

Why are the Spanish Steps in Rome? Why do Madrid and Barcelona have so many Roman influences? Examine the intertwined histories and enduring cultures of Italy and Spain, Mediterranean nations that share an affinity for art, architecture and religion (not to mention mouth-watering cuisine). From the Prado and Park Güell to the Colosseum and Sistine Chapel, gain new perspectives on these pillars of Europe.

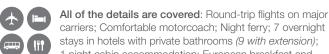
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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates 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





CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT











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. During your stay you'll 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, 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
- Time to see more of Madrid or
- Visit Toledo

Day 4: Zaragoza | Barcelona

- Travel via Zaragoza to Barcelona, an art lover's dream city and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. While here 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
- Visit Park Güell
- Take a walking tour of Barcelona
- Enjoy a free evening or
- Attend a Barcelona Flamenco Evening

Day 6: Barcelona | Night ferry

- Time to see more of Barcelona or
 - Enjoy a Taste of Spain cooking class
- Travel by night ferry to Civitavecchia

Day 7: Civitavecchia | Rome

- Arrive in Civitavecchia
- Travel 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 8: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Time to see more of Rome or
- Visit the Roman Catacombs

Day 9: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; Spanish Steps

Day 10: Depart for home

• 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 10-11: Sorrento region | Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Take an expertly guided tour of Capri
- Take a boat cruise
- Return to Rome

Day 12: Depart for home



Bring me back to Barcelona please. #eftours #traveling

- SHANNON, TRAVELER



Just home from Spain and Italy. We had an amazing time. The hotels were nice and the food was delicious. Our Tour Director, Ivan, was the best. Thanks EF for helping us make great memories!!!

- MELODIE, TRAVELER



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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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