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Break

**LONDON, PARIS AND BARCELONA**

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## 11 DAYS

England // France // Spain

### PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare
- Hotels
- Travel between cities
- Night train
- Welcome drink
- Farewell dinner
- Breakfast daily
- Full-time tour guide
- Walking tours
- Sightseeing tours
- Entrances to select attractions

*Itinerary subject to change*



### DAY 1 FLIGHT

#### OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO EUROPE

### DAY 2 LONDON

**ARRIVAL IN LONDON** • Welcome to London! After clearing customs, you'll meet your full-time EFCB Tour Guide and the rest of your group. Did you know that more than 200 languages are spoken in London?

**WALKING TOUR OF LONDON** • Get to know London on an informal stroll with your tour guide. Walk along the banks of the River Thames, and then head to Trafalgar Square, once famous for its huge pigeon population. Continue to bustling Leicester Square and on to chic Covent Garden.

**WELCOME DRINK** • Get to know the other travelers in your group over included drinks. Afterwards, head out on the town, or go back to the hotel to catch up on some sleep.

### DAY 3 LONDON

**HOP-ON, HOP-OFF DOUBLE-DECKER BUS TOUR** • See London at your own pace on a classic double-decker bus ride all over town. For 24 hours you can get off and back on whenever you want. Tour routes take you to all the big sights, including the awe-inspiring St. Paul's Cathedral and Tower of London. You'll also cruise by Piccadilly Circus, Whitehall and Trafalgar Square, as live commentary tells you all there is to know about this storied city.

**FREE TIME LONDON** (day) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Covent Garden** • Seek out bargains at this bustling covered market; souvenirs, clothes, crafts and much more.
- 2. Tower of London** • Trace England's bloody history in this famous fortress and see the legendary Crown Jewels.
- 3. Abbey Road** • Probably the world's most famous crosswalk, this spot is a must-see for any Beatles fan.
- 4. Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum** • Be amazed as you wander this huge gallery filled with frighteningly real wax dummies of your favorite celebrities and historical figures.
- 5. Tate Modern** • Visit one of the world's premier modern art museums.

(For more ideas and details, see our London city guide at [efcollegebreak.com](http://efcollegebreak.com).)

### DAY 4 LONDON

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO STONEHENGE AND BATH** (extra cost) • Opt to head out into the English countryside, and see the mysterious monoliths at Stonehenge. Their origin



is still unknown, but most believe it was a temple and astronomical observatory. Then move on to Bath, an ancient spa town popular with early Romans and 18th-century English aristocracy. See the ruins and check out the bath houses.

**FREE TIME LONDON** (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. West End Theatre district** • Catch a play in London's version of Broadway.
- 2. Soho** • This lively part of town is famous for its nightlife, with pubs, clubs, live music—you name it.
- 3. Comedy Store** • Laugh till you can't anymore at this beloved venue, the heart and soul of the UK comedy scene.
- 4. Fabric** • This huge underground dance club has three dance floors, plus some mellower spaces.
- 5. Astoria** • This acclaimed concert venue has seen the likes of Radiohead, Nirvana and Kylie Minogue.

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## DAY 5 PARIS

**EUROSTAR TRAIN TO PARIS** • The high-speed train whisks you under the English Channel to Paris. Did you know that the "Chunnel" was first suggested by a French engineer in 1802? He imagined travelers going by horse and carriage with lanterns lighting the way.

**FREE TIME PARIS** (night) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Moulin Rouge** • Take in a classic burlesque show in this legendary Parisian cabaret.
- 2. Buddha Bar** • This ultra-hip lounge is most famous in the States for its DJ's popular compilation CDs.
- 3. Seine river cruise** • Float gently along the water as the City of Light glimmers on all sides.
- 4. Caveau de la Huchette** • This friendly cafe offers excellent jazz music and, happily, is free to enter.
- 5. St. Michel** • Young people and tourists like this area for bar hopping and picking up late-night kebabs.

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## DAY 6 PARIS

**SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF PARIS (LOCAL GUIDE)** • A profes-

sional local guide will lead you on a panoramic bus tour and teach you about the city. Witness Parisian life in action as you drive down the always fashionable Champs-Élysées. See the imposing Arc de Triomphe and the Conciergerie, where prisoners of the Revolution passed their final days.

**EIFFEL TOWER PHOTOSTOP** • Your guided tour includes a stop at the Eiffel Tower, where you'll have a chance to take those must-have shots of the famous steel structure. The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889 for the World's Fair and was supposed to be disassembled after the event. It was only after authorities realized its usefulness for radio communication that it was spared the wrecking ball.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO VERSAILLES** (extra cost) • Opt to spend the afternoon at the opulent palace of Louis XIV. This is where French royalty reveled in its extravagant lifestyle while the masses starved, leading to the Revolution. Stroll through the well-manicured gardens along the river and check yourself out in the Hall of Mirrors.

## DAY 7 PARIS

**LOUVRE MUSEUM** • The world's most famous museum is a sprawling complex that was once a royal palace. One could wander for days among its masterpieces. Today, you'll hit all the highlights, including the *Venus de Milo* and Leonardo Da Vinci's incomparably mysterious *Mona Lisa*.

**WALKING TOUR OF PARIS** • Your tour guide takes you on an informal stroll around town. Walk through the Latin Quarter, an area packed with college students from the Sorbonne, Paris's most famous university. Make your way along the Seine, and check out les bouquinistes, the little stalls that sell old books, maps, art prints and postcards. It's the perfect place to pick up some authentic souvenirs.

**NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL** • Go inside the famous medieval cathedral, built between 1163 and 1361. Admire the stained-glass windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. The amazing cathedral was the inspiration for Victor Hugo's famous book *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

**EVENING SEINE CRUISE AND EIFFEL TOWER** • Float down the river while the City of Light glimmers all around you. Then ascend to the top of the most famous tower in the world, and take in the dazzling views of the illuminated city below.

## DAY 8 PARIS • NIGHT TRAIN

**FREE TIME PARIS** (day) • Top 5 suggestions:

- 1. Musée d'Orsay** • This amazing museum built into an old train station is a runaway favorite of many art lovers. Enjoy masterpieces by Monet, Van Gogh, and many more.
- 2. Champs-Élysées** • The famous boulevard has witnessed several major historical moments, but it's best-known for its high fashion shopping and unbeatable people-watching.
- 3. Arc de Triomphe** • Built to commemorate Napoleon's Grande Armée, this famous arch has amazing views.
- 4. Père Lachaise Cemetery** • Pay your respects to many famous figures, including Marcel Proust and the legendary Doors front man Jim Morrison.
- 5. Montmartre** • Climb the stairs or take the funicular railway up to this charming artists' haven. Take in amazing panoramic views and go inside the Sacré Coeur church.

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**NIGHT TRAIN TO BARCELONA** • Board your overnight train to Spain. Watch the moonlit countryside roll by before the train rocks you to sleep in your couchette.

## DAY 9 BARCELONA

**ARRIVAL IN BARCELONA** • This morning pull into Barcelona, one of Europe's hottest international cities. Did you know that Barcelona is the capital of Spain's Catalonia region?

**SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BARCELONA (LOCAL GUIDE)** • A local guide will introduce you to Barcelona. Catch a glimpse of the controversial unfinished Sagrada Família, a Gaudí masterpiece of twisted spires and colorful mosaics. Then take in the panoramic harbor views from atop Montjuïc, where many of the 1992 Olympic events took place.

**PARQUE GUELL** • Designed by Gaudí, this is the most surreal public park you'll ever walk through; plus, it's got some eye-popping views. Visit the Room of a Hundred Columns, a covered market with 84 pillars, and see the Casa-Museu, where Gaudí lived from 1906 to 1926.

**OPTIONAL FLAMENCO EVENING** (extra cost) • Opt for a quintessential Spanish experience. The Flamenco is a unique emotional art form combining guitar playing, singing, chanting, dancing, and hand clapping. Enjoy a drink, and feel the Spanish rhythms.

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## DAY 10 BARCELONA

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**WALKING TOUR OF BARCELONA** • Your tour guide will lead you around town. Walk down the always-exciting Las Ramblas, Barcelona's center of shopping, eating, and merry-making. English writer W. Somerset Maugham called this tree-lined boulevard "the most beautiful street in the world."

**FREE DAY IN BARCELONA** • Top 5 suggestions:

**1. Museu d'Historia de la Ciutat** • Take an elevator down to see the excavated Roman ruins of Barcelona.

**2. Tibidabo** • Ride a funicular to the top of the city and take in the beautiful views; in the summer there's an amusement park up here open late into the night.

**3. Shopping on Las Ramblas** • This is the best place to seek out souvenirs and the hottest fashions.

**4. Villa Olimpica** • Walk along the waterfront past the area where athletes were housed during the 1992 Olympics.

**5. Parc de la Ciutadella** • Enjoy this beautiful open green space, which includes a waterfall and a zoo known for its albino gorilla.

(For more ideas and details, see our Barcelona city guide at [efcollegebreak.com](http://efcollegebreak.com).)

**FAREWELL DINNER** • Share some last laughs (and maybe shed a few tears) at a farewell dinner with the group.

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## DAY 11 BARCELONA

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### FLIGHT HOME

### DON'T WANT TO GO HOME?

Plan beforehand, and you can change your return ticket and explore more of Barcelona on your own, or visit another city and fly home from there. Contact us for details.