

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

New Year's Eve in Madrid with Barcelona & Seville

10 DAYS: Wednesday December 26, 2018-Friday, January 4, 2019
\$3,339 per person double occupancy; \$3,739 for single reservations

Greet the new year in the vibrant Spanish capital. Within the borders of one country, uncover three distinct destinations. Barcelona, Madrid, and Seville display intriguing distinctions, from Catalan castells to Andalusian architecture. Explore Barcelona's Gothic Quarter and Modernist landmarks. Then, see Madrid's illuminated streets as you ring in the new year during a celebratory Spanish evening. Cap off your trip in Seville, where Moorish architecture shines.

Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels, 8 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine, including a memorable New Year's Eve dinner with live music
- 4 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- New Year's Eve in Madrid, Gaudí's Sagrada Família and "House of Bones", the Royal Palace,
- Prado Museum, Córdoba, Seville Cathedral,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills.



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona today.

Barcelona

Day 2: Arrival in Barcelona

Included meals: Dinner

Make yourself at home in the capital of Catalonia before meeting your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Barcelona

Included meals: Breakfast

Discover why the Catalan capital is touted for its unparalleled architectural landmarks, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites. • Step inside La Sagrada Família, Gaudí's famous masterwork-in-progress • Drive along Passeig de Gràcia, past Gaudí's "House of Bones" • Stop at Montjuïc, where the 1992 Olympic Games took place, and take in the panoramic views at Mirador de l'Alcalde park • Pass Plaça d'Espanya, one of the city's most important squares, and stroll past the soaring Columbus Monument, dedicated to the legendary explorer Enjoy a free afternoon in Barcelona or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Park Güell & La Pedrera \$85/pp**

On today's excursion, discover the magnificent works of Antoni Gaudí, the famed Spanish architect known for his bold, distinct designs. Casa Milà is the first stop. Take a guided tour of this building, popularly known as "La Pedrera," which was built by Gaudí between 1905 and 1910. Everything about the building is visually unique, from the wave-like stone structure and grandly designed roof to the apartment that reflects the style of the 20th-century bourgeois. Next, you'll head to Park Güell, also designed by Gaudí. Your guide will lead you through the park, which contains stunning buildings, intricate stonework, and colorful mosaics. At the top of the park, marvel at the brilliant views of Barcelona. Must book 20 days before departure.

Day 4: Free day in Barcelona

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Barcelona or add excursions.

Optional Excursions

Flamenco Dinner Show **\$115/pp**

The clapping, the singing, the stamping—experience the dramatic art of flamenco dancing, one of Spain's most celebrated traditions. Expressive and colorful, this Andalusian style of dance combines guitar playing (toque), song (cante), and rhythmic handclaps (palmas). Dinner will be served before the performance. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price:\$125)

Montserrat **\$69/pp**

Journey to the ninth-century Monastery of Montserrat, which inspired the composer Richard Wagner as he wrote Parsifal. Ride a high-flying cable car up the mountain and enjoy magnificent views of the Llobregat River Valley and—if skies are clear—the Pyrenees. A local guide leads the way to the secluded Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey, where you may have a chance to see La Moreneta, Catalonia's miraculous and beloved statue of the Black Virgin of Montserrat. Take some time to explore the

monastery before descending the mountain by bus and driving back to Barcelona. Please note: Due to the ever-changing schedule of church activities, a viewing of the Black Virgin of Montserrat statue cannot be guaranteed. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price:\$79)

Madrid

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Journey by high-speed train to Madrid. This afternoon, get acquainted with Spain's cosmopolitan capital city with the help of a local guide. • View the Royal Palace, Spain's largest royal residence • Pass by the Temple of Debod, a reassembled temple from ancient Egypt • View the city's many squares, including Plaza de España, Plaza Mayor and the bustling Puerta del Sol • Explore the Prado, a world-class art museum that began as the private collection of the Spanish monarchy and is home to the works of Goya, Velázquez and more.

Day 6: New Year's Eve celebration in Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a free day in Madrid. This evening, soak up the local ambiance as you stroll through the illuminated streets of Madrid. Then, enjoy traditional Castilian fare and live *tuna* music as you celebrate New Year's Eve at one of the oldest restaurants in the city.

Day 7: Free day in Madrid

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Madrid on your own.

Seville

Day 8: Seville via Córdoba

Included meals: Breakfast

Ride a high-speed train to the town of Córdoba for a guided sightseeing tour of the Mezquita, a UNESCO World Heritage-protected cathedral. Then, stop at an olive oil farm for a tasting before continuing on to Seville.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Seville

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Uncover the beauty of Seville, the historic Andalusian capital, on a guided sightseeing tour. • View the tiled pavilion of the Plaza de España and step inside the Gothic Seville Cathedral, the third largest church in the world • Pass the whitewashed homes of Barrio de Santa Cruz • Enter the Royal Alcázar, a palace that was once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella Celebrate your trip with your group members at a farewell dinner.

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *(Please note: Depending on your home airport, you may have to spend the night in the U.S. and arrive home on day 11.)*

Add an extension to Costa del Sol

from \$259 2 nights



Costa del Sol

Day 10: Costa del Sol via Ronda

Included meals: Breakfast

Head south to Costa del Sol, stopping en route for a guided tour of Ronda, a famous cliffside town in Andalusia. • View the staggering Puente Nuevo, an 18th-century bridge that spans a deep gorge • Admire the town's picturesque white buildings and enter the Plaza de Toros, which was constructed in the late 1700s • Walk by the Mondragón Palace and visit the terraced Cuenca Gardens

Day 11: Free day in Costa del Sol

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend the day exploring Costa del Sol on your own or add an excursion. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

Optional Excursion

A Day in Gibraltar \$129/pp

Make your way along the Costa del Sol to Gibraltar, a pocket of British culture in the Mediterranean. This overseas territory of Great Britain is most famously home to the iconic Rock of Gibraltar. Today, you'll get a close-up look during a visit to the Gibraltar Nature Reserve, established in 1993 to protect native wildlife. Here, get to know the resident population of semi-wild Barbary macaques while keeping an eye out for the many species of migratory birds that use the rock as a resting place. Then, take in sweeping views of the ocean (and Africa on a clear day) as you journey to sites such as St. Michael's Cave, Spur Battery, and Europa Point Lighthouse. End with an included lunch and pint at a local pub and some free time in town before transferring back to Costa del Sol. Please note: As Gibraltar is a territory of the United Kingdom, you must show your passport to enter. Make sure you have yours with you before this excursion departs. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price:\$139)

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Málaga airport for your flight home.