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An adventure in food and wine

Dates TBD



WELCOME TO SPAIN

Fly into Josep Tarradellas Barcelona -El Prat International Airport, where we will be waiting to whisk you away to the city center.

Check into Hotel Arts Barcelona, a 5 star hotel with cutting edge design and panoramic views of the city and Mediterranean sea.

Unpack, relax, wander the on-sight gardens, ready by the pool or take a stroll on the beach. Take time to unwind after your long flight.

Lunch TBD based on arrival times.



MICHELIN STAR WELCOME DINNER

Dinner at Two Michelin-starred *Enoteca Paco Pérez*, which pairs modern Mediterranean cuisine with a 700-strong wine list and just so happens to be in our hotel. Paco Pérez is Catalonia's highest awarded chef, garnering a total of six Michelin stars during his career. This sophisticated yet tranquil setting will be the perfect place to enjoy our first gastronomic experience in Spain.

Barcelona TOUR AND TASTE THE STREETS OF BARCELONA Date TBD

TOUR OF LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Today we explore the history of the city, and what better place to start than the famous landmark of Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia. In a private tour, we will take in the impressive structure that has become the legacy of Antoni Gaudí. While many architects have continued to work on the Basilica Sagrada Familia after Gaudí's death in 1926, guided by his Master's plans, models and records, it is said that the construction still wont be completed until 2026, 100 years after Gaudi's death.



LUNCH AT LA BOQUERIA MARKET

Barcelona's markets are no longer just places to buy groceries—in the last decade, they've become dining hotspots as integral to the social fabric as the city's restaurants. La Boqueria is Barcelona's oldest market dating back to 1217, and by far the most famous. Here we will wander the 200 stalls, sampling the region's finest cheeses, charcuterie, seafood, and produce while washing it all down with a nice glass of cava.

TIME FOR YOURSELF

Continue to explore the market and surrounding area in the afternoon, or head back to the hotel to reset and relax.

DINNER AT ON CARRER DE BLAI

Dinner by touring El Poble Sec along Carrer de Blai - the best street in Barcelona for Pintxos and tapas. We will walk along Carrer de Blai drinking vermut and eating at as many pintxos bars as possible. Pintxos are finger food pierced through with a toothpick. These small bites are a key part of the gastronomic experience in Spain and are diverse to every region, Barcelona included.

ATTEND A LIVE SOCCER GAME

Take in the excitement of a live FC Barcelona soccer game (date dependent August-May) at Camp Nou, Europe's biggest football stadium.

Barcelona JAZZ AND CHEFS TABLE

Date TBD

TOUR AND SHOP IN THE GOTHIC QUARTER

Wander the street of the famed Gothic Quarter and shop for wine and souvenirs. Jeremy will guide you through regional grape varietals and special bottles to look for when shopping for wine. We can stock up for the rest of our trip.

Sip coffee in Plaça Reial, visit the Gothic Cathedral. This can either be part of a guided tour or on our own time. We will have lunch at **Can Culleretes**, the oldest restaurant in Barcelona and second oldest in Spain dating back to 1786.

PICASSO GALLERY TOUR

Stepping off the streets to absorb history through art, we will take a tour of the Picasso Museum housing 4,251 of Picasso's early works in sculpture, paint, and engraving,

DINNER BY WORLD'S MOST DECORATED FEMALE MICHELIN STARED CHEF

Carme Ruscalleda, has the most Michelin Starts of any female in the world. Tonight we will experience a private Chef's Table experience at **Moments** where Ruscalleda and her son, Raül Balam focus on fresh quality ingredients through a multi course tasting menu experience.



AN EVENING OF MUSIC OR JAZZ

Either visit modernist building of Palau de la Música Catalana, a Unesco World Heritage site and concert hall to see a live performance (date depending) or unwind after dinner at Milano Jazz Club, an elegant and discreet venue with nightly intimate jazz performances and cocktails.

Barcelona

OTHER MICHELIN STAR RESTAURANTS TO CONSIDER IN BARCELONA

Disfrutar - 2 star, voted best restaurant in Span 2020 and #9 of best restaurants in the world 2019

Lasarte - 3 stars chef Martín Berasategui with private chef's table option

Enigma - 1 star created by Ferran and Albert Adrià, the legendary Spanish brothers behind elBulli, moving between 6 dining areas throughout the evening and tasteing up to 40 courses.

Tickets - 1 star The Adrià brothers have created a culinary amusement park that is not only about the food but also experience. Voted #20 Best Restaurants in the world in 2019



DEPART FOR PRIORAT

After a light breakfast at the hotel, we will begin the scenic 2 hour drive to Priorat following the winding roads along the coast as we slowly ascend to the vineyards above.

■ ÁLVARO PALACIOS TASTING

One of Spain's most famous wine producers, Álvaro Palacios, produces the legendary L'Ermita wine, known to be one of the most iconic wines in Spain. Robert Parker has designated this wine as one of the world's best wines. Today we will have the rare opportunity to visit this winery, not open to the general public.

PRIVATE VINEYARD HOTEL

Check into Trossos Del Priorat, our private vineyard home for the next few days. We will have this boutique hotel to ourselves, to take in the views of the vineyard from your room on this working wine farm.



WINE TASTING

Afternoon tasting at our hotel to experience the wines from the vines we will be viewing from our rooms.

PRIVATE CHEF DINNER



A private chef will come to cook us dinner on the terrace of our hotel, as we watch the sunset and taste a selection of local wines curated and paired by Jeremy.



Priorat SEE THE LANDSCAPE BY BIKE

Date TBD

CYCLING TOUR OF PRIORAT

·For those interested a guide will meet us after breakfast to cycle the hillside of Priorat . Anyone who does not wish to cycle will have the option to drive and meet the group later.





WINE TASTING IN PORRERA

Wine tasting at **Ferrer Bobet**, one of the original Priorat producers. This winery is located near Porrera, a beautiful village tucked in the mountains emanating antiquity.

We will have lunch in this quaint town with a visit to one of the village wineries to learn the history of the area and walk the Licorella soil.

DINNER AT BROTS

Said to be a "gastronomic surprise tucked away in this small village in the Priorat region", chef Pieter Truyts not only cooks a creative masterpiece with fresh ingredients, but interacts with the guests in this small 6 table intimate restaurant that has 1 Micheln Star.



RELAX AND TAKE IN THE VIEWS

Spend the morning relaxing on the terrace, reading or wandering the streets of the small nearby village of Gratallopes before our afternoon tastings.

Lunch will be at **Celler de Gratallops Restaurant**, a cozy little casual restaurant with a 3 course tasting menu.

CLOS MOGADOR

Clos Mogador is one of Priorat's original wineries, founded in 1979 by pioneering French winemaker René Barbier. It's the creator of two aromatic reds, mostly from cariñena and garnacha grapes, plus a fine white (garnacha blanca and macabeu). We will experience an In-depth three-hour tour, during which we will take a vehicle jaunt across vineyards to really get a sense of place, followed by a tasting of the three premier wines.



DINNER AT BUIL & GINÉ

Dinner tonight will be at nearby **Buil & Giné**, a winery and restaurant with panoramic views. Chef Marc Pi, prepares innovative, delicious and artful courses in his rotating tasting menu.



VISIT CARTHUSIAN MONASTERY OF SANTA MARIA D'ESCALADEI

Visit the monastery and take a guided tour of the ruins of the most important Carthusian monastery in Spain. Surrounded by vineyards and in a stunning landscape,



WINE TASTING AT SCALA DEI

Wine tasting and tour at the oldest cellar in the Priorat which dates from the late 17th century. Originally home to the Carthusian monks, Scala Dei aims to bridge between ancestral traditions and new techniques of creating wine.

LUNCH AT TERRA DOMINICATA

Lunch and wine tasting at Terra Dominicata, a winery located in the historical Mas del Tancat, in an old farming property of Cartoixa de Scala Dei.



SIURANA

Visit the ancient hilltop village of Siurana by foot or by car to take in the scenic views. The legend goes that Abdelazia, the ancient Moorish queen of Siurana, rode with her horse off of the summit of Siurana, rather than be captured by the Christian invaders.

DINNER AT QUATRE MOLINS

Our final dinner together will be at Quatre Molins, a Michelin Star restaurant in Montsant, where we will discover the young, fresh and creative cuisine of Rafel Muria, the so-called "honey chef" in his show tasting menu with wine pairings.

The Next Chapter

ONWARD

Clayton and Carly

Continue on to Costa Brava on your own.

Stay at Miramar - located on the upper floor of Michelin Starred chef Paco Pérez's Miramar restaurant, and in turn, adjacent to the chef's own house. A unique experience, with only 5 rooms, located on the water.

Wake up to a chef's breakfast: with natural juices and shakes.

Eat at El Celler de Can Roca in Girona. Previously voted the best restaurant in the world and currently holds 3 Michelin Stars.

Spend a day on a private yacht or sailboat, exploring the cost, or choose to stay the night on board for the ultimate disconnect.





Rest of the Group

Transportation back to Barcelona airport to conclude the trip

Or options to:

Head to Tarragona for a few final nights by the sea.

Explore the Cava region - Spain's home of sparkling wine in the hills of Penedès just west of Barcelona

Take a hot air balloon flight over the Montserrat Mountains

Festivals and Holidays

DATES TO CONSIDER

May

Barcelona Jazz Festival - Europe's most respected Jazz Festival

June

Primavero Sound - Music Festival

July

Outdoor Film Festival (there are many in the summer months)
Festival Cruilla Barcelona - Music, Art and Comedy

August

Circuit Festival - Largest international Gay Festival with lots of film screenings Festa de Saint Roc - Barcelona street party with food, parades and dancing

September

Catalan National Day Sept 11
Barcelona Accio Musical - Free concerts around the city
Our Lady of Mercy Festival - parades, street theatre wine fair
Festa Major del la Barceloneta - big celebration lots of events

October

Mercat de Mercats - Market of the Markets Food Market Festival Sitges International Catalan Film Festival W W W . T A S T E O F P L A C E T R A V E L . C O M