

PARIS TO BARCELONA: Gauguin To Gaudi

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart today for **Paris**

Day 2: Arrive today in Paris. Meet your guide for an orientation city walking tour. Later, your guide will leave you in the Latin Quarter. At one time only Latin was spoken here! Today it is brimming with cafes, restaurants, little bookstores, and tourist shops.

Day 3: Guided visit to the **Louvre**. After, see Place Vendome, famous as the central site for jewelry in Paris. See Palais Royale and its garden, originally owned by the Cardinal of Richelieu and then by the Kings of France. Walk through Place de la Concorde and the site of the guillotine during the French Revolution. Continue towards the Champs Elysee and the **Arc de Triomphe**. See Ave de Montaigne and Rue du Faubourg, Saint Honore, widely cited as the most fashionable streets in the world. Tonight you will ascend the **Eiffel Tower**.



Day 4: See the famous cabaret, **Moulin Rouge**, a district which offers a wide range of entertainment styles which all contribute to a uniquely Parisian experience. Walk Boulevard Clichy towards Montmartre, one of the most picturesque quarters of the city. It is a working class, colorful, crowded and lively area dominated by souvenir shops, cafes, and inexpensive clothing stores. Take the funicular up to **Sacre Coeur**, a beautiful white basilica, magnetically towering from the highest point in Montmartre. This afternoon a visit to the Musee Dorsay, or the Catacombs or Les Invalids where you can visit the imposing Tomb of the Emperor Napoleon. Tonight a Seine River Cruise.

Day 5: Visit **Versailles**. See the Grand Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, King's and Queen's suites. Late this afternoon return to your hotel to pick up your belongings for your flight to **Barcelona**.



Day 6: Meet your guide for your city sightseeing tour. Later discover one of the best markets in Europe, the Mercat de la Boqueria located in the Ramblas. The market originated as an open air market in front of the old city walls where fruit and vegetables from local towns and farms nearby would sell their products. Its location was threatened several times but finally in 1914 the current market with its metal roof was inaugurated. The city's oldest buildings of historic and artistic interest are located in the Gothic Quarter. See the Cathedral De Barcelona, begun in 1298 but mostly completed by the mid-15th century. See the Palace of the Catalan Government, City Hall and the Great Royal Palace. Tonight an optional performance at the Palau de la Musica Catalana.

Day 7: Visit **Sagrada Familia**, the unfinished church begun by local architect Antoni Gaudi. Gaudi worked on the project for 40 years and work is still underway on the project expected to be finished in approximately 2026. Later a museum visit to the Picasso Museum, the best collection in the country of this artist who spent his formative years in Barcelona. Barcelona is crammed with shops and cafes. This afternoon is a perfect opportunities to enjoy the Catalan lifestyle. Tonight visit the Font Magica Fountain. See its spectacular display of color and water acrobatics.



Day 8: Full day voyage to **Cadaques**. a seaside resort made famous by Salvador Dali and his friends such as Picasso. The rocky coasts with its beautiful beaches and coves have been the source of inspiration for internationally famous painters and artists. Today visit Cadaques and Dali's famous home. **Figueres** is the birthplace of Dali. It is home to the Teatre- Museu a museum designed by Dali himself which you will visit.

Day 9: A full day to enjoy Barcelona. Visit other famous Gaudi monuments such as **Casa Batilo and Casa Mila (La Pedrera)**. The rest of the day is free to shop, sightsee, and relax with a cappuccino at a local coffee shop. Other museums that may be of interest today are the Chocolate Museum and the Catalan Art Museum which houses a world class collection of the regions art.

Day 10: Today unfortunately your tour must come to an end.. Hasta la vista

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to Paris return Barcelona
- One way flight Paris - Barcelona
- Coach transfers
 - o Paris – return airport
 - o Barcelona – return airport
 - o Full day coach visit to Catalonia towns
- Assistance in both cities upon arrival
- 8 nights hotel accommodation with private facilities
- 8 Breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- Guided walking orientation tours
 - o Paris
 - o Barcelona
- Entrances/visits
 - o Eiffel Tower
 - o Guided entrance to Louvre Museum
 - o Bateaux Mouche ride on River Seine
 - o Guided visit to Versailles
 - o Entrance to Musee D’Orsay or Catacombs or Invalids
 - o Entrance to Sagrada Familia in Barcelona
 - o Entrance to Batilo House in Barcelona
 - o Entrance to La Pedrera in Barcelona
 - o Entrance to Picasso Museum in Barcelona
 - o Entrance to Dali House in Cadaques
 - o Entrance to Dali Museum in Figueres
- 4 day metro pass in Paris

