

Consider the Mediterranean Sea's influence on the history—and modern culture—of three interconnected nations. From atop Montjuïc Hill in Barcelona, picture Christopher Columbus sailing into port to tell Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand V of his voyage to the Americas. In Provence, notice how the lavender perfumes the salty sea air. And along the French Riviera, let the natural beauty and relaxed atmosphere inspire you.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



**Sightseeing:** 5 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (7 with extension); 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 3 walking tours



Entrances: Prado; Palacio Real; Park Güell; Palais des Papes; Pont d'Avignon; Pisa Baptistery; Pisa Cathedral; Duomo; Basilica of St. Francis; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; With extension: Pompeii Roman Ruins; Capri boat cruise



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; AVE train; 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (12 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

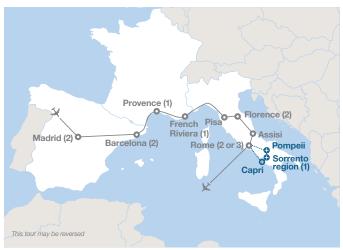




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# What you'll experience on your tour

## Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

# Day 2: Madrid

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain. Explore Puerta del Sol, the heart of the city, and travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age at Plaza Mayor, where you'll learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings and public executions. At the Prado art museum, behold paintings like Velázquez's Las Meninas and Goya's paired canvases. Get a taste of royal Madrid at the extravagant Palacio Real, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior and find more than 2,000 rooms decked in beautiful frescoes, delicate porcelain wares and finely woven rugs.
- Take a walking tour of Madrid
- Visit the Prado

#### Day 3: Madrid

- Take an expertly guided tour of Madrid: Plaza Mayor; Puerta del Sol
- Visit the Palacio Real
- Enjoy a free evening or
- Attend a Flamenco Evening

### Day 4: Barcelona

- Travel by AVE train from Madrid 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 as you walk the tree-lined Las Ramblas.

### Day 5: Barcelona

- Take an expertly guided tour of Barcelona: La Sagrada Familia; Montjuïc Hill; Barrio Gótico; Barcelona Cathedral
- Visit Park Güell
- Take a walking tour of Barcelona

### Day 6: Carcassonne | Provence

- Take a tour of Carcassonne
- Continue on to Provence

### Day 7: Avignon | French Riviera

- Take a tour of Avignon
- Visit the Palais des Papes
- Visit the Pont d'Avignon
- Take a walking tour of Nice or Cannes

# Day 8: Pisa | Florence

- Travel to Pisa
- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visit the Pisa Baptistery
- Visit the Pisa Cathedral
- Continue on to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance, and where works of art like Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* still reside today. As you stroll through the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of *Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise* at the Baptistry. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.

#### Day 9: Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence
- Visit the Duomo

#### Day 10: Assisi | Rome

- Travel to Assisi
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis
- Continue on to Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other. During your stay, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to the Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

# Day 11: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum

## Day 12: Depart for home

#### **9** 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 12-14: Pompeii | Capri

- Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii
- Take an expertly guided tour of Capri
- Take a boat cruise



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- MICHELLE, 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



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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan and knowledgeable tour guides.

-CHARLOTTE. DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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