



## The Beautiful Game: Soccer in Barcelona & Madrid

11 Days | Barcelona | Madrid

Journey to two captivating cities in Spain and go behind the scenes at some of the country's world-renowned fútbol clubs. Use their state-of-the-art academy facilities for training, coaching, and competing head-to-head against local clubs—you'll even see some professional teams in action. And when you're not sharpening your skills on the field, savor the cities' local flavors and visit their iconic monuments.

### Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily. Lunch is included on days 5, 6, 8, 9.

**Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides ; 2 walking tours

**Entrances:** Park Guell, Barcelona; Flamenco Evening, Barcelona; Camp Nou Football Stadium; Cooking Class; 2 Soccer Training Clinics, 3 Friendly Soccer Matches with Locals; 2 Soccer Workshops; Santiago Bernabeu Football Stadium; Royal Palace, Madrid; Women's soccer match

**Overnights:** Barcelona (4); Madrid (3)



# Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain  
*Board your overnight flight to Barcelona.*

Day 2: Barcelona

## Arrive in Barcelona

Welcome to Barcelona, where art lovers wander the same streets as Picasso and Gaudi, and passionate fútbol fans gather to watch their favorite team shine on the pitch. Your Tour Director will meet you at the airport and bring you right into the heart of this Catalanian capital.

## Take a walking tour of Las Ramblas (*time permitting*)

Join your Tour Director on a walking tour down the bustling Las Ramblas, a perfect introduction to beautiful Barcelona. Open your senses to colorful flower stalls, local artists, and delicious eateries. Perhaps you'll even happen upon the splendid La Boqueria food market.

Day 3: Barcelona

## Take a guided tour of Barcelona

Dive even deeper into vibrant Barcelona with an expert local guide. See the twisting spires and colorful mosaics of Antoni Gaudí's unfinished La Sagrada Família, an unmistakable symbol of the city. Enter Park Güell (a.k.a. Gaudí's fantasyland), complete with a bright mosaic lizard fountain and one of the longest benches in the world. Then enjoy a marvelous view of the harbor from atop Montjuïc Hill, home of the 1992 Olympics.

Day 4: Barcelona

## Enjoy a walking tour and scavenger hunt through the Gothic Quarter

Navigate the narrow, labyrinthine streets of Barcelona's Gothic Quarter with an expert local guide. Imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago during Roman or Medieval times as you explore vibrant squares that once marked the heart of the old city. After your walking tour, players will be divided into groups to complete a scavenger hunt through this neighborhood that's seemingly frozen in time.

## Participate in a hands-on Spanish cooking class

Learn about the heart and soul and that goes into preparing traditional (and mouth-watering!) Spanish tapas. Then put your chef skills to the test as you make your own tapas and taste your creations.

## Attend a flamenco evening

Feel the pulse of Spain when you attend an unforgettable flamenco performance! Born of Indian, Moorish, Arabian, and Andalusian Roma influences, flamenco dance is a passionate display of dramatic poses and colorful costumes, accompanied by song and guitar. Marvel at the intricate rhythms created by a dancer's steps, castanets, and clapping. *Note: A beverage is included during the one-hour performance.*

Day 5: Barcelona

## Visit the iconic Camp Nou football stadium

Tour the hallowed halls of the world-famous Camp Nou, home of FC Barcelona. Picture yourself running onto the field to a roaring crowd of fans. Then visit the FC Barcelona Museum to admire the works of Dalí and Miró and see the Col·lecció Futbolart, an exhibit packed with soccer memorabilia. *(Please note that the stadium is under renovation until December 2026, so your visit might be abbreviated. Availability based on FC Barcelona's season calendar.)*

## Practice your soccer skills during a training clinic

Grab your boots (a.k.a. cleats!) and head to the Joan Camper Sports Campus, FC Barcelona's training ground and academy base. Play like a future Barça star as coaches from the official FC Barcelona soccer school guide you through the drills and strategies used by the famous La Liga club.

## Learn about FC Barcelona's club history and style of play

Uncover 100 years of club history as your Barça Academy coaches unveil the secrets of FC Barcelona's unique style of play—players are known for being proactive, collective, and creative. Practice this philosophy on the pitch as you also implement FC Barcelona's core values of respect, humility, effort, ambition, and teamwork.

Day 6: Barcelona

## Practice your soccer skills during a training clinic

Journey back to the Joan Camper Sports Campus for another day of training with Barça Academy.

## Play in a friendly match against a local team

Scrimmage against a local girls' soccer team of the same age and level of play. *(To be determined based on availability and skill level.)*

Day 7: Barcelona | Madrid

## Take a high-speed AVE train to Madrid

Go as fast as 180 miles per hour as you journey from Barcelona to Madrid via a high-speed AVE (Alta Velocidad Española) train.

## Arrive in Madrid

Welcome to Madrid! In Spain's capital city, you'll find legendary artistic energy meets contemporary trends on each sprawling boulevard. Compare the fútbol fan culture you experience here to what you just felt in Barcelona.

## Take a walking tour of Madrid

Get to know Madrid on a walking tour with your Tour Director. You might stand in the impressive Puerta del Sol, see the historic Plaza Mayor, or stroll down the chic and trendy Gran Vía.

Day 8: Madrid

## Practice your soccer skills during a training clinic

Lace up your boots (again) as you enter the High Performance Training Complex of the Club Atlético de Madrid. Enjoy a morning training session with Academy technical staff from another world-famous La Liga team.

## Visit the iconic Santiago Bernabéu football stadium

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the renowned Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home of the Real Madrid CF. Follow in the actual footsteps of superstars like David Beckham, Sergio Ramos, and Cristiano Ronaldo. In 1982, Italy raised the iconic FIFA World Cup here after beating West Germany in the final. *(Availability based on Real Madrid's season calendar.)*

## Play in a friendly match against a local team

Head back to the High Performance Training Complex to compete against a girls' soccer team in the Atlético de Madrid Academy. *(To be determined based on availability and skill level.)*

Day 9: Madrid

## Learn about Real Madrid's club history and style of play

Uncover Real Madrid's extensive history during a workshop and learn about the club's core values—responsibility, commitment, teamwork, effort, sacrifice, and respect.

## Practice your soccer skills during a training clinic

Journey back to the High Performance Training Complex of the Club Atlético de Madrid for another training session with the club's technical staff.

# Your Itinerary

Day 10: Madrid

**Tour Madrid with an expert local guide and visit the Royal Palace**

Experience even more of Madrid with an expert local guide. Relax your muscles on a panoramic bus tour through the city, and stop for a visit at the extravagant Royal Palace. Wander the palace's fabulous interior, home to over 2,000 rooms.

**Attend a professional soccer match**

End your tour how you started it—by experiencing the palpable energy in the stands at a professional soccer match. Try out some of the new chants you've learned and see if you can spot any World Cup champions on the pitch. *(Teams, location, and date pending based on local schedules.)*

Day 11: Depart for home

**Travel to the airport for your return flight**

Your Tour Director will assist with your travel to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

*Itinerary is subject to change*

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