



College Study Tours

BARCELONA, SOUTHERN FRANCE & ITALY

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Day 1: Fly to Spain

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Barcelona.

Day 2: Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona: Welcome to Barcelona. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Walking tour of Barcelona: Explore open-air plazas dotted with avant-garde gems, from the Plaza de Catalunya to Plaza España. Wander along Las Ramblas, a pedestrian mall where you'll find endless entertainment, restaurants, markets, monuments and shopping. Watch street artists, meet a diverse array of locals and then rest your soles during a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Barcelona

Sightseeing tour of Barcelona: On your sightseeing tour, see why Barcelona is an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. Snap photos of the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, which delights visitors with dazzling light and water shows. From atop Montjuïc Hill enjoy panoramic views of the harbor below.

Park Güell: Playful and unusual, Park Güell is a feast for the senses and one of many examples of designer Antoni Gaudí's vivid imagination. This vast public park features colorful mosaics and remarkable architecture.

La Sagrada Família: Get an up-close look at Gaudí's masterpiece, La Sagrada Família—a truly unique and exquisite cathedral that is over 130 in the making.

Day 4: Barcelona

Sightseeing tour of the Mercat de la Boqueria: Barcelona's central produce market, the Mercat de la Boqueria, is one of Europe's finest feasts of sound, smell, taste and color. It spills over with all the rich and varied color of plentiful fruit and vegetable stands, seemingly limitless varieties of seafood, sausages, cheeses, meats (including the finest Jabugo ham) and sweets. Then, satisfy your appetite with a tapas lunch of local delicacies.

📍 **Dalí Museum:** Travel to Figueres and visit a one-of-a-kind theater museum dedicated to the surrealist world of renowned Spanish painter Salvador Dalí. Converted from an old theater in 1974, Salvador Dalí created the museum as a repository for some of his most famous works, including Soft Self-Portrait with Fried Bacon, Port Alguer and The Girl from Figueres. Don't miss the living room designed as "The Face of Mae West," with the famous red sofa as her lips.

Day 5: Barcelona | Nice

Sightseeing tour of Carcassonne: Relive medieval times as your Tour Director leads you past the city's age-old ramparts (which slowly turned to ruin after falling to the Crusaders in the 13th century). Carcassonne is also home to Europe's largest and most complete medieval fortress.

Travel to Nice: Travel to the French Riviera's largest city, where you will spend the evening.

Day 6: Nice

Sightseeing tour of Monaco: Visit Monaco, a tiny principality that packs wealth, royalty and the famous Casino Monte-Carlo into just 0.8 square miles. Pass by the Cathédrale de Monaco, where Prince Rainier wed movie star Grace Kelly, a union that ultimately sparked an influx of Hollywood stars and starlets to the French Riviera.

Perfume factory: Enjoy an excursion to the seaside town of Èze. You'll tour a perfume factory and watch olfactory experts concoct new fragrances.

Explore Nice: Stroll down the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais and get a taste of the Old Town. Soak up the scenery, from the white-washed villas to the emerald waters that lap Nice's endless beaches. Enjoy dinner with your group this evening.

Day 7: French Riviera | Cinque Terre

Cinque Terre: Enjoy the sights of a uniquely European landscape on your boat ride through Cinque Terre. Spend some time exploring the beloved "Five Lands," a series of five small villages that have been carefully carved into the rugged Italian coastline. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your group at your hotel.

Day 8: Pisa | Florence

Travel to Pisa: Take an excursion with an expert local guide to one of the world's most famous architectural blunders: the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Outside the newly-restored tilted marvel, you can also visit the Pisa Baptistery and Pisa Cathedral. Later, you'll continue on to Florence.

Day 9: Florence

Sightseeing tour of Florence: Welcome to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance. Florence is home to world-renowned works of art, including Michelangelo's David and Botticelli's The Birth of Venus. As you explore the city, pass by the Duomo and the classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. You'll also walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your group tonight.

Day 10: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your return flight home.

📍 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 10: Florence | Rome

Travel to Rome: Board a high-speed train and travel to "The Eternal City" of Rome.

Sightseeing tour of Rome: Walk through the Colosseum, the world's most famous arena. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the ruins of the Roman Forum mark the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his political speeches on this site.

Day 11: Rome | Vatican City

Sightseeing tour of Vatican City: On your sightseeing tour, look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica—they're the highly trained soldiers of the Vatican's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways before visiting the saint's tomb. Experience Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes at the Sistine Chapel.

Rome on foot: On your self-guided walking tour, view the Pantheon, built to honor all the gods of Rome. Continue to the grand Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps, Europe's widest staircase. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your group tonight.

Day 12: Depart for home

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