

We have not finalized these tour and the prices are from 2013. We will have the final version by April 1st

BARCELONA

WALKING TOUR OF BARCELONA

Thursday, April 18th, 9 a.m.

Today we'll join our guide for a 3-hour walking tour of Barcelona to enjoy all the key sites.

MONTSERRAT TOUR

Friday, April 19th, 9 a.m.

We'll enjoy touring the city with a bus and guide plus we'll be offering some great optional day trips including [Montserrat](#), just an hour's drive northwest of Barcelona. Montserrat is both a magnificent and breathtaking mountain range and a place of recollection. A major symbol of Catalan culture. Several types of visits can therefore lead you there. The [Montserrat Monastery](#), its Abbey, the Moreneta - the black Madonna - and the Escalonia. There's also a cable car that can take us to the highest peak of the mountain range and also the possibility of wine tasting at a local winery.

FULL DAY TOUR

Saturday, April 20th, 9 a.m

Another optional tour from Barcelona is a day trip to [Girona and Costa Brava](#). Girona is an easy and worthy day trip from Barcelona. A delightful city badly damaged by French troops in 1809 but which nowadays boasts many interesting sights including the Passeig Arqueologic (Archaeological Walk), a pleasant walkway along the old ramparts of the city. See the Iglesia de Sant Feliu, dating from the 14th century as well as the 15th



century cathedral, which has some Catalan Baroque style but is mainly gothic. The Jewish quarter is very interesting to explore and the city boasts many fine restaurants, bars and shops. Much of the city's charm comes from its narrow medieval streets-with frequent stairways, as required by the steep terrain.

MALLORCA

WALKING TOUR OF MALLORCA

Sunday, April 21st, 9 a.m.

Today we will be with Magdalena Torrens Llabrés for this 4 hour walking tour which will include a walk around the old Gothic style quarter, the Cathedral, Almudaina's Palace, Bishop's Palace, Courtyards, Church of Santa Eulalia and church of Saint Francis, Town Hall square, Parliament, and so on. If you want to enter the Cathedral the admission is 6 euro. This tour is included in your package.



SAILING/ SNORKEL & PARTY CRUISE

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd



We have had some special days on our trips when we take a cruise on a fun boat out cruising. This boat is anchored right in front of our hotel too! This should be an exclusive sail for our group since this boat does not start sailing normally until June. I would love to get our whole group out for this one.

Get ready for the best sailing catamaran excursion in the Bay of Palma: great fun, refreshing swimming stops, amazing photo opportunities and lunch and drinks included. During the excursion we throw down the anchor and stop a few times for a swim in the clear Mediterranean waters.

We will have stops at:

- Can Pastilla
- Playa de Palma
- Cova verde
- Delta Maioris
- Return to Palma (panoramic views of the cathedral)

Our catamaran can hold 70 and features:

Two bathrooms with toilet and sink.

- Bar.
- One comfortable ladder in bow for sea access.
- Two aft scales to access the sea.
- Fresh water showers.
- Wide resting nets in the bow area for sunbathing.
- Awning covering 40 people.

INCLUDES

- Soft drinks & sangría during all the journey
- Buffet: paella, salad buffet, roast meat & fruits (melon & watermelon)

COST: \$65 (this is a 20% discount!)

FULL DAY MALLORCA TOUR **Tuesday, April 23rd**



Today we will be with Magdalena again for this full day bus tour of the island. First, we will go to the picturesque village of Valldemossa which lies in a beautiful valley between the mountains of **Serra de Tramuntana**. Tourism provides the main source of income for the people of Valldemossa. Visitors are enchanted with the town's

steep, narrow little streets, the house-fronts adorned with flower-pots and tiles that tell the tale of the life of Blessed Catalina Thomàs.

Another noteworthy building is La Cartuja and Royal Palace. The little town of Valldemossa won universal fame thanks to the arrival of Chopin, George Sand and her children (1838-1839) to sojourn in the Carthusian Monastery.

We will also visit of the Monastery of La Cartuja (where the pianist Frederic Chopin lived in 1838-39) and visit King Sancho's Palace (ancient palace dating of the 14th century) and enjoy a concert in the Palace (15min). We will have some free time to stroll around.

From there we will make our way across the beautiful mountains of the West of Majorca, visiting Soller town and tram ride to its port (port Soller). The tram ride is very picturesque as it was built in 1913.



COST: with bus, guide, tram tickets and monastery admission is \$44.

The other option for today would be for you to rent a scooter to see the island but previous experience is highly recommended.

SEVILLE

WALKING TOUR

Thursday, April 25th, 9:00 am

This tour is included in your package.

Today we will do a part bus and part walking tour of Sevilla. We'll see the Alcazar and Cathedral from the outside, we will walk in Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter, see the river with the Tower of Gold and Square of Spain. This tour that will give us a general view of the old Seville.



MORROCCO

Friday, April 26th, 6:00 am

The guide will meet the clients and departure towards Tarifa, the nearest point between Europe and Africa, only 14 kilometres away.

6 a.m. depart hotel. Our bus trip to the harbor will take 2 hours.

9.00 AM - After crossing the Spanish border, embark on a fast ferry that takes 35 minutes to reach Africa.

9.45 AM - On arrival the local guide will be waiting at the harbour and begin with a panoramic tour of the city by motorcoach. We will cross different quarters of Tangiers, stop for photos and camel rides (camel ride costs around 1 Euro) and then head back downtown, going on a walking tour to the Kasbah (walled city), the medina (old city) and the souks.



Finally we will stop for restrooms and lunch at a typical restaurant to enjoy the arab food (harira soup, cous-cous, brochette, moroccan tea and patisserie).

2.15 PM - Before taking the ferry back you will visit a moroccan bazaar where bargaining over prices is part of the shopping culture.

3.00 PM - Return to the harbour, crossing back over the Strait of Gibraltar and on arrival to Tarifa, we will return to "La Costa del Sol".

INCLUDES:

- Transport by private coach from Torremolinos
- Fast ferry tickets Tarifa - Tangier - Tarifa (35 minutes).
- Private transportation for the visit.
- Local guide for the visit.
- Moroccan lunch in a local restaurant (vegetarian meals are available).

PASSPORT CONTROL:

On the ferry, you must seek the police desk where passports are stamped for entry

into Morocco. This is very important because if you do not have your passport stamped, they will not let you off of the fast ferry into Morocco.

TIPS:

Beware of drinking tap water and using ice; this has caused gastroenteritis in the past.

Always ask for price before buying, especially in bars and restaurants. Please do not allow the waiter to bring you food without previously asking for it and knowing how much it is going to cost you.

Bargaining: it is mandatory and necessary. Divide the initial price by 4 to start the game. Always let the seller give the final price. Don't be surprised if a seller asks for a very expensive price at first; they do this to provoke you. With good negotiating skills, you can get a good price.

Tips are usually not included in the final price; ten percent tips are usually given, and € 0.50 per suitcase.

In restaurants, alcohol is very expensive, so we recommend drinking bottled water and/or soft drinks.

Always ask before taking someone's picture.

Never ask questions like, "when will we go back to Spain?", or "where we are going?"; in general, do not give out any information whatsoever about where you are from or details of this program.

RONDA, MARBELLA and PUERTO BANUS
Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 am



On this full day trip, we will head inland to Ronda. Arriving in **Ronda**, we'll see all the highlights of this lovely town, which is one of the oldest in **Spain** dating back to **prehistoric times**. We will do a walking tour of the **town** starting from the **town square**, known as **Plaza de Espana**, we will finally end up at the Plaza de **Toros**

Maestranza and its **museum**, one of the oldest **Bull Rings** in **Spain**.

The picturesque town of **Ronda** spans the plunging river gorge known as **El Tajo**,

crossed by the impressive 18th-century **Puente Nuevo** bridge.. We'll have free time to explore **Ronda** and perhaps enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (not included) before heading to Marbella and Puerto Banus.

If you wondered how the rich and famous live, then **Marbella** is deservedly the prime destination in **Spain**. It is famed for its **beautiful parks, statues** and **beaches**. On this tour we will walk around the lovely **old town** of **Marbella** with its famous **Orange square**, up to the **Castle** walls and historical churches. It is also great place for **shopping!** Afterwards we will move on along the **Golden mile** and pass the **Palace** of the **Saudi royal family**. The **Palace** is an exact replica of the **White house** in **Washington D.C!**

Arriving in **Puerto Banus**, we will see clear proof of the high quality of its infrastructure, one of the most emblematic spots in **Marbella**. Surrounded by exclusive housing developments, this **famous marina** each year welcomes some of the biggest and most **luxurious yachts** in the world. Along with all the **Ferraris**, you might even see a **film star!**
COST: with guide, bus and admissions to the bullring and museum: \$40



Please sign up for the tours by March 20th. Thank you.

OUR GUIDES!

Magdalena, Mallorca

Susana, Sevilla

