

# European Escapades: Spain-France-Germany



Madrid City Hall

## Day 1 - Depart

Take an overnight Flight To Madrid

## Day 2: Arrive in Madrid

Arrive in Madrid, the beautiful and vibrant capital of Spain. Meet your Tour Director and coach bus and transfer to your hotel. After settling in, take a walk through the city and have dinner.

## Day 3: Madrid

Visit **Madrid** aboard a hop-on-hop-off bus. Visit the 17th century cobblestone, traffic free square of **Plaza Mayor** in the heart of Madrid and the **Palacio Real**, one of Europe's greatest royal

Palaces. In the afternoon visit the **Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia**, Spain's National Museum. This museum near the Atocha Train Station is dedicated to Spanish art with works from Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali. The most famous piece in the



Reina Sofia Museum

www.donquixote.org



Retiro Park

museum is Picasso's great painting, **Guernica**. In the evening feast on a delicious dinner of Paella!

## Day 4: Madrid

In the morning visit the **Prado Museum**, which holds more than 3000 Masterpieces by famous artists. After lunch visit the Retiro Park, the main park in the city of Madrid, and take a fun boat ride on its pond. In the evening munch on Tapas and watch an exciting Flamenco

show.

## Day 5: Toledo - Night train to Paris

Take an excursion trip to **Toledo**, the historic, artistic, and spiritual center of Spain. This city that inspired El Greco in the 16th century has remained relatively unchanged. Visit the **Museo de Santa Cruz**, a 16th century Spanish Renaissance hospice, and the **Iglesia de Santo Tomé** home to the El Greco's masterpiece "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz" created in 1586. In the late afternoon return to Madrid, transfer to the train station and take a night train to **Paris**, France!



Toledo



Sacré Coeur Basilica

## Day 6: Paris

Arrive in Paris in the morning. Meet your French Tour Director and transfer to your hotel. On the way take a guided bus tour of the City of Lights. Start at the **Eiffel Tower**, the most visited site in the world and the symbol of France. Then on to the **Arc de Triomphe** one of the landmarks of Napoleon's imperial capital which offers an admirable perspective of Paris and the twelve avenues converging in a star shape. Walk along the **Champs-Élysées Boulevard** and see how Parisians relax and enjoy a beautiful morning on its many sidewalk cafes. Visit the **Notre Dame de Paris**, a symbol of Gothic art. Its harmonious layout seems to be the work of just one architect, yet dozens followed on from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the Evening, go to the hills of **Montmartre**

to visit the **Place du Tertre** with artists hard at work and the majestic **Sacré Coeur Basilica**.

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## Day 7: Giverny



Giverny

In the morning take a guided tour of the **Louvre Museum**, which houses nearly 300,000 works of art including the famous Mona Lisa. After lunch take an excursion trip on coach bus to **Giverny** to visit Claude Monet's residence and the famous lily ponds where he got his inspiration to paint the world's most famous impressionist paintings. When you return to Paris, have dinner and take a ride on the Seine aboard the **Bateaux Mouches** and watch the Parisian lights shine on the famous monuments around the city.

## Day 8: Paris

In the morning take a guided tour of the **Musée d'Orsay**. Visit many of the Museum's eighty galleries and see some of the most beautiful artwork in the world. After lunch take an excursion trip on RER to visit the **Palace of Versailles**, which was built by Louis XIV, the Sun King. Tour the Queen's Bedroom just as Marie-Antoinette left it in 1789. Visit the newly reopened **Hall of Mirrors** and the manicured French Style gardens which were designed by Le Notre. In the evening eat a delicious Raclette dinner in a restaurant in the lively Rue Mouffetard.



Hall of Mirrors, Versailles

## Day 9: Paris - Munich

After breakfast transfer to the train station and take a train to Munich, Germany. Arrive in Munich. Meet your English speaking tour escort and transfer to your hotel. After settling in, take a walk through the most historic, artistic, and entertaining city in Germany. Walk through Altstadt, the historic part of Munich and the site of the original medieval city. Continue to Marienplatz with its Rathaus and its Glockenspiel performance. Visit Odeonsplatz, Munich's most beautiful square, with the Royal Palace, Residenz, just to the east and the Theatinerkirche, Munich's finest example of Italian baroque to its south.



Munich

## Day 10: Munich – Neuschwanstein - Munich

Today take an excursion trip on train to **Füssen** in the Bavarian Alps to visit **Neuschwanstein Castle**. Built by order of Bavaria's King Ludwig II, referred to as "Mad Ludwig, this is the castle that gave Walt Disney the idea for the castles he recreated in his motion pictures as well as at Disneyland. Eat a typical Bavarian dinner.



Neuschwanstein Castle

## Day 11: Munich – Salzburg - Munich

Today, take an excursion trip to **Salzburg**, a city with many epithets: Festival city, Residence city, University City, spa and Congress city. Mozart was born here in 1756. Take a tour of this city that is forever smiling to the Sounds of Music. Return to Munich for overnight.



Salzburg

## Day 12: Depart

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Price includes:

Round Trip airfare  
Full time English Speaking Tour Escort

Lodging

3 nights hotel in Madrid including breakfast and dinners  
1 night Train from Madrid to Paris including breakfast and dinners  
3 nights hotel in Paris including breakfast and dinners  
3 nights hotel in Madrid including breakfast and dinners

Transportation:

All transfers  
Night Train tickets from Madrid to Paris  
Train tickets from Paris to Munich  
Public transportation

Entrances, Guided visits & special attractions

Coach and Walking Guided visit of Madrid  
El Prado Museum  
Boat in the Retiro Park  
El Palacio real  
Flamenco & Tapas  
Excursion trip to Toledo  
Guided visit of Toledo  
The Cathedral Toledo  
Santo Tome Toledo  
Synagogue du Transito  
Museo de Santa Cruz  
Transfer and Guided sightseeing Tour of Paris  
Le Louvre Museum  
Versailles Palace  
Excursion Trip to the Monet's garden  
Cruise on the Bateaux Mouche  
Musée D'Orsay  
Walking guided tour of Munich  
Excursion trip to Neuschwanstein  
Guided tour of the castle  
Excursion trip to Salzburg  
Dinner in a typical Bavarian Restaurant with music

Travel Insurance including health, trip delays, luggage loss/delays  
Liability Insurance