

The Pyrenees separate Spain and France, making for an interesting blend of the two cultures. Bookended by Paris and Barcelona—where some of the world's best art and architecture are on display—border cities like Biarritz, San Sebastian and Pamplona show subtle variations in French and Spanish culture. Experience the local flavor in the plazas and cathedrals.

#### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension); 3 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 2 walking tours (3 with extension)



Entrances: Notre Dame Cathedral; Chenonceau; Park Güell; With extension: Palacio Real; Prado



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; AVE high-speed train with extension; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily





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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

- MELISSA, TRAVELER





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### What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to France

#### Day 2: Paris

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Paris, the City of Light. During your stay you'll get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. I.M. Pei's iconic glass pyramid marks the entrance to the renowned Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Then, admire the Notre Dame Cathedral's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Opéra district;
   Place Vendôme; Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré;
   Tuileries
- Visit the Louvre

#### Day 3: Paris

- Take an expertly guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral
- Time to see more of Paris or
  - Visit Versailles

#### Day 4: Loire Valley | Dordogne

- Travel to the Loire Valley
- Visit Chenonceau
- Continue to Dordogne

#### Day 5: Dordogne | Biarritz

- Travel to Biarritz

#### Day 6: Biarritz | Pamplona

- Take a tour of Biarritz
- Cross the Spanish border
- Take a tour of St. Jean de Luz
- Take a tour of San Sebastián: Old Town
- Continue on to Pamplona, where the thunder of hooves and the thrill of the race draw thousands of eager spectators (as well as daring participants) every year. During your visit you'll walk the streets where the running of the bulls takes place. This exciting stampede, part of the Fiesta de San Fermín, is said to have originated as a way to move the animals through town so they could be sold at market. You'll also have the chance to visit the former bullring at the Plaza de Castillo. Built in 1847, this elegant tree-lined plaza now houses the autonomous provincial government. Then, marvel at Pamplona's striking cathedral, which has been standing tall since the 14th century. Inside, walk under the Gothic steepled archways.

#### Day 7: Pamplona | Barcelona

- Take an expertly guided tour of Pamplona: Plaza del Castillo; Pamplona Cathedral
- Travel via Zaragoza to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. During your stay you'll explore open-air plazas dotted with avant-garde gems, like the Plaza de Catalunya and Plaza España. Snap photos of the twisting spires of La Sagrada Familia and the Magic Fountain of Montjuïc, which delights with dazzling light and water shows. From atop Montjuïc Hill enjoy panoramic views of the harbor below. Here you'll also find the 1992 Olympic stadium. Marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics on your visit to Park Güell. Flower vendors and street performers greet you on your walking tour of the tree-lined Las Ramblas.

#### Day 8: Barcelona

- Take an expertly guided tour of Barcelona: La Sagrada Familia; Montjuïc Hill; Barrio Gótico
- Visit Park Güell
- Take a walking tour of Barcelona: Las Ramblas
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - Attend a Barcelona Flamenco Evening

#### Day 9: Barcelona

- Time to see more of Barcelona or
- Visit Montserrat

Day 10: Depart for home

#### **9** 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 10-11: Madrid

- Travel by AVE train to Madrid
- Visit the Prado
- Take an expertly guided tour of Madrid:
   Puerta del Sol; Plaza Mayor
- Visit the Palacio Real

Day 12: Depart for home



Barcelona was awesome. Best trip of my life

- NICOLE, TRAVELER



My daughter just got home from France & Spain and I cannot say enough good things about her trip! We're already looking forward to picking a trip for next year! THANK YOU EF!

- NICKIE. PARENT



### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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As a parent I am very grateful that I was able to give this opportunity to my child. It was worth every penny to see her smiling face in the pictures on the trip. Encourage your child to embrace the moment; be open to new cultures, foods, and just a new way of life and looking at things.

-KATHLEEN. DAUGHTER TRAVELED APRIL 2013



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