

FLAVORS OF THE SPANISH COAST



Dear South Alabama Alumni & Friends,

Join us on a nine-day journey to discover the diverse flavors and myriad historic treasures of the Spanish Coast. During this leisurely sojourn visit artisan shops, delight in tours and tastings at award-winning wineries and discover local fishing, farming and culinary techniques that have been used over generations.

Embrace the region's unique charm as you learn about the history and culture that have shaped its Mediterranean seaside villages and friendly locals.

Each day features exclusive and authentic experiences with chefs, wine and olive oil producers, local vendors and extraordinary historic sites. Learn about and savor the great cuisine for which Spain is famous—in cooking classes, tastings and guided tours. Revel in Spain's celebrated art, architecture and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

Your home base during this adventure is the enchanting El Racó de Madremanya, a property that epitomizes rustic elegance and contemporary style. Meticulously restored medieval buildings made entirely of stone sit among a magnificent garden and welcoming common spaces.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Reserve online at southalabama.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Sincerely,

Karen W. Edwards '80
Executive Director
USA National Alumni Association

Flavors of the Spanish Coast | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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Day 2 ARRIVE IN BARCELONA, SPAIN |

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MADREMANYA (D)

Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property. Take time to unpack and settle in before joining fellow travel companions for a welcome reception and orientation followed by dinner.

Day 3 GIRONA (B,D) Begin with a comprehensive

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guided walking tour of Girona. Gothic spires, Romanesque towers and cultural highlights encompass more than 2,000 years of history. Your guide takes you through the old Jewish Quarter, or the Call—one of the best preserved in the world—with its narrow streets and fascinating squares. After lunch on your own gather together at colorful Rocambolesc Gelateria to taste confections guaranteed to satisfy the strongest sweet tooth. Late afternoon return to El Racó de Madremanya for a hands-on cooking class to learn the art of making paella—one of the region's most famous dishes.

Day 4 PÚBOL | FIGUERES | PALAU SATOR (B,L,D)

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Immerse yourself in the surreal world of Salvador Dalí during a discovery of his life and works. After breakfast set out for Púbol to tour Gala's Castle—a serene and secluded refuge Salvador Dalí gave to his beloved wife and muse, Gala. Continue to the Dalí Theatre-Museum for an inside visit. Next stop at the medieval town of Palau Sator for a brief walking tour, plus a visit to the Palau Sator Rural Museum. Gather together for a lovely dinner at Mas Pou Restaurant before returning to the property.

Day 5 EL PORT DE LA SELVA | CADAQUÉS |

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CANTALLOPS (B,L,D) See Sant Pere de Rodes, a 10th-century Benedictine monastery, and hear the legendary tales shrouding its origin. Delight in a leisurely seaside stroll before lunch. Enjoy free time in Cadaqués before venturing to Cantallops in the wine region of Empordà to meet the owners of Masia Serra Winery. During a tour and tasting followed by a lovely dinner, embrace the passion and pride exuded by your hospitable and knowledgeable hosts.

Day 6 MONELLS | CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL |

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LLAFRANC | PALAMÓS (B,L,D)

Visit the small (and less-frequented) medieval town of Monells with a population of around 200. During a guided walk notice the Gothic-influenced stone houses and arched walkways. Drive to Palafrugell for a seaside walk between Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc—two of three coastal areas belonging to the municipality of Palafrugell—before lunch at El Far. This afternoon features an excursion to Museu de la Pesca to learn about the fishing industry's history and importance to the region and culture. Continue to a local market to see a fish auction in action. Peruse the fresh seafood, including selections you will use in a hands-on cooking class to create dishes for tonight's dinner.

Day 7 LA BISBAL | EMPÚRIES | L'ESCALA (B,D)

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Walk through the local market in La Bisbal, the capital of Catalan pottery, admiring the colorful goods on display. Continue to the ruins of Empúries to view part of the legacy left behind by Greek and Roman civilizations. Abandoned and buried by years of sand blowing in from the coast, this area showcases ruins of excavated temples and sanctuaries, plus remnants of artifacts including pottery and mosaics. This evening relax and dine at Michelin-starred Massana in Girona.

Day 8 EMPORDÀ (B,L,D) Following a leisurely

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morning at the property delight in a picnic lunch surrounded by lush palms and cypress trees that grow among the gardens. This afternoon set out for La Vinyeta, a family-run winery with striking views of surrounding mountains. Meet the owner and vintner to explore the grounds of verdant vineyards and olive trees. Not only does La Vinyeta produce fantastic wines, olive oil and fresh eggs, but it has an uplifting story of beating the odds to succeed. Partake in an olive-oil and wine-tasting experience before dinner. Tonight join fellow travel companions for a farewell dinner featuring an exciting Flamenco dance performance to celebrate your memorable time exploring the Spanish Coast.

Day 9 MADREMANYA | BARCELONA |

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DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home.

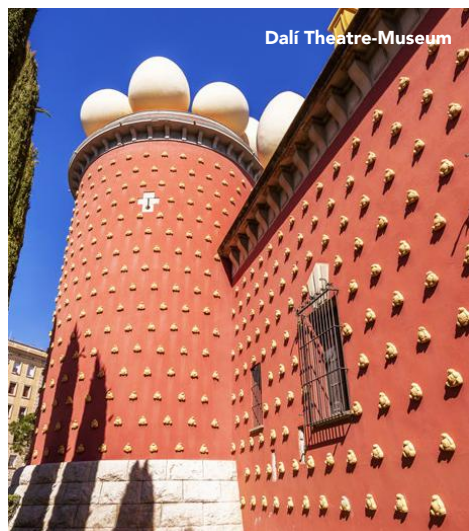
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



What's Included

- 7 nights luxury accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited.



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Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Originally a 17th-century farmhouse set in a medieval stone village, El Racó de Madremanya is a gorgeously restored property that features an enchanting warmth and sophistication which will surround you as you settle into your room. The boutique hotel's on-site proprietor, Ivan, departed the corporate world to refocus his energy towards the hospitality industry—his true passion. Welcoming guests as he would close friends, Ivan's charismatic personality sweetens the already congenial atmosphere.

Property amenities include lush gardens, fresh water pool, salt water pool, sitting room with library, complimentary Wi-Fi and fireplace.

Each room features a custom color theme and optional aromatherapy for a unique personality.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, TV with local channels, telephone, minibar, bathrobes and slippers, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hairdryer.

Standard I: Charming and cozy room featuring stone floors and walls throughout, with a European queen bed. (172 sq.ft.)

Standard II: Romantic room featuring stone walls throughout and a terrace with garden and pool views. With a European queen bed. (215 sq.ft.)

Superior: Larger rooms located in the farmhouse featuring stone walls, unique features and views of the garden or medieval village corridors. With either a European queen bed or European king bed. (301-355 sq.ft.)

Junior Suite: Bright and spacious rooms located in the contemporary buildings with outdoor garden terraces and a variety of distinct features. With either a European queen bed or European king bed. (333-645 sq.ft.)

Suite: Large, desirable rooms with numerous unique aspects, featuring a separate living room (some with a fireplace), full bathroom with hydro-massage tub and shower, and terrace with easy pool and garden access. With a European king bed. (441-645 sq.ft.)

Grand Suite: Spectacular two-story suite featuring a ground floor bedroom, second floor living room with fireplace and TV, roomy bathroom with hydro-massage tub, and access to the terrace, private garden and private pool. With a European king bed. (753 sq.ft.)



Standard II



Junior Suite



Suite

Optional Post-Tour Barcelona

Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe—with historic streets and buildings that have survived more than 2,000 years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudí as recently as the early 1900s.

Day
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BARCELONA Set out on a panoramic visit of the city, first passing by Paseo de Gracia and La Pedrera. As you absorb the lively atmosphere explore the interesting examples of magnificent architecture, from 14th-century Gothic style to early 20th-century Modernism. Enjoy views from Montjuïc before arriving at today's featured highlight, an inside visit to La Sagrada Família—Barcelona's most visited attraction—where you'll have a guided tour inside the crown jewel of Antoni Gaudí's works.

Day
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BARCELONA | GOTHIC WALKING TOUR (B) Enjoy a walking tour through the narrow streets of medieval Barcelona, the core of the city, to where it all started 2,000 years ago. Discover the elegant and inspiring Catalan Gothic architecture—its charming corners and squares hidden away down ancient narrow streets. From here travel back to the Middle Ages visiting the Jewish Quarter and the El Born district. See popular locales, such as Plaça Reial (Royal Square) and its Fountain of the Three Graces, Carrer Ferran, Plaça del Pi, Carrer Petritxol, Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei (King's Square) and Plaça Sant Felip Neri.

Day
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BARCELONA (B) The day is yours to enjoy Barcelona at leisure. Perhaps visit the Picasso Museum to view some of the artist's early sketches and lesser-known works or take a pleasant stroll down Las Ramblas, Barcelona's most famous pedestrian boulevard. Venture to Parc Güell, an area originally designed by Count Eusebi Güell and Gaudí that was intended as a luxury residential community, but was instead turned into a public park and municipal garden.

Day
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BARCELONA | DEPART FOR U.S. (B) Guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What's Included

- Private group transfer from Madremanya to Barcelona
- 3 nights at Hotel 1898 (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- A guided intimate visit of La Sagrada Família
- A guided panoramic tour of Barcelona's highlights
- A guided walking tour of the Gothic Quarter
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times





MAY 23-31, 2026

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\$850 main tour • \$500 post-tour

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Double	\$2,199	\$1,995
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What Guests Are Saying...

Very good balance of planned and free time. Excursions were fun and informative. Local guides augmented the experience and were great. Food and wine were wonderful — interesting, well prepared, plentiful and representative of the Spanish Coast. Our guide was the BEST: always available, informative and inviting.

~Harriet B., Moorestown, NJ

Having been to many other areas of Spain, this program was a wonderful introduction to the Spanish Coast region—its culture, food and wine. As a lover of history and art, I enjoyed all things Dali as well as the historical sites.

~Riki W., Houston, TX

As advertised, we got the “Flavors” of the area, from food, wine, culture, history and architecture. We ended the trip feeling that we understood a bit about the region—not just that we had visited some sites.

~Keith T., San Carlos, CA

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