

**Full Itinerary & Trip Details** 



# From Spain to Italy







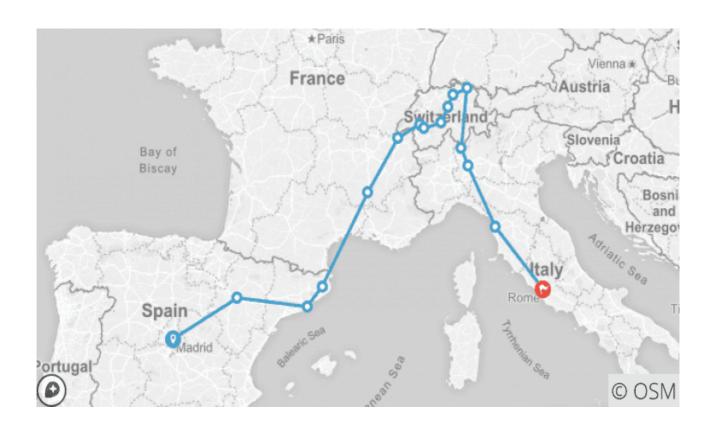








# **Trip Overview**



**DURATION** 

11 days

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Madrid → Rome

**OPERATED IN** 

English

**OPERATOR** 

Europamundo

**Countries** 

Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy



# **Itinerary**

#### Introduction

Europamundo General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet. Under exceptional circumstances (breakdowns, delays due to traffic problems, weather problems, strikes, sports and religious events, congresses, sanitary precautions and protocols or other complex situations), Europamundo reserves the right to modify the sites visited, the order of the visits on certain days or the stages of the itineraries.

## Day 1: Madrid

Start Point Madrid,
Spain

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Transfer to the hotel. Evening transport to the Gran Vía district. Welcome to Madrid! Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until the beginning of your tour. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area which have all the information about the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the Egyptian Debod Temple, Plaza de España and Gran Via; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options available.



## Day 2: Madrid

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid city tour. Stroll through the Retiro Park. Visit to the Las Ventas bullring. Evening transfer. The morning starts with a comprehensive tour through the center of Madrid including the Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor. We then will visit Retiro Park, an oasis in the city center, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. A visit to Las Ventas Bullring (admission included) is next. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of the "corridas" at the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. At sunset we will provide a transfer to Plaza de Oriente, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving different cuisines, such as local Spanish food, international and Chinese. Enjoy a pleasant dinner of your choice. At the end of the evening we will return to the hotel.

## Day 3: Madrid, Saragossa, Poblet, Barcelona

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Monastery of Poblet, rack train to Montserrat. In the morning we leave for Aragón over the lands of Castile. In ZARAGOZA we stop briefly to see the Pilar Basilica. We continue to the Monastery of Poblet, surrounded by its walls in a beautiful site that is one of the best-preserved medieval monasteries in the world (entrance included). We then proceed to the Monastery of Montserrat where you will go up the mountain on a rack train to see its fantastic scenery. Following this we will continue to BARCELONA, arriving in the late- afternoon. Note: In some cases, depending on the timetable of the rack railway, the ascent to Montserrat can be done in our coach. Note: During the winter, from November to March, due to the shorter days, we will not visit the Monastery of Poblet in order to reach Montserrat during the daylight.

# Day 4: Barcelona, Girona

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Barcelona. Girona.In the morning we enjoy a city tour, its Ramblas, the works of Gaudí, and memories of the Olympic Games. Free time. At the end of the afternoon we will go to the north of Catalonia. A stroll in GIRONA and its very beautiful historical center. Its colorful houses stand out, as well as the old Jewish quarter and Cathedral.



## Day 5: Girona, Careers Of Light, Chambery

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Provenzal region in France. We leave for France, crossing Provence. We stop in ARLES, a small world heritage city where we will remember Van Gogh, and can see its Roman theatre and small Romanesque churches. Time for a stroll and lunch. We carry on and include admission to CARRIERES DE LUMIERE, an impressive show of art, image and sound underground, in former quarries. CHAMBERY, arrival and accommodation in the charming capital of Savoie, a medieval city with a beautiful old town and a great castle.

## Day 6: Chambery, Geneva, Gruyeres, Leysin

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Switzerland with Lakes and Mountains. Chocolate factory. Dinner included. We travel to Switzerland. GENEVA, arrival. With our guide, we will go to the Palace of Nations (the headquarters of the United Nations in Europe) to the pretty English Garden with its clock made of flowers and we can admire the "Jet d'Eau", the tallest fountain in Europe. We go on to the picturesque walled village of GRUYERE, known worldwide for its cheese. Free time to stroll and have lunch. Nearby are several of the main chocolate factories in Switzerland (NESTLE amongst them), and we visit the Cailler chocolate factory, with a tasting included! After this we go on to CHILLON CASTLE, built in the waters of the lake. Entrance included to this fantastic mediaeval castle. We will continue travelling through smaller roads amidst bucolic mountain landscapes and very picturesque wooden villages.- Arrival in LEYSIN, a beautiful little holiday village with spectacular views of the Rhône plain and Mont Blanc, known for its winter sports resort or its hiking possibilities. Dinner included.

# Day 7: Leysin, Interlaken, Lucerne, Zurich

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Swiss Alpine scenery with glaciers and mountains. Glacier 3000 and its cable car. Lucerne. Today stage has beautiful high mountain scenery. Don't forget your winter clothes, we climb to one of the most spectacular spots in Switzerland where you can see ice and snow all year round. We include the cable car ride up to GLACIER 3000 where you can walk on the suspended bridge in the gap between two mountain peaks, enter the Ice Cathedral or "play" in the Fun Park. Stop in INTERLAKEN and time for lunch. Among very picturesque lakes we continue to LUCERNE, one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Continue to ZURICH, where there is time for a stroll downtown before going to the hotel. Note: Occasionally, for major weather reasons such as rain or strong winds, the cable car to Glacier 3000 may not operate.



## Day 8: Zurich, Lugano, Morcote, Milan

TODAY´S HIGHLIGHTS: Spectacular alpine landscapes, quaint villages and lakes. We will leave Zurich early in the morning and cut across the Alps in order to reach the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Alongside the route we will get to see beautiful lakes and snow-capped mountains. LUGANO. Arrival in the cosmopolitan capital of the Italian Switzerland built next to its beautiful lake. Time to have a stroll and grab lunch. Next, we will reach the enchanting little town of MORCOTE famous for its flowery stone houses. We will then travel to Italy. Arrival in MILAN where the guide will take us to the impressive Duomo Square. Here you will find a variety of local and international restaurants to have dinner at. Transfer to the hotel.

## Day 9: Milan, Pisa, Rome

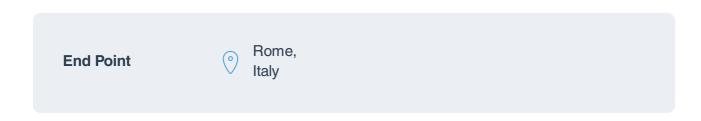
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Coast of Liguria, Leaning Tower of Pisa. Today we continue our journey towards PISA. On a little tourist train, we will travel to the Piazza Dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles), where there will be time to admire one of the most alluring and beautiful art complexes in Italy, including the well-known Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then, we continue to ROME, arriving at the end of the day.

## Day 10: Rome

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Rome. Roman Coliseum (admission price included). Evening transfer to the Trastevere area. In the morning, we have a scenic tour, which will be a great introduction to "The Eternal city". We will visit the tiny state of the Vatican, the epicenter of Christianity in the world. You will be able to visit St. Peter's Basilica. We have included admission to the Roman Coliseum, the symbol of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. At the end of the evening we arrange a transfer to Trastevere area for a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the district with hidden treasures, such as some modest medieval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve you local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area. Return to hotel.



# Day 11: Rome



After breakfast, end of our services.

# What's Included



#### **Accommodation**

MADRID: NH VENTAS or PRAGA or WEARE CHAMARTIN

MADRID: MELIA AVENIDA AMERICA or IBIS STYLES MADRID CITY LAS VENTAS or SILKEN

**PUERTA MADRID** 

MADRID: NOVOTEL MADRID CITY LAS VENTAS or CLARIDGE or ELBA MADRID ALCALA

**MADRID: ILUNION ALCALA NORTE** 

BARCELONA: PORTA FIRA or RENAISSANCE BARCELONA FIRA or AC HOTEL SOM BY

**MARRIOTT** 

Gerona: DOUBLETREE BY HILTON GIRONA

**CHAMBERY: KYRIAD CHAMBERY CENTRE** 

**GSTAAD**: HUUS HOTEL or LANDHAUS

**ZURICH:** AJA ZURICH DAS CITY RESORT or KAMEHA GRAND ZURICH or HOLIDAY INN

**ZURICH MESSE** 

**ZURICH: NOVOTEL ZURICH AIRPORT** 

**ZURICH: HARRYS HOME SCHWEIZ** 

**MILAN: BARCELO MILAN or IH MILANO LORENTEGGIO** 

ROMA: CRISTOFORO COLOMBO or SHANGRI LA

We know how important hotels are on your trip. The hotels have been selected taking into consideration quality, price and location. They are located in the cities we visit, most of them not in the city center but all of them with easy access to public transportation nearby. Our accommodation is not based on luxury hotels. Please keep in mind that standards, bed sizes and room dimensions can vary between hotels of the same class in different locations. All rooms are equipped with private bathroom and TV. Some of them also offer a mini-bar, safe box, and hair dryer. Many hotels, mainly in North Europe, do not have air conditioning or local legislation establishes limited dates of use.



#### Guide

English speaking tour in: MADRID, Poblet, BARCELONA, ROME

Please note also that your tour guide might be changed once or several times during the tour. On some tours, according to the number of passengers, the service may be provided in bilingual (usually in English and Spanish), either accompanied by two tour leaders, one for each language, or a single tour leader for smaller groups explaining in both languages.

#### **Meals**

Breakfast buffet

# **Transport**

Includes arrival transfer

Evening transfer: Debod Temple and Plaza de España and Plaza de Oriente in Madrid, Via Cavour in Rome

Train: Montserrat Monastery, Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa

#### Insurance

Basic travel insurance

#### **Others**

City tour in: MADRID, Poblet, BARCELONA, ROME

Ticket admission: Plaza de Toros de las Ventas in MADRID, Poblet Monastery in Poblet, Chillon castle; Cailler chocolate factory in GRUYERE, Coliseum of Rome in ROME



# **Departure Dates**

STARTING IN Madrid	ENDING IN Rome
24 December 2022	03 January 2023
31 December 2022	10 January 2023
14 January 2023	24 January 2023
21 January 2023	31 January 2023
28 January 2023	07 February 2023
04 February 2023	14 February 2023
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24 June 2023	04 July 2023
01 July 2023	11 July 2023
08 July 2023	18 July 2023
15 July 2023	25 July 2023
22 July 2023	01 August 2023
29 July 2023	08 August 2023
05 August 2023	15 August 2023



# 6 reviews

Overall rating  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$  Guide  $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ 

Transportation  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$  Accommodation  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ 

Meals ★ ★ ★



#### Gloria

Review on September 25th, 2022



Had a great time from Madrid to Italy! Very organized. The drivers, Augusto and Vicente's kept us safe on the road. The tour guides, shout out to Miguel and Gabi, were knowledgeable and funny at the same time! The hotels were not bad, most were comfortable. There were some places where we wished we could have stayed longer but understandable as we signed up for a lot of places to see. This won't be the last. Thank you for the memories!



#### **Ashvina Atchiaraze**

Review on August 3rd, 2022



I really enjoy the trip. The tourist guides were very nice and helpful. However it was abit tiring but overall it was well organised and really like the experience.





#### LINA

Review on April 21st, 2022



La mejor experiencia, tuvimos un gran guía y conductor. David siempre fue muy pendiente de todo el grupo y sobre todo muy informativo. Manolo un excelente conductor. La verdad este tour superó nuestras expeditivas. Volveríamos a hacerlo una y otra vez con Europa Mundo.



#### Jen Boza

Review on November 6th, 2019



Manu was excellent! He was knowledgeable and took his time to explain everything in detail. I highly recommend him and would absolutely do another tour with him. I also had Gaby and she also was excellent! I enjoyed working with both of them. Europamundo is very lucky to have them on board.



#### Vaibhay Juthani

Review on June 23rd, 2019



Overall the tour was interesting and have visited many places. As the theme says "Discovery" indeed it was discovery of a lot of place. There are few concerns which i would like to share: It is quite tiring and irritating to carry our language on daily basis and check in/out every single day at different hotels.. As a vegetarian & despite of informing well in advance, There was NO any options for us (very disappointing). At some places like Grindelwald (Switzerland) leisure time was too short to enjoy the place. Whereas in Rome we have been give 5 Hrs of leisure time which was so boring. So I would say time allocation at important locations can be improved. Tony our tour guide was a gem during the tour.. He's very professional and kind human being. Overall we enjoyed the trip..



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