

Spain & France Through The Ages
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- Day 1 Sat 18 Sept BARCELONA**
Transfer from Barcelona airport to our city hotel for those travelling on group flight or flights arriving at a similar time. Rest of day is free (D)
- Day 2 Sun 19 Sep BARCELONA**
There will be an opportunity this morning to attend a local church service, then we enjoy a full day of sightseeing including the Old Town or Gothic Quarter, the Sagrada Familia Church, Cathedral, Columbus Monument and Barcelona's famous street, La Rambla. (B, D)
- Day 3 Mon 20 Sep BARCELONA / MONTSERRAT / BARCELONA**
An exciting visit is planned today to the hilltop Benedictine monastery of Montserrat with its 16th century basilica. Return to Barcelona for dinner and overnight. (B, D)
- Day 4 Tue 21 Sep BARCELONA / ZARAGOZA**
Drive north today to Zaragoza, an attractive city on the bank of the Rio Ebro. On arrival sightseeing will include the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar. (B, D)
- Day 5 Wed 22 Sep ZARAGOZA / MADRID**
Travelling via Calatayud where we stop for lunch. Time to visit the fortress and the San Juan Real Church, then via Guadalajara (short stop at Palacio) to Madrid. (B, D)
- Day 6 Thu 23 Sep MADRID**
A city sightseeing tour is planned for this morning including Palacio Real, Parque del Retiro, Cathedral and the Plaza de Cibeles. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight we will enjoy a colourful flamenco performance with dinner. (B, D)
- Day 7 Fri 24 Sep MADRID**
Today has been left free. You may care to attend morning Eucharist at St George's Anglican Church at 1030, and perhaps enjoy a leisurely day visiting the wonderful museums of Madrid, particularly the Prado. There will also be the option to take a tour to Toledo* with its renowned Jewish Quarter. (B)
- Day 8 Sat 25 Sep MADRID / AVILA / SALAMANCA**
Stop at the mediaeval city of Avila for city tour and lunch. Then to Salamanca, a city abounding in cathedrals and monasteries. City tour on arrival. (B, D)
- Day 9 Sun 26 Sep SALAMANCA / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**
Morning free then drive to Santiago. A tour of the cathedral where St James the Apostle is buried is planned. (B, D)
- Day 10 Mon 27 Sep SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / LEON / BURGOS**
Early start this morning to Leon where our sightseeing will include many impressive monuments. Then on to Burgos with its beautiful Gothic cathedral which contains the tomb of El Cid. (B, D)
- Day 11 Tue 28 Sep BURGOS / LOGRONO / PAMPLONA**
Today we follow one of the old pilgrim routes through the wine region to Pamplona. (B, D)
- Day 12 Wed 29 Sep PAMPLONA / LOURDES**
Lourdes is a small market town lying at the foothills of the Pyrenees and noted for the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the young girl Bernadette. We shall be able to witness the candle procession at the shrine this evening. (B, D)

- Day 13 Thu 30 Sep** **LOURDES / TOULOUSE**
 Travelling north into central France today for our overnight stop in Toulouse. Sightseeing will include the Church of the Jacobins and the Basilica of St Sernin. (B, D)
- Day 14 Fri 01 Oct** **TOULOUSE / ROCAMADOUR / SARLAT**
 One of the highlights of our journey will be a visit to Rocamadour, a religious site perched high on the side of a cliff. An early stop on one of the ancient pilgrim routes, this shrine still attracts many visitors each year. We then journey on to Sarlat la Caneda. (B, D)
- Day 15 Sat 02 Oct** **SARLAT LA CANEDA**
 Arguably the prettiest town in France, and an ideal place for a day at leisure. Sarlat has provided the setting for many movies and TV shows as it is the best preserved town in the beautiful Dordogne Valley, and full of delightful restaurants, shops, churches and interesting walks. (B, D)
- Day 16 Sun 03 Oct** **SARLAT / TOURS**
 We travel further north via Limoges to the bustling city of Tours. An attractive city, Tours is a major centre of business and industry and a good place from which to explore the Loire Valley. (B, D)
- Day 17 Mon 04 Oct** **TOURS**
 Today we will enjoy a wealth of sightseeing including a visit to the very beautiful 'Lady Chateau' of Chenonceaux with its remarkable tapestries and art works, the amazing gardens at Villandry and the delightful town of Amboise. We return to Tours for overnight. (B, D)
- Day 18 Tue 05 Oct** **TOURS / CHARTRES / ROUEN**
 Our first stop today will be at Chartres to visit the famous cathedral with its stained glass windows, and then on to Rouen, another city abounding in stunning architecture, fine churches and public buildings. (B, D)
- Day 19 Wed 06 Oct** **ROUEN**
 Sightseeing today will include Bayeaux with a visit to the famous tapestry and also Liseux and the shrine of ST Therese. Overnight in Rouen. (B, D)
- Day 20 Thu 07 Oct** **ROUEN / PARIS**
 Today we drive into Paris and enjoy a city sightseeing tour on arrival. After checking into our hotel the rest of the day is free. Optional tour this evening to the Lido for a show or an optional Seine River cruise with dinner will be available. (B)
- Day 21 Fri 08 Oct** **PARIS**
 A whole day to explore Paris at your leisure – shop, visit the Louvre or one of the many galleries for which Paris is famous or perhaps take an optional tours to Versailles Farewell dinner tonight at our hotel (B,D)
- Day 22 Sat 09 Oct** **PARIS**
 Our tour finishes this morning after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for those which to depart on group flight or alternative flights at a similar time.(B)

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are 3* category with private facilities. Tour based on share twin accommodation. Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals as indicated above – **L = Lunch; D = Dinner**
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
Montserrat: art & tradition; Flamenco Dinner and Show; Santiago Cathedral; Basilique de St Sernin, Toulouse; Chenonceau; Villandry; Chateau Royal d'Amboise; Tapisserie de Bayeux; Sanctuary of Lisieux.
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach with driver and English speaking guide throughout. Local city guides will be utilised in Barcelona, Zaragoza, Madrid, Salamanca, Santiago Cathedral, Burgos, Toulouse, Paris. This is a private tour.
- **Taxes** – Hotel and road taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfares** – As international airfares are unpredictable in the present economic climate, passengers will be offered the option of being part of a group fare booking, or may prefer to avail themselves of promotional and/or early bird fares that may be in the marketplace in early 2010. The group flights may be reserved in conjunction with this tour. Flight departs from Brisbane. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class on one or more sectors may be available – we will be happy to provide details of additional costs required.
NB: Should passengers wish to utilise the services of alternative carriers, arrival and departure transfers at the beginning and/or end of this tour may not be provided. Passengers arriving at different times/days/airports may be required to pay a supplement for transfer to join the tour.
- **Airline taxes / airport charges** – These taxes change daily and the calculation of them is as will prevail on the date of payment.
- **Optional Extras:** A small number of optional tours/visits will be available as follows:
Madrid: Visit to Toledo
Paris: Lido for show and/or dinner (subject to availability)
Paris: Seine River cruise with dinner
Paris: Visit to Versailles with guide
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. Travelmarket Brisbane, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf. Alternatively, you are at liberty to arrange insurance independently.
- **Passport and visa fees** - currently, there are no visa requirements for passengers on Australian passports visiting the Spain and France for short stay.
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Canterbury Tours is a tour wholesaler and utilises the retail services of Travelmarket Brisbane.

Travelmarket Brisbane, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is generally valid for 12 months, except in the case of promotional airfares.

Additional nights in Paris may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances. Passengers must complete a booking form and provide a copy of the photo page of their passport.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by 01 July 2010. You will be invoiced early in June for all outstanding amounts due. After 15 June all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and in consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.

If you are required to take regular medication we request that you provide details of same prior to departure. Such information will be held in confidence by the tour manager but may be necessary should you fall ill during the tour.

Tour Cost: **AUD 7950 (share twin – land only)#**
 Single Supplement AUD 1690
 Group airfare supplement (ex Brisbane) TBA

Price subject to change. Unexpected currency fluctuation, fuel surcharges, increases imposed by overseas suppliers

NB:

- This tour is quoted on a 'land only' basis. Passengers may choose to purchase the group airfare (when available) in conjunction with the tour.
- Passengers travelling alone but wishing to share will be paired with another passenger if possible. We are not able to guarantee the share twin price for single travellers, this will depend on the composition of the group.
- The group airfare is available only for those passengers who will depart from Brisbane. The group airfare is based on the schedules of Singapore Airlines and permits passengers to return to Australia at a date of their own choosing, and from any other European city serviced by Singapore Airlines. Travel from Paris to such an alternative city will be at passenger's expense.
- The group airfare does not include applicable airline taxes. Please allow at least \$550 to cover these taxes which can be quoted only at the time of payment of your airline ticket.
- The 'land only' tour cost is based on a minimum of 20 passengers travelling on this tour. Should this minimum number (20) not be achieved, it will be necessary to impose a supplement.