

Barcelona to Madrid: Spain's Cultural Capitals by Train

9 Days | PRIVATE REGIONAL DISCOVERY
CHOOSE YOUR START DATE



Park Güell, Barcelona



Barcelona's Gothic Quarter

Highlights & Inclusions

- > 8 nights in beautiful boutique 4-star hotels
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L)
- > Private guided walking tours in Barcelona and Madrid
- > Small group Jeep tour to the Penedès wine region with wine and cava tasting and a local tapas lunch
- > Evening group tapas walking tour in Madrid
- > Guided excursion to the UNESCO city of Toledo
- > Admissions to Casa Batlló, Palau de la Música Catalana, Sagrada Família, Picasso Museum, Toledo Cathedral, and Alcázar of Toledo
- > Private arrival airport or train station transfer in Barcelona
- > High-speed train premium-class tickets, and deluxe private transport as indicated

Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

Choose your date from AUD \$7,390 Twin Share per person

Upgrade Options

- + Upgrade to stay in stunning 5-star accommodation - recommended: Hotel Ohla Barcelona in Barcelona and Barceló Torre de Madrid in Madrid
- + Extend a day from Madrid to explore the UNESCO listed towns of Avila & Segovia
- + Add a day trip to Montserrat Monastery with breathtaking mountain views
- + Enjoy a Seafood Paella cooking workshop with sangria & crema catalana
- + Discover Gaudí's hidden masterpieces on a private Casa Vicens & Torre Bellesguard tour



Penedès Wine Region



Madrid



Toledo

From Gaudí’s modernist Barcelona to imperial Madrid and its surrounding UNESCO-listed cities, this itinerary balances iconic landmarks with local flavour, historical insight and carefully chosen day excursions.

Day 1 Barcelona

Welcome to Barcelona, where Mediterranean energy meets extraordinary architecture. On arrival at the airport, meet your private driver for your transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to begin soaking up the city’s vibrant atmosphere. Perhaps with a stroll along Passeig de Gràcia or a relaxed dinner in one of the city’s many neighbourhood bistros.

STAY 4 NIGHTS: H10 Art Gallery 4-star or similar

Day 2 Barcelona (B)

After breakfast, meet your private driver as you set out to discover Barcelona with your private guide, focusing on the city’s extraordinary architectural heritage. Visit the iconic

Casa Batlló, one of Antoni Gaudí’s most imaginative creations, as well as the stunning Palau de la Música Catalana, a UNESCO-listed concert hall. Continue to the city’s most famous landmark, La Sagrada Família, where soaring towers and symbolic detail tell the story of Gaudí’s unfinished masterpiece and Barcelona’s enduring creative spirit. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Day 3 Barcelona (B)

After breakfast, explore the historic heart of the city with a guided walking tour through the Gothic Quarter to reveal Barcelona’s layered past. Visit La Boqueria Market, a feast for the senses and a snapshot of everyday Catalan life.

In the afternoon, you have admissions to visit the Picasso Museum with audio guide, housing one of the most

important collections of the artist’s early works and offering insight into his formative years in Barcelona.

Day 4 Barcelona - Penedès Wine Region - Barcelona (B, L)

After breakfast, make your way to the meeting point for your small group Jeep tour to the Penedès wine region. Visit a boutique winery for a light tapas lunch with wine and cava tastings. Return to Barcelona in the afternoon where your evening is at leisure.

Day 5 Barcelona - Madrid (B)

Enjoy breakfast before checking out of your hotel and meeting your driver to transfer to the train station. Take the premium-class high-speed train journey to Madrid as you sit back and enjoy the scenery. On arrival in Madrid, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel to settle in and unwind at leisure.

STAY 4 NIGHTS: Hotel Preciados 4-star or similar

Day 6 Madrid (B)

After breakfast, discover Madrid with your private guide. Highlights include a visit to the Royal Palace, one of Europe’s largest royal residences and a symbol of Spain’s imperial past. Spend the afternoon at leisure before meeting your small group tapas walking tour in the evening to sample traditional dishes while learning about Madrid’s food culture and social traditions.

Day 7 Madrid (B)

Today is yours to enjoy Madrid at your own pace. You may wish to explore the artistic treasures of the Prado Museum or the contemporary collections of the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, stroll through the elegant Parque del Retiro, browse the boutiques of the Salamanca district, or soak up the atmosphere in the literary quarter and La Latina’s traditional taverns.

Alternatively, consider adding a full-day excursion to the historic cities of Ávila and Segovia, where medieval walls, a soaring Roman aqueduct and a

fairytale Alcázar showcase the rich heritage of Castile.

Day 8 Madrid - Toledo - Madrid (B)

Meet your driver after breakfast to transfer to the station. Travel by train to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage city known as the “City of Three Cultures” for its Christian, Jewish and Muslim heritage. With your private guide, explore its atmospheric streets and visit the magnificent Toledo Cathedral, as well as the Alcázar Fortress, now home to the Army Museum, where you can explore the gardens and seasonal exhibitions. Return to Madrid by train in the afternoon, where you will be met by your driver and transferred back to your hotel. The rest of your evening is at leisure.

Day 9 Vienna – Budapest (B)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue your onward journey.