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- Florence City Tour
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- Rome City Tour
- The Colosseum

Options

- Toledo
- Picasso Museum
- Uffizi Gallery

Itinerary Madrid (2), Barcelona (2), Nîmes (1), Nice (2), Portofino Area (1), Florence (2), Rome (2)

DAY 1 Jet overnight to Spain!

DAY 2 MADRID *Bienvenido a Madrid*, where your two-week adventure begins. A guided City Tour takes you to see the Palacio Real, the Cibeles fountain, the Puerto del Sol, and on a visit to the Prado Museum in the heart of Bourbon Madrid. Be sure not to miss Goya's *Majas*. This evening take a walking tour with your guide to the lively Plaza Major.

DAY 3 MADRID Enjoy a guided tour of El Escorial, site of the Royal Apartments, then continue on to visit the Valley of the Fallen, an architectural wonder built to honor those who died in Spain's Civil War. *Option:* Tour historical Toledo, a town within a ring of Gothic and Moorish walls. Tonight, savor a Tapas Dinner of traditional Spanish delicacies.

DAY 4 BARCELONA Transfer to the airport to fly to Barcelona, a Mediterranean seaport and capital of Catalonia.

DAY 5 BARCELONA See the panoramic view from Montjuïc, Barceloneta and its beaches, Barrio Gótico, Plaza de España, the Palacio Nacional, then tour Gaudí's amazing Church of the Sagrada Familia. *Option:* Visit the Picasso Museum to view the artist's works.

DAY 6 NIMES Transfer to France through Perpignan, and arrive in Nîmes to visit the Amphitheatre, built by Romans in the first century AD, and the Maison Carrée, an excellently preserved Roman temple dating from the time of Augustus.

DAY 7 NICE Journey through Arles, an important center of Provençal life, then on to Aix-en-Provence, a city filled with plane trees and bubbling fountains. Arrive in Nice and begin exploring this most ancient of cities on the shores of the Mediterranean.

DAY 8 NICE *Bonjour!* Take a guided tour of Monaco, the principality considered to be the jewel of the French Riviera. See the casinos, the palace, and visit the Musée Oceanographic. Tour a perfume factory near the hilltop town of Eze and continue back to Nice.

DAY 9 PORTOFINO AREA Travel to the Italian Riviera via Genoa. After an overview of the unspoiled Cinque Terre region, arrive in the resort of Portofino. Enjoy a beautiful walk to the lighthouse at sunset.

DAY 10 FLORENCE Stop in Pisa to view the world famous architectural wonder, the Leaning Tower. Arrive in Florence, Italy's center of art and culture.

DAY 11 FLORENCE Today's guided Florence City Tour introduces you to the Duomo with Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Also see the Church of San Lorenzo and the Bargello. Proceed to the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's *David*. *Option:* Tour the Uffizi Gallery to see the Medici family collection of art masterpieces.

DAY 12 ROME Transfer to Rome via Orvieto and take a funicular up to visit the Gothic cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo. Arrive in Rome for a walking tour to Piazza Navona and the beautiful Trevi Fountain.

DAY 13 ROME On today's guided Rome City Tour you will visit the Colosseum, see the Arch of Constantine, the Imperial Forums, Piazza Venezia, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Monument to Vittorio Emmanuel. Continue to Vatican City to visit St. Peter's and the Vatican Museums including the magnificent Sistine Chapel.

DAY 14 DEPART Board your flight and return home with new appreciation for the history, people and wonders along the Mediterranean Sea.