred to as Québec's breadbasket, has deep agricultural roots running back to the First Nations and New France's earliest settlers. Time to discover another part of Quebec and head out there for your next activity!
- 12:00 PM Observe beautiful mosaics and a replica of Michelangelo's Pieta during your visit of the Ste-Anne de Beaupré shrine.
- 01:00 PM Poutine - what's that? Try it for lunch at Chez Bolduc, a local casse-croûte (at individual expense).
- 02:30 PM The Montmorency Falls is a true Quebec icon. They're the tallest waterfalls in the Province, the site of historic battles and legends, and John Keats even references them in his poetry. Keats! Plus, there's also a sweet suspended bridge that spans the top and you're about to walk across it. Acrophobics: prepare to conquer your fear!
- 04:00 PM Let's go tobogganing by the Château Frontenac on the world famous Terrasse Dufferin wooden toboggan run, and then warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.
- 05:30 PM Le Saint-Patrick Irish Pub is the perfect place to enjoy a good meal in a festive, dynamic and relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy the moment and the pub! Bon appétit!
- 07:00 PM Line up for the parade! Jump and sing to keep warm during the "Défilé du Carnaval", the ultimate Winter Carnival festivity. Enjoy the show!!
> Exact time pending release of the 2025 Carnival schedule in early January.
- 08:30 PM Departure for the hotel.

Sunday, February 15, 2026

- 08:00 AM Breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.
- 09:30 AM You won't believe it, but the time has come...for your last day of this fantastic journey! Time to leave the hotel with your luggage and take advantage of today to say goodbye to these foreign lands.
- 10:00 AM During your self-guided visit of the Museum of fine arts of Quebec, browse the collections of ancient art, modern art, contemporary art, current art, decorative arts and design or art Inuit.
- 11:30 AM Time for lunch and to explore in Old Quebec and the Carnival sites! Hang out with your friends, grab some food (at individual expense) and practice your conversational French. Your tour leader will give you a meeting place and time.
- 01:30 PM It's already time to say "au revoir" to Quebec City. You've seen and done so much, yet you've only scratched the surface. This is definitely a city that's best experienced over many, many visits. Until next time!

Stops and dinner en route (at individual expense).
- 10:00 PM This is when you're expected to arrive back at your school, where your family and friends will be eager to hear all about your adventure!



TOUR PRICE (including taxes)

Complimentary chaperones Double Occupancy	Paying students Quad Occupancy	Per student
5	50	US\$1075.00
5	45	US\$1125.00
4	40	US\$1159.00

✔ WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 1 Tour Leader(s) with your group 24/7, to bring your itinerary to life!
- Virtual parent/guardian meeting (by request and pending availability)
- All programming, reservations and itinerary items
- Bracelets featuring our 24/7 toll-free emergency line
- Round trip transportation via luxury motorcoach(es)
- Hotel(s) and restaurant(s) as per itinerary (or equivalent depending on availability when trip is confirmed)
- Carbon neutral travel
- 24/7 access to George Washington University Doctors on Call
- Online individual payment and registration platform
- 24/7 tour support, with a direct patch to our senior staff
- Your money placed in a bonded trust account
- \$25M in liability protection for teachers and chaperones
- Early warning service for disruptions or global threats to avoid or minimize risks to travel security
- All fees related to road, bridge, tunnel and parking tolls
- Private security guard (per coach) to monitor the hallways at night
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance Including a Cancel for Any Reason waiver benefit

🍴 MEALS

- 3 breakfasts
- 3 dinners

🚶 ACTIVITIES

- Sanctuaire de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré - Self-guided Tour
- Village Vacances Valcartier - Winter Playground day Pass
- Village Vacances Valcartier - Hôtel de Glace + Winter pass playground (COMBO)
- Carnaval de Québec - Effigies
- Parc de la Chute Montmorency - Admission / Parking
- Au 1884 - 3 Glissades + Chocolat Chaud
- Société des Traversiers - Ferry Quebec-Levis (2 ways)
- Domaine de Maizerets - 2 activities (Ski de fond-patins-raquettes-trotinette des neiges)
- Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec - Self-guided visit



TO CONFIRM YOUR TRIP

The contents of the proposed itinerary are subject to availability. As soon as you sign below and return a copy of this page to me, I will book your coach and hotel. I will then activate your online portal which will give you access to planning resources, a preliminary itinerary and the payment schedule. An initial payment of \$200 per paying participant is due 30 days following the signing of this contract (\$350 for trips including flights) which enables me to begin reserving your entire proposed itinerary and guarantee your trip price.



CLASSROOM TRAVEL RESOURCES

Our [classroom travel resources](#) will help you and your community stay organized and energized as you prepare for your adventure.



INSURANCE

By law, we are required to inform you of the insurance plans available to your group. I have sent you information about comprehensive coverage. Please distribute this information to your group as insurance must be purchased at the same time as the initial payment.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read our complete [terms and conditions](#). The following sections are particularly helpful:

- Trip price
- Cancellation policy: group cancellation
- Cancellation policy: individual cancellation
- Exchange rates

By signing below you are confirming:

- That you agree with the itinerary and price
- That you agree with the payment schedule
- That you have distributed our travel insurance options to your group
- That you have read and accepted our terms and conditions

Client signature

Date

Portal activation will act as your electronic signature in case we do not receive this signed proposal.



Travel Protection Plan Plus (TPPP)

We recommend protecting your investment with the Travel Protection Plan Plus. The TPPP includes the Comprehensive Travel Protection Plan from third-party provider Trip Mate and WorldStrides' Cancel For Any Reason waiver benefit which allows you to cancel your trip for reasons not otherwise covered by the policy, for a reimbursement of 75% of non-refundable cancellation fees.

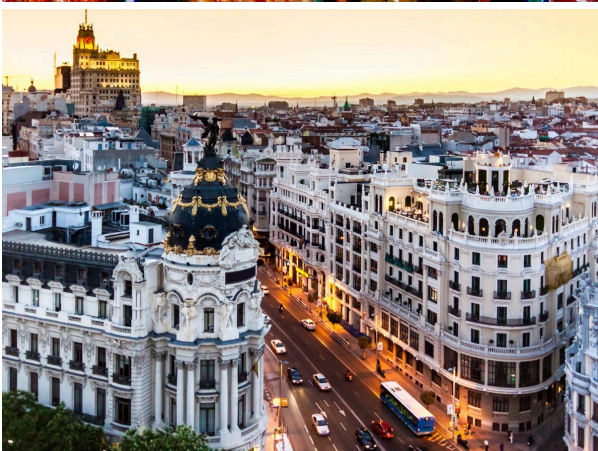
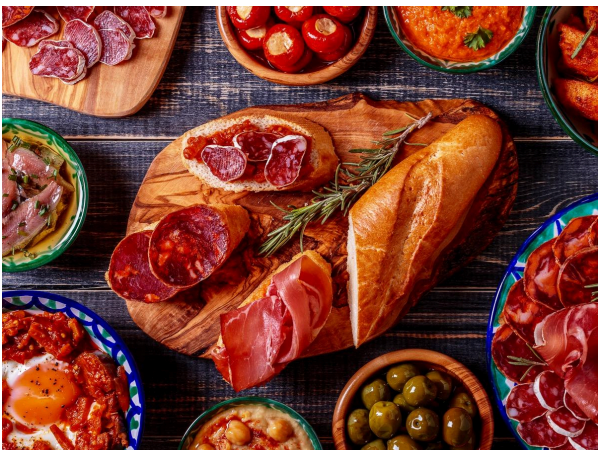
TRIP PRICE	PRICE OF INSURANCE*
\$0 to \$1,500	\$179
\$1,501 to \$3,500	\$279
\$3,501 to \$6,000	\$379
\$6,001 to \$8,000	\$479

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN PLUS
WorldStrides' Cancel For Any Reason waiver benefit**	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covers 75% of the amount due per the payment schedule;• The price of the trip will not increase for the remaining participants due to reduced numbers;• Cancellation must occur at least 48 hours prior to departure.
Trip cancellation (such as illness or injury—doctor's note must be provided)	100% of the total trip price
Trip interruption	100% of the total trip price
Travel delay	\$750 (up to \$150 per day)
Itinerary change	\$150
MEDICAL EXPENSE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION WHILE ON TOUR	
Accident & sickness medical expense	\$50,000
Emergency evacuation & repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental death	\$25,000
Baggage & personal effects	\$3,000
Baggage delay	\$300

*Prices are subject to change without notice until time of purchase. Plan must be purchased within 14 days of the initial trip payment and is not refundable once purchased. [See policy](#) (by State of departure) for full details.

**WorldStrides' CFAR waiver benefit will come into effect if the insurance claim is rejected—once rejected, you can send a CFAR refund request to yourteam@jumpstreet.com, including your reason of cancellation, for a reimbursement within 6 weeks.





Madrid and Barcelona

Group Organizer: Ms. Stephanie Sanchez

Tour Includes

Departure Date

April 8, 2026

Overnights

Madrid 4 • Barcelona 4

Accommodations

Accommodations in centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Rooming on a triple basis. Double rooms: \$400 per person.

Transportation

Round-trip transportation on scheduled airline. Unlimited public transportation.

Meals

All breakfasts. All dinners. Flamenco dinner and show on Day 4. Tapas dinner on Day 9.

Tour Director

Services of a specially-trained **passports** Tour Director throughout. Tipping is included in the Program Cost. Whisper headsets included.

Travel Protection

passports provides and pays for a Post-Departure Travel Protection Plan that provides coverage for Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Medical Expense and Evacuation and more.

Investment

\$4642
\$290 / month

Program Cost \$4842
-\$200 Early Enrollment Discount
Total \$4642

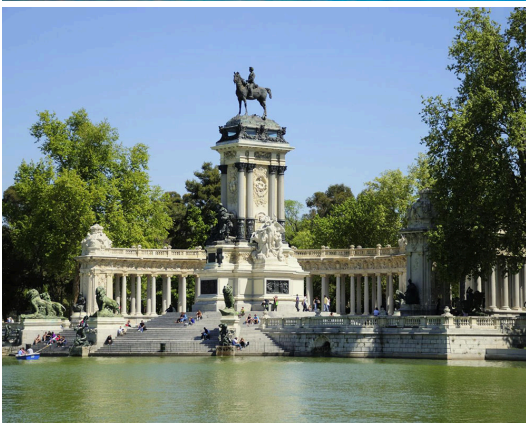
Monthly payments are based on the E-Z Pay payment schedule with \$0 deposit. Early Enrollment Discount expires March 15, 2025. Final payment is due 12/19/2025 or, with E-Z Pay, 3/9/2026. Tour cost is based on a minimum group size of 20 participants. Departure from Hartford, CT. Adults 24 years or older are automatically charged for double rooms. With doubles, total price is \$5,042.

For More Information

- 1 Visit our website
passports.com
- 2 Enter Tour ID
SSANCHEZ2026-3

Madrid and Barcelona

Departs: April 8, 2026



Days 1-2: Home - Madrid

Arrival transfer

Tour director-led walking tour to Plaza de Oriente: Madrid one-day public transportation pass zone A

Day 3: Madrid

Half-day city sightseeing: Guide, Visit to the Prado Museum, Prado headset

Excursion to Toledo: Guided walking tour in Toledo, Visit to Toledo Cathedral, Visit to the Church of *Santo Tomé* (El Greco's painting), Visit to a historic synagogue

Day 4: Madrid

Guided tour at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium (*subject to game schedule and route may vary*)

Store at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium Store

Churros at Chocolateria San Gines

Flamenco dinner and show

Day 5: Madrid

Excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen: Visit to the Royal Monastery of El Escorial, Visit to the Valley of the Fallen, Local Guide

Day 6: Madrid - Barcelona

Departure transfer, AVE train Madrid-Barcelona, Arrival transfer

Tour director-led walking tour in the Gothic Quarter: Picturesque medieval lanes of the Barrio del Born

Day 7: Barcelona

Barcelona City Sightseeing: Local Guide, Visit to Parc Güell

Visit to the Sagrada Familia Basilica

Day 8: Barcelona

Chocolate Museum Guided Tour: Chocolate Making Workshop

Montjuïc Cable-car Ascent from funicular station (round trip)

Castell de Montjuïc

Day 9: Barcelona

Excursion to Montserrat: Round trip on the Montserrat Funicular, Visit to the Basilica of Montserrat

Tapas dinner with Tuna Musicians: Entertainment by Tuna Musicians

Day 10: Departure

Departure transfer

To enroll or view full text itinerary, point your camera here:



Detailed Itinerary

Wednesday 4/8 - Thursday 4/9

Home - Madrid

Arrival transfer

Tour director-led walking tour to Plaza de Oriente: Madrid one-day public transportation pass zone A

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight: Madrid

Friday 4/10

Madrid

Half-day city sightseeing: Guide, Visit to the Prado Museum, Prado headset

Excursion to Toledo: Guided walking tour in Toledo, Visit to Toledo Cathedral, Visit to the Church of *Santo Tomé* (El Greco's painting), Visit to a historic synagogue

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Madrid

Days 1-2: Arrival in Madrid, Plaza de Oriente Walking Tour

A dream comes true as your wide-bodied jet thunders off the airstrip, Europe-bound! Watch the sun rise up to meet your airplane, after a short night. Spain glides by beneath your airplane, in shades of sienna, as you head towards Madrid's Barajas Airport.

Get settled in your *madrileño* hotel and explore your surroundings.

Stroll in the Plaza Mayor, the heart of the Old City.

For lunch, why not duck into a sidewalk *mesón* for a *sopa de pescado* or some *calamares*?

Tour director-led walking tour to Plaza de Oriente

The focus of this walking tour is the vast esplanade adorned with statues of Spanish kings that faces the imposing Royal Palace. Calle de Bailén, the avenue that separates Plaza de Oriente from the palace leads to Plaza de España in one direction and to the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande in the other

Madrid one-day public transportation pass zone A

Day 3: Madrid City Sightseeing, Excursion to Toledo

On a tour of the city, you will be introduced to the sights and the city grand squares: *Plaza Mayor*, *Puerta del Sol*, *Plaza de España* with the Cervantes Monument, *Gran Vía*, *Calle Alcalá*, *Plaza de Colón*, and *Plaza de Cibeles* with its fountains.

A half-day local guide, well-educated and specially-trained on the history and culture of Madrid and its surroundings, will accompany your group.

Visit to the Prado Museum

View world-famous paintings by El Greco, Goya, and Velázquez, and much, much more, at the magnificent *Museo del Prado*.

Excursion to Toledo

Toledo is surrounded on three sides by the Río Tajo, which has cut a deep gorge out of the encircling mountains. Christianity, Judaism and Islam coexist on the tiny streets of this ancient city, which was once the capital of Spain. Indeed, the entire panorama of Spanish history is embodied in its churches, synagogues, Moorish mosques and fortifications.

Guided walking tour in Toledo

Your guided walking tour starts at the main square, *Plaza de Zocodover*.

Visit to Toledo Cathedral

Visit one of the most impressive Spanish cathedrals, completed in 1492, after nearly 300 years. Its treasury contains an impressive display of gold and silver vessels and alabaster sculpture.

Visit to the Church of Santo Tomé (El Greco's painting)

Visit the Church of St. Thomas to view El Greco's *Burial of the Count of Orgaz*, a fresco commissioned in honor of a Spanish nobleman who was known for his generosity and charitable deeds.

Visit to a historic synagogue

Enjoy a visit to one of the city's two remaining medieval synagogues.

Saturday 4/11

Madrid

Guided tour at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium (*subject to game schedule and route may vary*)

Store at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium Store

Churros at Chocolateria San Gines

Flamenco dinner and show

Meals included: Breakfast, Flamenco dinner and show

Overnight: Madrid

Day 4: Santiago Bernabéu Stadium Guided Tour, Santiago Bernabéu Stadium Store, Churros at Chocolateria San Gines, Flamenco Dinner and Show

Guided tour at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium (*subject to game schedule and route may vary*)

On a standard tour of the home of the Real Madrid soccer team, see the Presidential balcony, the locker rooms, the entrance to the players' tunnel, the benches, and the coaching area. You'll get an overview of the stadium from a panoramic elevator and a player's perspective from the field. At the stadium's museum (Club History Room), see exhibits that document the illustrious history of the Real Madrid soccer club and of its star players.

Store at the Santiago Bernabéu Soccer Stadium Store

Make your way to *Calle Padre Damián*, near Gate 57 of the *Estadio Santiago Bernabéu*, the home of the Real Madrid soccer team, to pay a visit to the official store. It's huge (three floors), and it's pricey, but it's got everything, and more, a fan would wish for.

Churros at Chocolateria San Gines

Prepare your taste buds for an authentic Spanish treat at the legendary Chocolatería San Ginés, located in the heart of Madrid. Established in 1894, this quintessential churro café has been serving up the beloved Spanish dessert of churros con chocolate to locals and travelers alike for more than a century. Nestled in a narrow alley near the bustling Plaza Mayor, this Madrid institution is a must-visit culinary destination that exudes old-world charm, from its mirrored walls adorned with vintage photographs to its marble-topped tables and green velvet banquettes.

Upon entering, you'll immediately be enveloped by the warm, inviting aroma of churros being freshly fried. Made by piping out a mixture of water and flour into hot oil, these sweet, crispy batons of dough are a classic Spanish treat. At Chocolatería San Ginés, they've perfected the art of making churros — golden, crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside. The churros here are served the traditional way, in a paper cone, and paired with a cup of their rich, thick hot chocolate, perfect for dipping.

But this isn't your typical hot chocolate. Spanish hot chocolate is a revelation, darker and thicker than its American counterpart, with a velvety texture that clings lovingly to the churros. The combination of the warm, crispy churros and the luscious chocolate is a match made in dessert heaven. The crunch of the churro, the richness of the chocolate, the perfect balance of sweetness — it's a sensory experience that's not to be missed.

Aside from the delectable taste experience, part of the charm of Chocolatería San Ginés is its historical and cultural significance. This café has seen the comings and goings of Madrid's residents for over a hundred years. As you savor your churros and chocolate, you'll be taking part in a longstanding Madrid tradition, shared by the countless visitors who have passed through its doors over the decades.

Visiting Chocolatería San Ginés is more than just a snack break, it's a deliciously immersive cultural experience. As you dip your churro into the glossy pool of hot chocolate, you're not just tasting a dessert, but a cherished Spanish tradition that has been delighting palates for generations. So, make your way to Chocolatería San Ginés and indulge in a taste of Madrid's sweet history.

Flamenco dinner and show

Tonight, enjoy dinner and an evening of traditional entertainment, *flamenco*! The poet Federico García Lorca called it "the most gigantic creation of the Spanish people." You will long remember its complex and insistent rhythms, castanets, guitars and clacking heels as the highlight of your trip to Spain.

Sunday 4/12

Madrid

Excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen: Visit to the Royal Monastery of El Escorial, Visit to the Valley of the Fallen, Local Guide

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Madrid

Day 5: Excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen, Madrid

Excursion to El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen

Set out for the wooded slopes of Mt. Abantos, watershed of the Guadarrama River, where Spanish royalty retreated from the summer heat and from the bustle of the capital city.

Visit to the Royal Monastery of El Escorial

At the palatial religious retreat of King Philip II, *El Escorial*, you will see the Royal Pantheon where the kings are buried, the Crypt of the Royal Children, the Apartments of King Philip, the Basilica with Titian's fresco depicting the martyrdom of St. Lawrence, and the lavish library, which contains 40,000 rare manuscripts, including the diary of St. Teresa of Ávila.

Visit to the Valley of the Fallen

Stop at the *Valle de los Caídos*, a wooded belvedere nestled in the Guadarrama Mountains that features the world's largest monumental cross. It's also the site of an underground basilica that General Franco ordered carved inside a hill of solid granite by prisoners of war from the Republican side. It once housed his tomb but was removed to avoid public veneration of his dictatorship. Make your way across the vast esplanade for a panoramic view of valleys and mountains.

Local Guide

Free time in Madrid

The afternoon is unscheduled.

Why not stroll through Retiro Park. Once royalty's playground, *El Parque del Retiro* now opens its gardens and recreational areas to the public. You may be tempted by a row boat ride on the lake (you row!), or by a solar boat ride (you relax!).

You may want to check out the elegant *El Corte Inglés* department store at the Puerta del Sol.

Day 6: Train to Barcelona, Gothic Quarter Walking Tour

A *Alta Velocidad* train takes you at high speed across the semi-deserts of northern Spain and the plains of Castile on your way to the palm-fringed Mediterranean shores.

Enjoy a free evening in this Mediterranean town of parks and fountains.

Tour director-led walking tour in the Gothic Quarter

Enjoy a walking tour with your Tour Director in the tight maze of streets found in the Gothic Quarter, Barcelona's medieval district, where the focal point is the great Gothic cathedral. Other landmarks, all dating back to the 1300s, include the *Palau de la Generalitat* (seat of Catalonia's Government), *Casa de la Ciutat* (Barcelona's Town Hall) and the former royal palace where Christopher Columbus met Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand upon his return from the Indies in 1493. Several of the mansions now house museums.

Picturesque medieval lanes of the Barrio del Born

Nearby lies the medieval quarter known as *Barrio del Born*. Explore its maze of alleyways and squares, including *Passeig del Born*, where jousting tournaments were once held. This picturesque neighborhood, which is home to the Picasso Museum, has become a fashionable enclave within the old town.

Monday 4/13

Madrid - Barcelona

Departure transfer, AVE train Madrid-Barcelona, Arrival transfer

Tour director-led walking tour in the Gothic Quarter: Picturesque medieval lanes of the Barrio del Born

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Barcelona

Tuesday 4/14

Barcelona

Barcelona City Sightseeing: Local Guide,
Visit to Parc Güell

Visit to the Sagrada Familia Basilica

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Barcelona

Wednesday 4/15

Barcelona

Chocolate Museum Guided Tour: Chocolate
Making Workshop

Montjuïc Cable-car Ascent from funicular
station (round trip)

Castell de Montjuïc

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Barcelona

Day 7: Barcelona City Sightseeing, Sagrada Familia Basilica

A tour will introduce landmarks such as the wide avenues called *Las Ramblas*, the medieval Gothic Quarter around the cathedral, Modernist landmarks such as the Basilica of the *Sagrada Família*, and *Plaça de Catalunya*, the lively heart of Catalonia's capital city.

A half-day local guide, well-educated and specially-trained on the history and culture of the region, will accompany your group.

Visit to Parc Güell

Enjoy a visit to Gaudí's most colorful creations on exhibit in *Parc Güell*, notably the mosaic-decorated pavilions and the cavernous Room of a Hundred Columns.

Visit to the Sagrada Familia Basilica

Visit the extraordinary-looking basilica whose construction was planned in the 1870s. Antonio Gaudí worked for more than forty years to create a unique and huge sanctuary still far from completion. The *Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família* combines elements of Gothic architecture and the tenets of the *Modernista* movement associated with Gaudí.

Day 8: Chocolate Museum, Montjuïc Cable-Car Ascent, Castell de Montjuïc

Chocolate Museum Guided Tour

Step into a world where every turn is a sweet discovery at the Museo de la Xocolata in Barcelona, a destination that promises to enchant chocolate lovers of all ages. This unique museum offers a journey through the history of chocolate, exploring its origins, its journey to Europe, and its evolution into the beloved delicacy we cherish today. Marvel at intricate chocolate sculptures, uncover the secrets of chocolate making through interactive exhibits, and savor the rich flavors of artisanal chocolates crafted by master chocolatiers. Nestled in the heart of Barcelona, the Museo de la Xocolata is not just a museum; it's an immersive experience that delights the senses and ignites the imagination, making it a must-visit for anyone seeking to indulge in the sweetest part of Catalan culture.

Chocolate Making Workshop

Indulge in the sweet art of chocolate making with a two-hour workshop at Barcelona's Museo de la Xocolata, a haven for chocolate enthusiasts. This immersive experience invites you to dive into the rich history and craft of chocolate in a city renowned for its culinary delights. Under the guidance of expert chocolatiers, you'll learn the secrets behind creating exquisite chocolate treats, from tempering to molding, and even decorating your own masterpieces.

Montjuïc Cable-car Ascent from funicular station (round trip)

Board a gondola at the station located near the upper funicular station. Disembark on top of the hill in the vicinity of Montjuïc Castle, and take in the panoramic view over the city and its coastline.

Castell de Montjuïc

Visit this military fort first built in the 17th century on a hill some 550 feet above city and sea. Take in the views from its terraces.

Thursday 4/16

Barcelona

Excursion to Montserrat: Round trip on the Montserrat Funicular, Visit to the Basilica of Montserrat

Tapas dinner with Tuna Musicians:

Entertainment by Tuna Musicians

Meals included: Breakfast, Tapas dinner

Overnight: Barcelona

Day 9: Excursion to Montserrat, Barcelona, Tapas dinner with Tuna Musicians

Excursion to Montserrat

Enjoy a visit to Catalonia's holiest place, the Monastery of Montserrat, located amidst the serrated peaks of the Montserrat mountain range. Montserrat has served as a place of pilgrimage since the 12th century. After being destroyed by the French in 1811, the monastery complex was rebuilt and repopulated in 1844 and now includes quaint shops and cafés.

Round trip on the Montserrat Funicular

Enjoy a funicular ride for the last leg up the mountain, which affords stupendous views stretching from the Pyrénées Mountains to the Mediterranean Sea.

Visit to the Basilica of Montserrat

You will enter the Basilica to view *La Moreneta* (Black Virgin). This revered statue, said to have been carved out of wood by St. Luke around 50 AD, has been on the mountain since it was rediscovered in 880 AD after being hidden from the Moors.

Free time in Barcelona

The afternoon is unscheduled.

You may want to stroll down *Las Ramblas* to the Columbus Monument, which marks the spot where the explorer stepped ashore in 1493 after his voyage of discovery. Nearby is *Port Vell*, the harbor area where you'll find one of Europe's largest aquariums.

You may take a walk to the trendy part of town known as *Poblenou*, where former warehouses now house the studios of artists and photographers. A palm tree-lined boardwalk leads all the way to the sea.

Tapas dinner with Tuna Musicians

For dinner this evening, experience *tapas*, the delightful and varied snack-like servings, which are a specialty of Spain, there's something to please every taste!

You will be serenaded by a band of *tuna* musicians with guitars and tambourines.

Day 10: Departure

¡Adios España! Barcelona's airport recedes, and you're 500 miles closer to home with each hour in the air. You'll be back! For now, race the sun westward, arriving home later today, eager to share your experiences with family and friends.

Friday 4/17

Departure

Departure transfer

Meals included: Breakfast

Cost Breakdown

Itinerary	Madrid and Barcelona
Departing	April 8, 2026
Departure City	Hartford, CT
Rooming	Triples
Program Cost	\$4,842
	-\$200 Early Enrollment Discount for enrollments before 3/15/2025
Total Cost	\$4,642
Monthly Payment	\$290 with \$0 deposit
Standard Final Payment Deadline	12/19/2025
E-Z Pay Final Payment Deadline	03/09/2026
Available Add-ons not included in price	Double rooms: \$400 per person - 8 @ \$50 per night (mandatory for adults 24 years and older)