

BARCELONA AND MADRID SOCCER TOUR

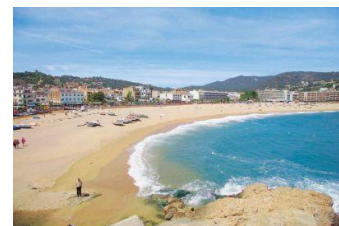


Day One

- Depart on an overnight flight to Barcelona Airport.

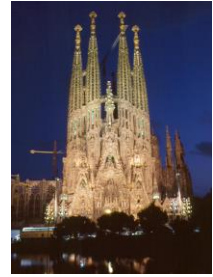
Day Two

- Arrive at Barcelona Airport where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to Santa Susanna – a pleasant seaside resort about 50 minutes to the north of Barcelona.
- Check-into your 3* hotel where you will be staying for the following four nights.
- Welcome meeting and orientation.
- Afternoon free to explore Santa Susanna's beautiful beaches.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening practice session.



Day Three

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Depart on deluxe coach to Barcelona (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- This morning enjoy a two hour walking tour of Barcelona with a guide. Among the main attractions are the unfinished Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's amazing unfinished temple, the lively central street called Las Ramblas, the gothic cathedral, the Picasso museum, the old port, and excellent shopping in the labyrinth of streets in the historic gothic quarter.
- Afternoon free for sightseeing on own in Barcelona.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

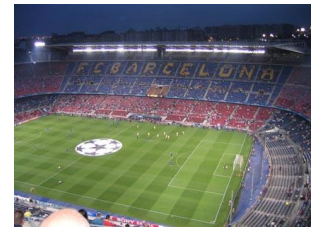


Day Four

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, play your first international friendly game vs. a local Spanish team.
- Possible afternoon visit to a professional game, local teams include FC Barcelona and Espanyol (dependent upon schedule).
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on deluxe coach to Barcelona (approx. a 50 minute journey).
- This morning tour the Camp Nou Stadium, home of FC Barcelona, one of the biggest soccer clubs in the world with a capacity for 98,000 spectators. The club has its own museum and mega store.
- Afternoon free for sightseeing in Barcelona on own.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your second international friendly game vs. a local Spanish team.



Day Six

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart on deluxe coach for Madrid (approx. a 6 hour and 15 minute journey). Stop enroute for lunch in Zaragoza area.
- Arrive in Madrid and check-into your 3* hotel where you will be staying for the following four nights.
- Afternoon free to explore the area around your hotel.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Seven

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Enjoy a 2 hour guided walking tour of Madrid to get your bearings of the city. The tour starts from your hotel and includes the Royal Palace, Cervantes and Don Quixote, Teatro Real (The Royal Opera House), Monastery of the Descalzas Reales, Plaza Mayor, Moorish ruins, Sol (the heart of Madrid), Catedral de Almudena, Church of San Ginés, and World's oldest restaurant (this tour is an overview of the city).
- This afternoon, visit one of the many street markets, Mercado San Miguel, and do some unique souvenir shopping and watch some of the street performers.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your third international friendly game vs. a Spanish side.



Day Eight

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, visit the Egyptian Temple of Debod. Of all Madrid's fascinating sights, none is more incongruous than the Egyptian Temple of Debod, poised high on the edge of Parque del Oeste on the site of the former Montaña barracks and enjoying great views. The temple and two of its original three gateways were transported from their Nile side habitat in 1968 in thanks for Spain's help with the Aswan Dam. Inside the temple are depictions of a Theban god with a ram's head symbolizing fertility. This is one of the city's major freebie attractions.
- Relax at a café, enjoy some free time for sightseeing on own.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Nine

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- This afternoon, visit Bernabeu, the home of Real Madrid C.F. Visit the Trophy Room where you will see European Cups, League titles, Spanish Cups, UEFA Cups, Spanish and European Super Cups, and many more titles that make up the most impressive track record any football club has ever had. Also, enjoy a walk around the pitch, the Presidential Balcony, the Player's Tunnel, Benches and Coaching Area, the Dressing Room and the Press Room. End the tour with a stop at the Real Madrid C.F. Store and pick up some souvenirs.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your fourth international friendly game vs. a Spanish side.

Day Ten

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart Madrid Airport on your return flight.

ABOUT SPAIN

Barcelona - If you only visit one city in Spain, it should be Barcelona. After Barcelona hosted the 1992 Olympics, it became well known as a sporting city. Sporting developments have sprung up all over the city, with the epicenter the slopes of Montjuïc. Barcelona is sophisticated, elegant and romantic, but boasts the energy and raffishness of a port city. There is a fascinating old quarter, the Barri Gòtic, and a night scene to rival any in the country. Barcelona is also well known because of CF de Barcelona. A visit to their home stadium, the impressive Nou Camp, is highly recommended.



Santa Susanna - is located in the Spanish region of Catalonia on the Costa Maresme. A popular holiday destination with Spanish and foreign tourists, this is a relaxed resort with plenty of entertainment in the summer months and a host of major attractions within easy reach. The old town of Santa Susanna, set back from the beachfront, retains much of its original charm with narrow cobbled streets, ancient buildings and monuments and traditional way of life. Down at the seafront you'll find all the trappings of modern tourism with international bars and restaurants, ice cream parlours and a wealth of water sports to serve the seasonal influx of summer visitors. The resort is sandwiched between the Mediterranean and the mountainous wooded hinterland of the Massif Montnegre, a beautiful national park which attracts nature lovers, hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders.

Madrid - Madrid, the capital of Spain since 1562, is located on the geographic center of the Iberian Peninsula along the river Manzanares. Because of its central location and high altitude, the climate of Madrid is characterized by warm dry summers and cool winters. Madrid is a city of great monuments. But Madrid is not just a cultural destination, it is also a lively metropolis with many pubs, cafes and nightclubs. Madrid is a melting pot of different cuisines from all over the peninsula. The capital of Spain has enriched its belly with the contributions of the Andalusians, Galicians, Asturians and other immigrants who have settled here.

TESTIMONIALS

"The trip to Barcelona was the experience of a lifetime for our U13 boys' soccer team - a perfect mix of sport and cultural activities. The training Excel arranged was excellent with high caliber coaches from the Espanyol and Barcelona youth teams. The matches against local Spanish teams were challenging and a great learning experience. The skills and style of play learned on the trip remain a continual reference point. In between all the playing time, we had a chance to watch a top La Liga game, visit Camp Nou and also see the spectacular sites of Barcelona and the surrounding area. Our team's focus was soccer, soccer, soccer and Excel obliged, but I have no doubt that they would arrange an equally memorable trip for those who are looking for a different emphasis. Given the chance, we would all do it again!"

Gloucester Impact Boys, Spain

"Simply Outstanding. The entire experience. From pre-trip planning, Excel International Sports did a fantastic job covering all the details, to the trip itself - was truly exceptional."

Rich Ruiz, Board member, Maryland ODP, Spain