



Tour Proposal:

Adventures in Northern Spain

Barcelona, Basque Country & the Balearic Islands

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Tuesday, September 5th

Departure from your chosen US gateway city.

Overnight: Plane



Wednesday, September 6th

Your morning arrival in Barcelona will be met for the transfer to your city-center hotel. After time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, the rest of the day is free to begin exploring the neighborhood and searching out a wonderful local restaurant for dinner.

Overnight: Barcelona



Thursday, September 7th

This morning your local guide will meet you at your hotel and take you on a tour on foot and by public transport of some of the city's most interesting areas. From the Old City to the ancient harbor, from the chic commercial center-the "Eixample"-to the city's world-famous museums, this city is endlessly fascinating. You'll pass by some of Gaudi's greatest buildings and explore the Barri Gotic (its cathedral, medieval streets, and churches). The afternoon is then free to make your own discoveries-perhaps a visit to the Picasso Museum or the Sagrada Familia. **(B)**

Overnight: Barcelona

Friday, September 8th

Today you take a guided excursion north of Barcelona, along the Mediterranean coast. Your first stop is Girona, where you'll have a walking tour to see the Cathedral and the Arab Baths and then have free time for lunch. You continue north to Figueres, the home of Salvador Dali, where you visit the famous Dali Museum. Return to Barcelona for a free evening. **(B)**

Overnight: Barcelona



Saturday, September 9th

A free day to perhaps visit Montjuic and its remarkable museums. The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya has a splendid collection of medieval paintings, Romanesque frescoes that have been painstakingly removed from village churches and restored, and some of the finest examples of Renaissance and Baroque art. A short walk from there brings you to the Fundacio Joan Miró, which displays the work of Miró from 1914 - 1978. After lunch you could visit the Poble Espanyol, or "Spanish Village," which was designed for the International Exhibition and chronicles the development of Spanish vernacular architecture. **(B)**

Overnight: Barcelona

Sunday, September 10th

After a free morning in the city you take a guided excursion excursion by coach and cable car this afternoon to the nearby Benedictine monastery of Montserrat. This spectacular peak rises out of the surrounding Rio Llobregat valley and has long inspired poets, artists, and travelers alike. **(B)**

Overnight: Barcelona



Monday, September 11th

A final free morning in Barcelona. After time for lunch you take a taxi to the central railway station for your direct train to San Sebastian (departs 3.30 pm and arrives 9.10 pm). On arrival, you take a taxi to your hotel. **(B)**

Overnight: San Sebastian

Tuesday, Sept 12th - Saturday, Sept 16th

5 days in San Sebastian. This link will give you a selection of tours and activities available in San Sebastian: <https://www.viator.com/San-Sebastian/d5505-ttd>. We would be happy to book any of these you may want to do. You should certainly consider the day trip to Bilbao with a visit to the Guggenheim.

Overnight: San Sebastian



Sunday, September 17th

This morning a car & driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to Bilbao Airport where you board the 10.45 am direct flight to Palma, Mallorca. On arrival a car and driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel in the town of Soller.

Overnight: Soller, Mallorca

Monday, Sept 18th - Sept 20th

3 days in the wonderful town of Soller. One day should be spent exploring the town and taking the tram down to the coast, to the Port of Soller. Another day you should spend taking the train through the mountains to Palma, the capital for the day. We could also arrange for a driver/guide to come and take you on a day excursion or two if you would like (cost approximately \$400 per day). **(B)**

Overnight: Soller, Mallorca

Thursday, September 21st

This morning your driver will pick you up at the hotel at around 6.00 am for the transfer to Palma Airport where you take the 8.00 am flight to Madrid, arriving at 9.25 am in order to connect with your 11.00 am flight to Atlanta. **(B)**

Overnight: Overnight: Home





The cost of this itinerary, based on 2 participants is **\$1970** per person, double occupancy. This includes the following:

Airfare:	One way airfares from Bilbao to Mallorca and from Mallorca to Madrid. All airline fees and airport taxes included
Hotels:	9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels (see below). 6 nights in San Sebastian will be booked but will need to be paid for on arrival.
Transportation:	4 airport transfers: Arrival in Barcelona, San Sebastian to Bilbao Airport, Palma Airport to Soller round trip
Trains:	First class tickets from Barcelona to San Sebastian
Meals:	Breakfast daily, except in San Sebastian
Guided tours:	Full day Girona/Figueres and half day Montserrat

This quotation is based upon using the following hotels, although Discover Europe reserves the right to substitute properties of an equivalent or superior standard should these prove unavailable at the time of booking.

- Barcelona** The Hotel Midmost (www.hotelmidmost.com)
Superior double room with terrace
- San Sebastian** Pension Ab Domini (www.abpensiones.es)
Double room
- Soller** Hotel La Vila (www.lavilahotel.com)
Studio with terrace, mountain view

