Flavors of the Spanish Coast

Indulge in delectable cuisine while exploring the Mediterranean paradise of Catalonia

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MAY 18-26, 2024
with optional
BARCELONA POST-TOUR
Dear Friends,

Join fellow NC State alumni and friends on an intimate journey to Catalonia—on Spain’s colorful Mediterranean coast—where natural beauty and distinctive art and architecture abound, historical ruins dot the countryside, and gracious Catalans employ traditional ingredients fresh from farm and sea to create exceptional cuisine.

Enjoy your stay at a beautiful boutique property outside of Girona, ideally located for exploring the region. You’ll find modern comforts and Old World charm blended in a medieval village setting nestled among lush gardens. The spacious common areas are a wonderful place to relax after an exciting day of exploration.

Each day is highlighted by exclusive and authentic experiences with chefs, winemakers, artisan producers, and extraordinary historic sights. Learn about and savor the great food and wine for which Spain is famous—in cooking classes, tastings, and guided tours. Revel in Spain’s celebrated art, architecture, and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at ncsu.orbridge.com, by calling (919) 515-0508, or by emailing hart@ncsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hart
WolfTreks Travel Director
NC State Alumni Association
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive Barcelona, Spain / Madremanya (D)
Settle in, welcome dinner
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 3: Girona (B,D)
Historical walking tour, Jewish Quarter, paella cooking class
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 4: El Port de la Selva / Cadaqués / Cantallops (B,L,D)
Benedictine monastery visit, medieval village stroll, sausage tasting and lunch, vineyard visit to award-winning Masia Serra with wine tasting and dinner
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 5: Púbol / Figueres / Peratallada / Ullastret (B,L,D)
Tours of Púbol Castle and Dali Theatre-Museum, wine presentation and dinner
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 6: La Bisbal / Llafranc / Palamós (B,L,D)
Cerámica de la Bisbal pottery workshop, seaside stroll, Sant Sebastià lighthouse, Sant Sebastià de la Guarda, visit Museu de la Pesca and attend a live fish auction, cooking class
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 7: Empúries (B,D)
Greco-Roman ruins, dinner at two-star Michelin-rated Bo. Tic
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

Day 8: Empordà (B,L,D)
Picnic lunch in the gardens, gold medal-winning La Vinyeta winery visit and tasting, special farewell dinner

Day 9: Madremanya / Barcelona / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
Repose

- With your small group (maximum 26 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at our enchanting boutique hotel located in the village of Madremanya.

- Join intimate cooking classes with locals who share their families’ histories and favorite recipes.

Discover

- Visit the charming town of Girona, where you’ll see the impressive Cathedral of Saint Mary. Explore the Jewish Quarter—one of the best preserved in the world.

- Admire the panoramic views around El Port de la Selva during a visit to the 10th century Benedictine monastery, Sant Pere de Rodes.

- On guided tours of Púbol Castle and the Dalí Theatre-Museum, embrace the broad spectrum of Dalí’s art, including paintings, sculptures, engravings, installations, and photography.

- Take a guided tour of the Greco-Roman ruins site in Empúries—the gateway of the romanization of the Iberian Peninsula.

Engage

- Meet the owner of Masia Serra winery, an esteemed enologist, then delight in a wine tasting paired with typical Catalan delicacies for a memorable meal.

- Visit Museu de la Pesca—a fishery museum, experience a live fish auction, then stroll a market to peruse ingredients you’ll use later during a cooking demonstration.

- Become acquainted with the owner and vintner of La Vinyeta winery. Stroll the grounds among verdant vineyards and olive trees, then enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting before dinner.

What’s Included

- 7 nights accommodations at our sophisticated boutique hotel located in Madremanya

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine

- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides

- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary

- Luggage porterage

- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals

- Private motor coach transportation, luggage porterage, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Originally a 17th-century farmhouse set in a medieval stone village, El Racó de Madremanya is a gorgeously restored property that features an enchanting warmth and sophistication, which will surround you as you settle into your room. The boutique hotel's on-site proprietor, Ivan, departed the corporate world to refocus his energy towards the hospitality industry—his true passion. Welcoming guests as he would close friends, Ivan’s charismatic personality sweetens the already congenial atmosphere.

Located in The Golden Triangle of Catalonia, you’ll be near a variety of local attractions, glorious beaches, and charming villages.

Property amenities include lush gardens, fresh water pool, salt water pool, sitting room with library, complimentary Wi-Fi, and fireplace.

All rooms have been carefully detailed with custom color themes and matching aromatherapy for a unique personality. Each includes individual heating and air-conditioning, TV with local channels, telephone, minibar, slippers and bathrobe, and en suite bathroom with shampoo/conditioner and hairdryer.

**Standard I:** Charming and cozy room featuring stone floors and walls throughout, with a European queen bed.

**Standard II:** Romantic room featuring stone walls throughout, and a terrace with garden and pool views. With a European queen bed.

**Superior:** Larger rooms located in the farmhouse featuring stone walls, unique features, and views of the garden or medieval village corridors. With either a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Junior Suite:** Bright and spacious rooms located in the contemporary buildings with outdoor garden terraces and a variety of distinct features. With either a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Suite:** Large, desirable rooms with numerous unique aspects, featuring a separate living room (some with a fireplace), full bathroom with hydro-massage tub and shower, and terrace with easy pool and garden access. With a European king bed.

**Grand Suite:** Spectacular two-story suite featuring a ground floor bedroom, second floor living room with fireplace and TV, roomy bathroom with hydro-massage tub, and access to the terrace, private garden and private pool. With a European king bed.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Spain.
Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, one that boasts a marriage of contrasts—historic streets and buildings that have survived over two thousand years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudí as recently as the early 1900s.

**Post-Tour Itinerary** (subject to change)

**Day 9: Madremanya / Barcelona**
- Panoramic city tour, views from Montjuïc, La Sagrada Familia (inside guided visit)
- Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa

**Day 10: Barcelona / Gothic Walking Tour (B)**
- Jewish Quarter and El Born district, Plaça Reial (Royal Square), the Fountain of the Three Graces, Carrer Ferran, Plaça del Pi, Carrer Petritxol, Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei (King’s Square), and Plaça Sant Felip Neri
- Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa

**Day 11: Barcelona (B)**
- Day at leisure
- Overnight: Claris Hotel & Spa

**Day 12: Barcelona / Depart for U.S. (B)**

**What’s Included**
- Private group transfer from Madremanya to Barcelona
- 3 nights accommodations at Claris Hotel & Spa (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- A guided, intimate visit of La Sagrada Familia and a panoramic tour of Barcelona’s highlights
- A guided walking tour of the Gothic Quarter
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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Barcelona Post-Tour: May 26-29, 2024

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Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________
Email: __________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
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Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________
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**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $300 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of $350 per person for the main program and $200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program.

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**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included.**

### Single Rates
- Superior: $5,992
- Grand Suite: $7,992
- Single (Standard II): $7,999

### Category Rates
- Superior: $4,495
- Grand Suite: $7,495
- Single (Standard II): $7,495

- Junior Suite: $6,492
- Suite: $6,999
- Single: $5,992
- Standard I: $4,999
- Standard II: $5,492
- Superior: $5,992
- Single: $4,495

Barcelona Post-Tour: $1,895
Single Post-Tour: $2,595

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What Guests Are Saying...

Very good balance of planned and free time. Excursions were fun and informative. Local guides augmented the experience and were great. Food and wine were wonderful — interesting, well prepared, plentiful and representative of Catalonia. Our guide was the BEST: always available, informative, inviting.
~Harriet B., Moorestown, NJ

Exactly what I was looking for: an overview of the Catalonia countryside with its history, culture, quaint villages, and Romanesque architecture with wonderful food and wine as an added bonus. Housing us in a beautiful 17th-century farmhouse-turned-boutique hotel was an especially inspired choice. It had a 17th-century look and feel—but with all the modern luxury amenities.
~Susan N., Plymouth, MI