



Cultural Capitals of Spain | Madrid & Barcelona

Inspiring Moments

- Relish a private tour of the masterpieces at **Madrid's Prado Museum**.
- Walk in the footsteps of Spanish royalty at the opulent **Royal Palace** in Madrid.
- Be awed by Toledo's artistic beauty, and see **El Greco's masterpiece**, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz."
- Stroll **Barcelona's Gothic quarter**, with remains of the city's Roman wall.
- Marvel at Antoni Gaudi's surreal architectural gems, including **La Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell**.
- Visit the Art Nouveau campus of **Sant Pau Recinte Modernista** in Barcelona.
- Learn to make Catalan specialties in a hands-on **gastronomic experience**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

Faculty Lecturer



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Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🛫
- Day 2** Arrive in Barcelona and transfer 🚗 to hotel
- Day 3** Madrid
- Day 4** Toledo | Madrid
- Day 5** Madrid
- Day 6** Madrid | Embark train | Barcelona
- Day 7** Barcelona
- Day 8** Barcelona
- Day 9** Barcelona
- Day 10** Depart for gateway city 🛬

Flights 🛫 and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Above: Cibeles fountain, Madrid

Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Madrid, Spain, at the deluxe Hotel Wellington & Spa Madrid.
- **4 nights** in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land program: train and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** and 🌍 **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- 🕒 **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Barcelona Cook & Taste. Delight in a unique cooking class to prepare and taste traditional Catalan specialties for a gastronomic experience.

Madrid's Art & Architecture. During an exclusive guided visit, tour the impressive Prado Museum, holding masterpieces by Spanish artists, such as El Greco and Velasquez. Continue on a panoramic tour of Madrid, with stops at the Plaza Mayor and Palacio Real. Then, visit the Baroque-style Royal Palace, the official residence of the Spanish royal family in Madrid.

Toledo. One of the oldest cities in Europe, Toledo is renowned for its artistic beauty. Visit the magnificent city gate, Puerta de Bisagra; the Gothic Cathedral; Iglesia de Santo Tomé to see El Greco's masterpiece, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz;" and Spain's oldest synagogue, the 12th-century Santa María La Blanca.

Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. Marvel at the sites on a guided walking tour where medieval Barcelona flourished at the center of the old city. See Carrer del Bisbe and Ponte del Bisbe—Bishop Street and its bridge; Plaça de Sant Jaume, where civic leaders have run the city since Roman times; Plaça del Rei, the historic powerhouse of medieval Catalonia; the Gothic Cathedral of Barcelona; and the Roman walls that defined the perimeter.

Gaudí's Barcelona & Catalan

Modernism. Barcelona is an architecture lover's dream, with stunning, brightly colored buildings designed by Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí and his modernist contemporaries waiting to be discovered. Gaudí was a leading exponent of the Art Nouveau movement in Europe—a style characterized by intense ornamentation and organic lines. Today, experience his surreal works, including the famous La Sagrada Família and the magical Parc Güell, its architectonic elements decorated with colorful ceramic pieces. Also, visit the extraordinary Art Nouveau campus of the former hospital, Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, designed by modernism architect Lluís Domènech i Montaner, and regarded for its singular beauty and sensitivity to design.

Masia de Can Cortada. Savor lunch at a atmospheric Catalan farmhouse restaurant that was once a medieval castle.

PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:

Barcelona

- Casa Amatller
- Barcelona's Jewish History



Parc Güell

Enrichment

- Contemporary Spain
- Modernism & the Architecture of Gaudí
- The History of Catalonia & Barcelona

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic City of Toledo
2. Works of Antoni Gaudí, Barcelona
3. Hospital de Sant Pau, Barcelona

Electives | Go further afield

Montserrat & Penedès Wine Region. Visit a beautiful hilltop monastery with a delicious lunch and tasting in Catalonia's wine region.

(At an additional cost.)

Accommodations

Hotel Wellington & Spa Madrid | Madrid

Renaissance Barcelona Hotel | Barcelona



Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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AHI Travel Expertise

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel Coordinator | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2025 Departures & Pricing

November 8-17, 2025

Full Price	From \$5,245
Special Savings	\$250
Special Price	From \$4,995

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$1,395 (limited availability).