

Paris, Pyrenees and Barcelona



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- **Seize the Château!** A lively role-play puts you in the shoes of the monarchy, clergy, nobility, bourgeoisie, or peasantry to explore the issues underlying the French Revolution.
- **Challenge the Cathars** Heretic or hero? Join the Cathars, or Crusaders, during the siege of Carcassonne to learn about the political and religious tensions of the time. Strategize how to defend or attack the city, keeping its prodigious fortifications in mind.
- **Spirit of Spain** Immerse yourself in the art that defines the passion of Spain. Explore the meaning and compare the techniques of artists from el Greco to Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso. Enrich your knowledge of art history as you debate how these and other artists defined and shaped Spanish culture

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- Full time, bilingual Tour Director, LEAP-trained in experiential education
- Conveniently located 3 and 4 star hotels for 7 nights
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Optional Excursions & Activities:

- Bilbao and Guernica
- Palma Extension - 2 nights

Group rates above apply when all group members participate.



Tour Itinerary: 9-11 Days

1-2 FLY TO FRANCE. Overnight flight to Paris. Begin exploring France's "city that never sleeps".

3 DISCOVER PARIS. A local guide brings you to the Arc de Triomphe, the majestic Eiffel Tower, the sweeping Champs-Élysées, and Les Invalides. Visit the inside of Notre Dame Cathedral, famous for intricately carved gargoyles. Later this afternoon travel to Louis XIV's decadent Palace of Versailles. Join in the tumultuous French Revolution when you *Seize the Château!*

4 TGV-BIARRITZ. Board the TGV to Biarritz, the glitzy Atlantic resort that lured luminaries like Charlie Chaplin. This afternoon visit the port of St. Jean-de-Luz, a charming Aquitaine village just a few minutes from Spain and the Pyrenees.

5 SAN SEBASTIAN. On your walking tour of seaside San Sebastian, meander through the Barrio de la Marina, one of the city's oldest areas. This afternoon, opt to take an excursion to Bilbao to see large-scale contemporary art in the Guggenheim Museum, artistically constructed of glass and titanium.

6 LOURDES. Follow in the steps of millions of Catholic pilgrims who flock to Lourdes in search of spiritual enlightenment and miracle cures at the cave where a peasant girl had visions of the Virgin Mary. Continue to Toulouse. Enjoy a walking tour and stroll among the red brick architecture that earned this artistic city its nickname, the "Rose City".

7 CARCASSONE-BARCELONA. Journey to the medieval walled town of Carcassonne, where you will *Challenge the Cathars*. Continue to Barcelona.

8 BARCELONA. Explore the dark Gothic corners and bright flower-lined streets of Barcelona with a local guide. See the highlights of Spain's second-largest city, including Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia Cathedral, the Olympic Stadium, the historic Barri Gòtic, Parc Güell, and the cathedral, a structure of 28 richly ornamented chapels. Opt to visit Figueres, the hometown of Salvador Dalí. See the museum devoted to his life and work, then discover the *Spirit of Spain*.

9 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

OR

9-11 PALMA EXTENSION. Opt for two nights in Palma. Board a morning flight to the island of Majorca. City sightseeing with a local guide brings you to the Old Town, Gothic cathedral, and Bellver Castle. On day 10 you are free to relax on one of the gorgeous, pristine beaches of Palma. Return home the following day.

