

10 or 12 days | France | Spain

PARIS, PROVENCE & BARCELONA



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Culture can be expressed in many ways. In Paris, the Eiffel Tower demonstrates French ingenuity. In Provence, rolling fields of lavender bring Impressionist masterpieces to mind. Carcassonne's fortress walls connect the city to its medieval past, while Barcelona's highlights reveal some of Spain's most creative minds, from Gaudí's Park Güell to the Picasso Museum.





Day 1: Fly overnight to France

Day 2: Paris

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Île de la Cité; Conciergerie; Sainte-Chapelle
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral

Day 3: Paris

- Take an expertly guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower
- Time to explore on your own or
 Visit Versailles

Day 4: Paris | Provence

- Visit the Louvre
- Experience a TGV train
- Arrive in Avignon
- Continue on to Provence

Day 5: Provence

- Take a tour of Avignon:
 Pont d'Avignon
- Visit the Palais des Papes
- Visit the Pont du Gard
- Take a tour of Nîmes
- Visit the Nîmes Amphitheater

Day 6: Provence

- Travel to Cassis
- Cruise through the calanques
- Take a tour of Aix-en-Provence

Day 7: Carcassonne | Barcelona

- Take a tour of Carcassonne
- Continue on to Barcelona

Day 8: Barcelona

- Take an expertly guided tour of Barcelona: La Sagrada Familia; Montjuïc Hill; Barrio Gótico; Barcelona Cathedral
- Visit Park Güell
- Enjoy a free evening on your own or
 Attend a Barcelona Flamenco Evening

Day 9: Barcelona

- Take a walking tour of Barcelona
- Visit the Picasso Museum

Day 10: Depart for home

© 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 10-12: Madrid

- Experience an AVE train
- Visit the Prado
- Take an expertly guided tour of Madrid
- Visit the Palacio Real

Everything you get:

- Round-trip flights on major carriers
- Full-time Tour Director
- Comfortable motorcoach; TGV high-speed train; AVE high-speed train with extension
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (3 with extension); 4 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 2 walking tours (3 with extension)
- Motre Dame Cathedral;
 Louvre; Palais des Papes;
 Pont du Gard; Nîmes
 Amphitheater; Calanques;
 Park Güell; Picasso
 Museum: With extension:

Prado; Palacio Real

• Customize this tour by adding excursions or extending your experience by a few days.

Paris

Bonjour, Paris! During your sightseeing in the City of Light, get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. I.M. Pei's iconic glass pyramid marks the entrance to the renowned Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Then, travel to the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire its sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.



Louvre | Paris, France



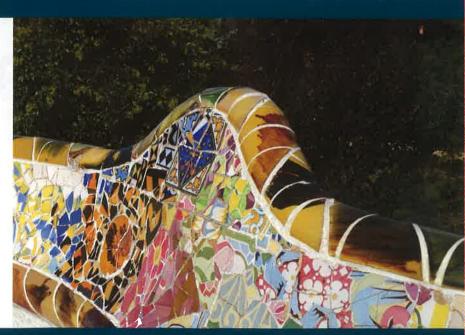
Provence

Painter Paul Cézanne once said of Provence: "Everywhere are the fragrances of honey, thyme, lavender, all the herbs of the nearby hills." Discover for yourself what also inspired Picasso and van Gogh. Stroll through Avignon's magnificent Palais des Papes, home to French native Pope Clement V, who moved the papacy here from Rome in 1309. View the stunning Italian frescoes in the chapel and see the hidden vaults where the church's riches were stored. Step inside a Roman amphitheater and visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a marvel of civil engineering. Dating back 2,000 years, it once supplied Roman villas with running water.

Lavender field | Provence, France

Barcelona

See why Barcelona is an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. On your sightseeing tour, explore open-air plazas dotted with avant-garde gems, like the Plaza de Catalunya and Plaza España. Snap photos of the twisting spires of La Sagrada Familia and the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, which delights with dazzling light and water shows. From atop Montjuïc Hill enjoy panoramic views of the harbor below. Here you'll also find the 1992 Olympic stadium. Marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics on your visit to Park Güell. Flower vendors and street performers greet you on your walking tour of the tree-lined Las Ramblas.



Park Güell | Barcelona, Spain

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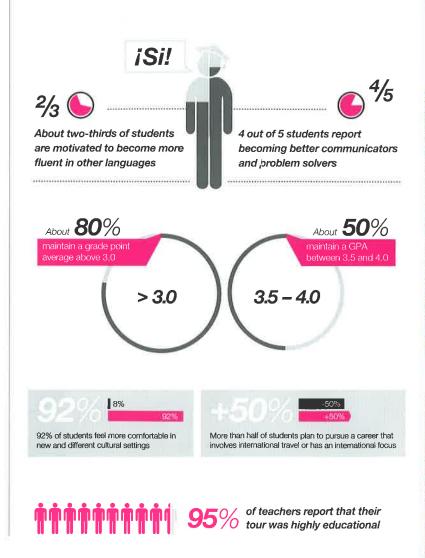
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