

# PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

# PARIS, BARCELONA & MADRID!

## 12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

## TRAVEL DATES : JUNE 2011

DATES OF TRAVEL WILL BE CONFIRMED UPON FLIGHT BOOKING

Paris, Barcelona & Madrid!

Travel Dates: June 2011

### DAY 1 : DEPARTURE / CITY

- Fly through the night to Paris.

### DAY 2 : PARIS

- Welcome to Paris! Your French Prométour Director will greet you at the airport.
- First, go to the Arc de Triomphe, known as l'Étoile. Beneath the Arch is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and eternal flame commemorating the dead of the two world wars.
- Enjoy a cruise on the Seine River. Admire the many famous Parisian monuments.
- Next, have a pleasant walk through Place du Trocadéro and discover La Ville from the top floor of the Tour Eiffel, on the Champs-de-Mars.
- Enjoy dinner in the area.
- Overnight accommodation in Paris.

### DAY 3 : PARIS

- This morning, discover the Île de la Cité and the famous rive gauche.
- Visit the Gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame, a magnificent religious edifice.
- At a short distance away, enter the Sainte Chapelle, a masterpiece of the High Gothic.
- After lunch, go to the Musée d'Orsay to see its extensive collection of 19th and 20th century art.
- Later, enjoy some free time to do as you wish.
- Dinner and overnight accommodation.

### DAY 4 : PARIS

- After breakfast, discover Philippe Auguste's Louvre. See masterpieces, such as the breathtaking Mona Lisa.
- Free time for lunch in the ever-lively Quartier Latin.
- Later, spend the rest of the afternoon and evening in Montmartre, more commonly known as la Butte, one of Paris historic quarters. See the famous Basilique du Sacré-Coeur.
- Tonight, enjoy dinner at a bistro in Montmartre.
- Return to your hotel for overnight accommodation.

### **DAY 5 : PARIS / OVERNIGHT TRAIN**

- After breakfast, take the RER to the Château de Versailles. Walk in the footsteps of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette in their extravagant Palace built for the Sun King. Visit the palace and the opulent Grand Apartments. View the Opera and Royal Bedroom. Marvel at the Hall of Mirrors!
- Next, discover the elegantly landscaped Park.
- Return to Paris and take some time to do some last minute souvenir shopping.
- After an early dinner, transfer to the train station and board your overnight train to Barcelona.

### **DAY 6 : BARCELONA**

- Welcome to Spain!
- Your Prométour Director will greet you at the train station. S/he will remain with your group for the length of your stay. Transfer by motor coach to your hotel and drop off your suitcases.
- Head out for a typical Spanish breakfast of Chocolate y Churros!
- Then, stroll along the Ramblas, a promenade where you will feel the vibrant atmosphere of Barcelona.
- After lunch on your own, explore the Barri Gotic (Gothic Quarter), with its intricate medieval streets, the original site of the Roman village.
- Ascend to the Columbus lookout for a view of Barcelona and its port.
- Next, go on a boat cruise along Barcelona's coast (approx. 1h30).
- Tonight, paella for dinner!

### **DAY 7 : BARCELONA**

- This morning, head to Cadaqués on the Costa Brava.
- Enjoy some time on the beach and in the town!
- Free time for lunch in Cadaqués.
- Later, head back to Barcelona.
- Enjoy some free time in the city before heading out for a tapas dinner!
- Tonight, see Montjuic's Magic Fountain – a spectacular display of color, light, music and water acrobatics.
- Overnight accommodation in Barcelona.

### **DAY 8 : BARCELONA**

- This morning after breakfast take a walk in Gaudi-land!
- Head into Parc Guell – Gaudi's "garden city" – a town unto itself with a view of the ocean.
- Next, with a local guide, visit La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Cathedral – started in 1883 it is still being built!
- For a taste of local life, let's head to the city's main food market – the glorious Mercat Sant Josep, known locally as the Boqueria.
- Later this afternoon, enter El Museu Picasso, indispensable for understanding the formative years of Pablo Ruiz Picasso. The genius of the young artist is revealed through the more than 3,500 works.
- Dinner and overnight accommodation.

### **DAY 9 : BARCELONA / MADRID**

- This morning after breakfast, catch your train to Madrid.
- Welcome to Madrid, capital of Spain!
- Afterwards, check-into your hotel and take some time to unpack and freshen-up.
- Later, follow your Prométour Director on a walking tour of Old Madrid. Explore the 16th and 17th century narrow streets around the famous Plaza Mayor, said to be “the most elegant square in the continent”.
- Dinner and overnight accommodation in Madrid.

### **DAY 10 : MADRID**

- Today, visit the Prado Museum. Built in 1785, the building itself is a classic, but it's the collection that stuns. The Prado is considered one of the top three "great" museums of the world. See paintings by Velazquez, El Greco and Goya, plus paintings and sculpture from every culture and period.
- Head to the San Miguel market to explore the tapas bars built into the retaining wall of the plaza. Each tapas bar has its own specialty so everyone will find their favorite food such as crepes made with every ingredient imaginable.
- Later, have a guided visit the Royal Palace - an immense 18th century palace twice the size of Buckingham Palace and one of the most beautiful in Europe.
- Take some time to explore the romantic Campo del Moro gardens of the Royal Palace, which boast two beautiful, enormous fountains: Los Tritones and Las Conchas and the Gardens of Sabatini.
- This evening dine out with your guide and enjoy an evening stroll.

### **DAY 11 : MADRID**

- After breakfast, visit the Reina Sofia Museum featuring an outstanding exhibit of modern and contemporary art, (where you'll find Picasso's famous anti-war painting, Guernica.)
- Relax in the Parque del Retiro, a park initially intended as a playground for royalty.
- Take the rest of the afternoon for souvenir shopping (don't miss El Corte Inglés, Spain's largest department store).
- Meet back up with your group at the end of the day and enjoy a farewell dinner.
- Return to your hotel for a good night's sleep.

### **DAY 12 : DEPARTURE / USA**

- Early breakfast at your hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight(s) back to the USA.

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**PRICES PER PERSON (IN \$USD)**

<b>20+ participants</b>	-	<b>\$3.570</b>
<b>15 to 19 participants</b>	-	<b>\$3.690</b>
<b>10 to 14 participants</b>	-	<b>\$3.925</b>

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>January 9th 2010</b>	-	<b>\$300</b>
<b>April 23rd 2010</b>	-	<b>\$1.000</b>
<b>October 29th 2010</b>	-	<b>\$1.000</b>
<b>90 days prior to departure - Balance</b>		

**PRICES INCLUDE:**

- Airfare from Houston to Paris, returning from Madrid
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges at \$350 per person
- Overnight train from Paris to Barcelona and High Speed Train ticket from Barcelona to Madrid
- This is a privately operated tour – you will not be combined with another group
- All transfers by private motor coach, train and or public transportation
- 10 nights – double/multiple occupancy in quality 2 and 3 star hotels
- 9 hotel breakfasts, 1 other breakfast and 10 evening meals (includes beverage + variety of menus with a vegetarian option)
- All cultural and aforementioned visits & activities as per itinerary
- A bilingual French Prometour director with the group for the duration of your stay in France and a Spanish Prometour director in Spain
- Emergency Medical insurance covering the length of your tour
- Emergency Cancellation insurance validated upon receipt of full payment
- One (1) complimentary chaperone for every ten (10) full-paying participants
- Tour must have a minimum of ten (10) participants to be operated in its present format

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges that exceed \$350 per person
- Any applicable baggage charges according to airline policy
- Lunches
- Recommended tips for your Prométour director 3 euros per person per day
- Recommended tips for your Prométour driver 1 euro per person per day

**PROMÉTOUR EXCHANGE RATE POLICY:**

- Prices for the ground portion of your tour are quoted at 1 Euro = US\$1.37 - US\$1.42
  - In the event of a significant variation, Prométour reserves the right to adjust your final tour price
- Tour dates are subject to the availability of group space on scheduled flights.

Airfare is based on seasonal rates and is subject to change.

All activities are subject to availability. In the event that an activity is not available every effort will be made to find a suitable alternative. Your final tour schedule will be confirmed prior to departure.

Date of quote **September 21, 2009**  
These prices are valid until **January 9, 2010**  
Quoted by **Charlene Turk**