

City Breaks

NAME//REFERENCE

PREMIUM ENDLESS BARCELONA//CB-PEB8N

RECOMMENDED DURATION

9 days / 8 nights

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour of the world known Barcelona Football Club stadium
- Amazing guided tour of the still unfinished Sagrada Familia, Gaudí's masterpiece, maximum representation of modernist architecture and one of the 12 Spanish treasures
- Cistercian Monastery immersion with typical Calçots degustation
- Catalan wine cellars & vineyards
- Full Barcelona tour: Barcelona Gothic Quarter, Poble Espanyol (architectural open air museum), Picasso Museum and Santa Maria del Mar church,
- Stunning views from Park Güell
- Girona's Jewish Quarter
- Dalí's Theatre-Museum in Figueres
- "Vall de Nuria" (Pyrenees) with rack railway
- House-museum Pau Casals
- Flamenco Show

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights Barcelona

SUGGESTED HOTELS

Cristal Palace 4*, Abba Ramblas 4*, Ayre Gran Via 4* or similar

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Half Day Tour to Penedes Region to visit a bodega of Cava & and taste the best quality sparkling wines of the area.

REMARKS

CALÇOTS SEASON: FEBRUARY & MARCH



Sagrada Familia, Barcelona



Park Güell, Barcelona



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Itinerary

DAY 1, Arrival

Arrival at Barcelona airport, meeting with Local Tour Escort & Bus. Transfer to Hotel (Trip orientation). Free time, dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 2, Panoramic Tour of BCN, Barcelona F.C. Stadium & GAUDI tour.

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, we will enjoy a **Panoramic Tour by bus** of the city & **Barcelona F.C Stadium** (museum included). Free lunch or lunch at hotel. In the afternoon, we will follow Gaudi's steps visiting: **Sagrada Familia** & **Casa Batlló**, Dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 3, Day tour to Santes Creus Monastery + Wine cellar

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, we will departure in order to know a Cistercian **Monastery Santes Creus**. After the visit, we will take a break for lunch at a typical restaurant which offers the popular **Calçots**, a variety of green onion from Lleida & Tarragona. In the afternoon, we will continue our visit in a Wine Cellar & its vineyards. Return to Barcelona, Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4, Gothic Quarter + Poble Espanyol + Picasso Museum

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, we will discover the world known **Gothic Quarter** of Barcelona, visiting the Cathedral, Ramblas, Plaza del Rey, etc. Afterwards, we will go to **Poble Espanyol**, a huge open air museum (42,000 m2) which holds a representation of a variety of streets and popular squares from different Spanish cities. Lunch at Poble Espanyol. In the afternoon, we will continue to **Picasso Museum** & **Santa Maria del Mar church**. Dinner at hotel and overnight.

DAY 5, Girona & Figueres

Breakfast at hotel. Morning transfer to Gerona (1h20m). Girona is a city which invites us to get lost walking along its **medieval streets** & walls with Romanesque and Gothic landmarks, baroque buildings and one of the best-preserved **Jewish quarters** in Europe. Continuation to Figueres (40 minutes). Known as the home of Salvador Dalí, Figueres, with deep Catalan roots offers us the chance to enter to explore the surrealist world of Salvador Dalí by visiting Dalí's

Theatre-Museum, dedicated to the genius of surrealist painting. It is a cultural range completed with various museums and a calendar full of festivals and events divided up throughout the year. Figueres also has an important heritage of monuments, among which the old **medieval walls** and the **Castle of Sant Ferran** are outstanding, as well as examples of Modernist and Neoclassical architecture which appear dotted around the city centre. Return to hotel dinner and accommodation.

DAY 6, Vall de Núria, discover the Catalan Pyrenees.

Breakfast at hotel. Morning transfer to the Pyrenees, Ribes de Freser (1h30m). Vall de Núria is a high mountain valley located at 2000m, a small village with a population of just 200 inhabitants, crowned by mountain peaks that reach over 3000m, the valley is home to the **Sanctuary of the Virgin of Núria** which also includes an important ski resort. The only way to reach Vall de Núria – apart from a hearty hike up the steep mountain path – is with this **rack railway**, which was built in 1931. It's a thrilling sensation to climb smoothly up through the steep gorge, from Ribes de Freser (905m) to Queralbs (1030m) and Vall de Núria. (1964m). Once there we can't miss the **Romanic icon of the Virgin Mary**, from the 12th or 13th century & the rich flora and fauna diversity. Once back in Ribes de Freser, a **traditional meal** elaborated in one of the "Els Fogons de la Vall de Ribes" restaurants would be waiting for us. Return to hotel dinner and accommodation.



"Vall de Núria", BCN

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DAY 7, Roman Tarragona & El Vendrel (Pau Canals)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning transfer to the Tarragona (1h15m). Tarragona was capital of Hispania Citerior during the Roman empire and preserves many buildings from this period; the walls surrounding the historic centre, the terraces of **the Roman amphitheatre & the theatre** outside the walled enclosure and nowadays on the Archaeological Walk, took advantage of the difference in levels in this area to build the terracing. Around the Plaça de la Font are preserved the vaults that supported the cavea (terracing) of the circus, an area where chariot races were held. The historic centre of the city unfolds between the Mediterranean Sea and the old wall, in this area is the **Cathedral of Santa Maria**, a building constructed on the site of a Roman temple dedicated to Jupiter and a Muslim mosque. Romanesque doorways, Gothic roof arches and cloisters of Romanesque origin show the transition from one style to another. Free lunch in the city & afterwards we will head El Vendrell (30m) to meet the great Catalan musician (Pau Casals; one of the 20th century's greatest cellists, internationally recognized as one of the finest performers and orchestra conductors of his times). We will visit the **house-museum Pau Casals**, the place where he lived. Continuation to the hotel (1h), dinner and accommodation.

DAY 8, Barcelona, Park Güell & Flamenco.

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, our local guide will take us to the famous **Park Güell** the city garden's dream of Gaudi's great friend Eusebi Güell, emblematic place in Barcelona that cannot be missed. Free lunch or lunch at hotel. Free afternoon for sightseeing on your own. In the evening, we will enjoy a spectacular Flamenco Show during our farewell dinner. Overnight.

DAY 9, Return to origin

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Airport at the scheduled time, end of services.



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