

A total solar eclipse is shown over a coastal landscape. The sun is completely obscured by the moon, creating a bright ring of light. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, with clouds catching the light from the eclipse. The foreground shows a dark, rocky coastline.

# CATALONIA AND THE COSMOS

Orbridge

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE ON THE SPANISH COAST

## Catalonia and the Cosmos | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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Day 2 ARRIVE IN BARCELONA, SPAIN | EMPORDÀ (D)

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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 dinner.

Day 3 GIRONA (B,D) Begin with a comprehensive guided walking tour of Girona. Gothic spires, Romanesque towers and cultural highlights encompass more than 2,000 years of history.

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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 the property for a hands-on cooking class to learn the art of making paella.

Day 4 BARCELONA | SANT PAU D'ORDAL (B,L,D)

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Set off on a guided chocolate factory tour for a glimpse of the fascinating machinery and techniques used in producing high-quality chocolate from bean to bar. Afterward enjoy lunch before an inside visit to Vinseum, a museum featuring a range of exhibits covering the history of winemaking in the Penedès region. Continue to Albet i Noya, a prestigious winery that has been a trailblazer in sustainable winemaking since the late 1970s. The day is highlighted by the awe-inspiring 2026 solar eclipse. Witness this celestial phenomenon where the moon slowly encroaches on the sun.

Day 5 PÚBOL | FIGUERES | PALAU SALOR (B,L,D)

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Immerse yourself in the surreal world of Salvador Dalí. 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 museum Rural De Palau-Sator. Gather together for a lovely dinner at Mas Pou Restaurant before returning to the property.

Day 6 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. Tonight dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Girona.

Day 7 MONELLS | CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL | ST. SEBASTIA (LLAFRANC) | PALAMOS (B,L,D)

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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. 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 8 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. Later continue to Cadaqués, a sleepy fishing village Salvador Dalí once called home, for a leisurely seaside stroll and lunch. Venture to Cantallops in the wine region of Empordà to meet the owners of Masia Serra Winery. In an idyllic setting of olive trees and old oaks within the nature reserve of the Albera, this vineyard continues a family tradition of wine production dating back to 1961 when indigenous vines were planted by the grandfather. During a tour and tasting embrace the passion and pride exuded by your hospitable and knowledgeable hosts.

Day 9 EMPORDÀ | BARCELONA | DEPART

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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.



Castell d'Empordà

## Accommodations *(subject to change)*

After exciting days of exploring the Costa Brava region, return to the historic grandeur of Castell d'Empordà for relaxing evenings and rejuvenating leisure time.

The castle, which dates back more than 1,000 years, has been transformed into a luxury hotel featuring uniquely decorated rooms that offer a blend of antique furnishings and modern design elements.

The original castle structure retains many of its original medieval features, including thick stone walls, towers and battlements.

Embrace the expansive views over the Empordà Valley and take advantage of the property's two inviting swimming pools.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, safe, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*



# 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 Gaudi as recently as the early 1900s.



**Day 9** **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 10** **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 11** **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 Gaudi that was intended as a luxury residential community, but was instead turned into a public park and municipal garden.

**Day 12** **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 portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times





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