

# Madrid

## Training Tour

We are committed to ensuring every new Group Leader is fully prepared to lead an EF Educational Tour with their students. Our training tour program includes online, classroom, and experiential learning components, which are facilitated by EF staff, EF Tour Directors, and Global Education Ambassadors from across the United States. The combination of a simulated tour experience and classroom learnings will provide Group Leaders with all the tools, practice, and knowledge necessary to be confident and organized when they travel with their own students.



## Madrid Training Tour

5 Days

### Key Learnings:

- Experience international travel while considering how to navigate the airport with your group.
- Familiarize yourself with the pace of a student tour.
- Discuss safety on tour as it applies to your role as a Group Leader
- Gain a better understand of EF's worldwide presence and approach to safety
- Learn how to safely move as a large group in a major city
- Understand how to set expectations and provide structure during free time on tour
- Practice reflection exercises to connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons
- Collaborate with fellow educators and staff on EF's Learning Outcomes

### Day 1 |

Fly overnight to Spain

### Day 2 | D

**Arrive in Madrid:** "Bienvenidos," and welcome to Madrid. At the airport, you will be greeted by your Tour Director and EF staff, who will remain with you for the duration of the tour. Your hotel will likely not be ready for check-in, so you will store your luggage there before heading into the city.

**Walking tour of Madrid:** Meet at the Puerta del Sol (where Madrileños once battled Napoleon) for your walking tour of Madrid. Then, walk through one of the nine arched gateways leading to the Plaza Mayor, the renaissance hub of the city.

**Welcome dinner:** Become acquainted with your colleagues, experienced EF Group Leaders, and EF staff as you enjoy a typical on-tour meal.










### Day 3 | B

**Training seminar one:** This collaborative session offers the opportunity to hear from EF staff and experienced Group Leaders about the on-tour experience with EF. In a panel discussion, we will review best practices surrounding safety, group management, student engagement, and various Group Leader responsibilities on tour. You'll also learn about on-tour reflection exercises, which can be brought back to your classroom.

**Sightseeing of Madrid:** Your local guide introduces you to the sights of Madrid on a panoramic tour of the city, which includes a visit to the Royal Palace and the Prado Museum— Spain's main national art museum.

**Free evening in Madrid:** Tonight, explore the city and enjoy dinner with other educators

### What's included:

-  Full-time Tour Director with EF staff
-  Round-trip flights on major carriers
-  Upgraded hotel accommodations
-  Comfortable motorcoach
-  Breakfast, lunch, and dinner (BLD) included as specified per day
-  Sightseeing to select attractions
-  Entrances to select attractions
-  Training seminar with EF & Experienced Group Leaders
-  25 Professional Development Hours

### Not included:

- Free time activities
- Select meals (see itinerary)
- Global Travel Protection
- Tips

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*Itinerary continued*

### Day 4 | BD

**Training seminar two:** During this session, collaborate with new and experienced Group Leaders on different ways to ensure your students have positive physical journeys while traveling, but also meaningful personal growth. Discuss a range of important pre-tour topics, such as curricular alignment, successful recruiting strategies, student-driven learning, building your travel team, and creating a global education plan.

**Guided excursion to Toledo:** Embark on a journey to the former Spanish capital of Toledo, where Muslims, Jews, and Christians once peacefully coexisted. Notice the influence of all three cultures as you tour the 12th-century St. Mary's Synagogue. You'll also visit the cathedral that dominates Toledo's skyline before continuing to the Church of Santo Tomé. Then, make a final stop at a local damascene workshop, an intricate Muslim craft originated in Damascus and made famous in Toledo.

**Farewell dinner:** Reflect on what you've learned in Madrid at tonight's farewell dinner.

**Flamenco evening:** Flamenco is a unique art form combining guitar-playing, singing, chanting, dancing, and hand-clapping. There are two main types of songs in flamenco: one lively and cheerful (cante chico) and the other sad and haunting (cante jondo).

### Day 5 | B

Your Tour Director will facilitate your transport to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

*Itinerary subject to change. Accommodations and flight details to be announced approximately 14 days prior to departure.*



*"This experience has truly given me not just the tools, but also the confidence that leading a student group requires."*

*-Carie H.*



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