France, Mediterranean and Spain | NETC Educational Travel
Printable (pdf) Itinerary for NETC’s Educational Tour: France, Mediterranean and Spain

NETC Exclusives
LEAP™

• **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.

• **EN GARDE!**: Which is mightier – the pen or the sword? You decide! Learn basic calligraphy and fencing moves to gain new insight into old-world traditions.

• **COCINA ESPAÑOLA**: Create some of Spain’s most popular and iconic dishes and discover firsthand what makes these dishes enduring classics of Spanish cuisine.

• **CHALLENGE THE CATHARS**: Heretic or hero? Join the Cathars, or Crusaders, during the siege of Carcassone 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.

Customize this tour by adding:
El Escorial Valley of Fallen
Extra day in Madrid

NETC Includes:
• Full time, bilingual Tour Director, LEAP-trained in experiential education
• Conveniently located 3 and 4 star hotels for 8 nights
• Daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go
• Appetizing, authentic dinner daily
• Tour Director or local guide-led exploration of historic sites and city highlights described in itinerary
• Traveler Assistance, Medical and Basic Cancellation Insurance
• Round trip airfare and transportation as described in itinerary

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10 Days

1. **TRAVEL TO EUROPE**
Fly overnight to Paris. Begin exploring the capital of France.

2. **PARIS**
A local guide brings you to the Arc de Triomphe, the majestic Eiffel Tower, the sweeping Champs-Elysées, and Les Invalides. Visit the inside of Notre Dame Cathedral, home to the fictional hunchback. Appreciate artwork in the Louvre Museum.

3. **VERSAILLES**
Picture the flow of royalty through the Palace of Versailles. A tour brings you to the Hall of Mirrors, the royal apartments and the gardens. Join the mob and Seize the Château! Board the TGV for a speedy ride to Provence.

4. **NIMES-PONT DU GARD**
Marvel at the Roman buildings of Nîmes: the Maison Carrée and the awesome Roman arena, the best preserved in France. This afternoon view the Pont du Gard, 52 arches on three levels that are part of a skillfully engineered Roman aqueduct. Test your skills in En Garde!

5. **CARCASSONNE**
Visit the medieval walled city of Carcassonne and Challenge the Cathars. Continue to the Olympic city of Barcelona in Spain.

6. **BARCELONA**
The dark Gothic corners and bright flower-lined streets of Barcelona are yours to explore with a local guide. Sightseeing includes the Sagrada Familia Cathedral, Casa Milà, the Olympic stadium and the historic Barri Gòtic.

7. **MADRID**
Board the AVE for Madrid. Discover this vibrant capital with a local guide. See the Plaza Colón and the royal palace; study Spanish art, including Velázquez’s Las Meninas in the Prado.

8. **EL ESCORIAL**
An optional excursion brings you to El Escorial, Philip II’s imposing palace, and the Valley of the Fallen, with its massive memorial cross honoring those who died in the Spanish Civil War. Later, study Picasso’s Guernica in the Reina Sofía Museum. Tonight, become a Spanish chef in Cocina Española.

9. **RETURN JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES**
or opt for extra days in Madrid.

Don’t Just Visit. Live It!