Exploring Spain 2019

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Barcelona

Madrid

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Where We Will Stay:
Bario Gotico

Day 1 & 2: We will land in Barcelona in the early afternoon after connecting from London. We will have ample time to get settled in the hotel before going out to enjoy a traditional Tapas dinner.

Day 3: This day will have an architecture focus. We will visit La Sagrada Familia, the Gaudi House, and Park Güell.

Day 4: We will walk Las Ramblas in the morning after breakfast, working up our appetite for lunch near La Boqueria Market. In the afternoon we will visit the Picasso Musuem.

We will be staying in Hotel Regencia Colon, located in the heart of the Gothic Quarter, Hotel Regencia Colón boasts one of the best locations in the city just a stone's throw from the Barcelona Cathedral. The Gothic Quarter features lively narrow streets, beautiful architecture, and a great selection of restaurants.

"With its iconic, old-Europe streets and alleys, this picturesque neighborhood is the very heart of Barce-lona. It blends historic artifacts from its days under Roman dominion up through the Spanish Civil War with a vibrant modern-day culture of artisan shops and authentic culinary experiences. Avid explorers will be thrilled to discover quaint terraces and plazas brought to life by local musicians lasting late into the night. Fashionistas will be drawn to Portal de L'An-gel, which is lined with well-known brand names and smaller boutique stands."

Madrid

Where We Will Stay:
Bario Centro

We will be staying in Apartosuites Jardines Sabatini. Located directly across from the Royal Palace, Sabatini Gardens Apartosuites offers breathtaking views from its rooftop terrace. "Expansive plazas, local and foreign crowds, street performers, colorful lights, window shopping, restaurant signs promising the best paella, ham, and churros con chocolate- this is downtown Madrid, a collection of plazas interconnected by a network of side streets. The iconic Puerta del Sol is the giant cross-roads of the city and a must-see attraction at any time of the day. The nearby Plaza Mayor, completely enclosed by historic red buildings, is an ideal place to grab a bite to eat outside, amidst scores of ta-bles and people out for a stroll. Plaza Isabel II (also known as "Opera") is smaller and a good meeting spot, and the stately Plaza del Oriente is the front yard of the Royal Palace.

Day 5: Arrive in Madrid, in the PM. We will get settled in our hotel, , and then head to the Mercado San Miguel where the students can leisurely explore and shop.

Day 6: We will begin our first full day exploring the national art collection at Museo Nacional Del Prado. Afterwards, we will relax and explore Buen Retiro Park.

Day 7: On our third day, we will focus on the rich history of the city with a visit to the Royal Palace, the Puerto del Sol, and the Basilica de San Francisco El Grande. In the afternoon, students will have time to explore Calle Gran Via.

Seville

Where We Will Stay:
Bario Santa Cruz

Day 8: We will take a morning bus to Seville, the capital of the Andalusia region, arriving in the afternoon. In the afternoon we will allow the students to explore the beautiful architecture in Plaza de España, located in Maria Luisa Park, before dinner.

Day 9: In the morning we will visit the Alcázar Castle Complex to learn about the city's medieval history. After lunch we will admire the renowned Seville Cathedral and the Plaza del Toros.

Day 10: Begin journey home.

We will be staying in H10 Corridor Boutique Hotel. Situated in the Old Town, just a short walk from the famed Seville Cathedral, H10 Corridor Boutique Hotel possesses old world style with contemporary features.

"The Barrio Santa Cruz used to be the Jewish quarter. The streets are narrow and form a labyrinth. It's easy to get lost among the jasmine-scented streets… only to discover a convent or a palace or a hotel. Many of the palaces have wrought iron gates suitable for peeping into their beautiful patios. There are many small stores and some artisan shops, as well as good art galleries."