Cosmopolitan, vibrant and intoxicating, Barcelona is the jewel of Spain’s Mediterranean coast. Founded by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago, the capital of Catalonia stays young by welcoming new ideas that fuse perfectly with its rich past. Through the years, Barcelona’s creative citizens have pushed innovations in architecture, art, cuisine and more. Barcelona’s spectacular cityscape and the works of creative visionaries are a feast for the eyes. Delve into several facets of Barcelona’s history. Walk through the Barri Gòtic, where the narrow warren of streets will transport you to medieval Barcelona, and marvel at the whimsical genius of Gaudí in the Eixample district. Stroll through the streets of El Born, where medieval knights once jousted, to see the Santa Maria del Mar, an imposing 14th-century church built in the Gothic style of Catalonia. Immerse yourself in Barcelona, and discover a unique and wonderful city.

**INCLUDED FEATURES**

**Accommodations**
- 7 nights in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

**Transportation**
- Deluxe motor coach while on excursions.

**Activities and Events**
- Informative educational programs, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- Enjoy seven breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

**MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS**
- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**
- Your exclusive Small-Group experience is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Discover Barcelona’s artistic heritage during excursions that highlight the region’s most famous architects and artists, including Antoni Gaudí and Pablo Picasso.
- A blend of planned excursions and free time allows you to surround yourself in the culture of Barcelona and its environs at your own pace.
- Three educational lectures provide context and background for your adventures.
- The Works of Antoni Gaudí, including La Sagrada Familia, are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.

**October 6-14, 2017**

**$2,695**

VAT is an additional $295 per person.

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**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Depart for Barcelona, Spain.†
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**DAY 2 ~ BARCELONA**
Upon arrival, transfer† to the hotel.
Educational Focus: The History of Catalonia and Barcelona.
Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 3 ~ BARCELONA**
Excursion: The Barri Gòtic. Set out on a walking tour of Barcelona’s Gothic Quarter, where medieval Barcelona flourished. Stroll along La Rambla, the busy pedestrian boulevard. Visit Plaça St. Jaume, where civic leaders have run the city since Roman times.
Local Flavor: Work up an appetite for lunch as you learn how to make delicious Catalán cuisine.
Independent Exploration: The afternoon is at leisure.

**DAY 4 ~ BARCELONA**
Educational Focus: Modernism and Antoni Gaudí. Discuss how the eccentric Catalán architect, Antoni Gaudí, shaped the city of Barcelona with his abstract structures and vibrantly colored tiles.
Excursion: Gaudí’s Barcelona. Visit the modernist, surreal Casa Batlló, a fascinating example of Gaudí’s art nouveau style, along Barcelona’s most stylish boulevard, Passeig de Gràcia. Then head to the La Sagrada Familia, the basilica designed by Gaudí.
Independent Exploration: The afternoon is at leisure.
Local Flavor: Try traditional cuisine tonight at a local restaurant.

**DAY 5 ~ BARCELONA**
Independent Exploration: Explore the city and pursue your own interests.

**DAY 6 ~ BARCELONA**
Excursion: Barcelona — Through the Eyes of Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum to see one of the largest collections of works by the influential painter. This impressive museum is housed in five medieval townhouses. Then follow in Pablo Picasso’s footsteps as you explore Barcelona, which greatly influenced the artist during his formative years. Picasso drew creative inspiration from the city for his artwork and embraced its progressive attitudes. Continue with a tour of El Born, site of medieval jousting tournaments and trade guilds. See the Santa Maria del Mar, a 14th-century church built in the Gothic style of Catalonia.
Independent Exploration: The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 7 ~ MONTserrat/ Penedès Wine Country**
Excursion: The Monastery of Montserrat and Penedès Wine Country. Visit Montserrat, a ninth-century Benedictine monastery built near dramatic sandstone mountains. Continue to the Penedes wine region, which is best known for producing cava, a sparkling wine.
Local Flavor: Enjoy a winery lunch.

**DAY 8 ~ BARCELONA**
Educational Focus: Contemporary Catalonia. Learn about life in Catalonia today.
Independent Exploration: Enjoy your final day at leisure in Barcelona. Explore on your own, shop for souvenirs or spend the day in museums and galleries.
Gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Transfer to the airport for the return flights to your gateway city.†

**NOTE:** The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. All excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

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**Girona and Figueres.** On Day 5, visit the town of Girona, built by the Romans 2,000 years ago. Girona later became an important Catalan town during the Middle Ages. Within the historic town center is the Call, the medieval maze of narrow streets that was home to the town’s Jewish community. Continue to Figueres, the hometown of surrealist artist Salvador Dalí. Visit the Dalí Theater-Museum, which is said to be the world’s largest surrealist object. Enjoy lunch in Girona.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**RENAISSANCE BARCELONA HOTEL**
The Renaissance Barcelona Hotel is ideally situated near the Passeig de Gràcia and many of Barcelona’s top attractions. The hotel’s city-center location means that Barcelona’s best shops, restaurants and more are just steps away. Meet friends for drinks in Cuit Bar & Lounge, which showcases traditional Barcelona tapas. CRU Steakhouse offers international fare with a Spanish twist. After a day filled with seeing the best of Barcelona, return to a well-appointed guest room with complimentary Wi-Fi, an MP3 docking station and more.
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