Flavors of Spain

The Beauty of Costa Brava—a Relaxing Exploration of Local Food, Wine, History, and Art
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

I’m pleased to invite you to join fellow W&L travelers on a fascinating—and delicious—journey to Spain’s Costa Brava region. The renowned “rugged coast” of Catalonia has its own remarkable natural beauty, distinctive art, and unique architecture. Beyond the storied history of the region, we’ll discover how the gracious Catalans employ traditional ingredients fresh from farm and sea to create the region’s exceptional cuisine.

In this, the latest of our popular “Flavors” programs, we have chosen another beautiful, boutique inn for our accommodations. Located just outside of Girona, El Racó de Madremanya offers convenient access for exploring the region. Modern comforts and old world charm blend together in a tastefully refurbished 17th-century property set within a medieval village and surrounded by lush gardens. The spacious common areas provide ample space for relaxation after an exciting day of exploration.

In addition to enjoying the historic sights of Costa Brava, we’ll devote each day to authentic experiences with chefs, winemakers, artisan producers. We’ll savor many of the outstanding Catalanian recipes and wines in exclusive cooking classes, tastings, and guided tours. Join us as we revel in Spain’s celebrated art, architecture, and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

Space is limited as the W&L Traveller’s Flavors programs are quite popular. Rates for W&L travelers represent a savings of more than $800 per couple over those applied to non-affiliated guests, so we urge you to reserve your spot without delay. Please reserve by calling (540) 458-8723 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Special Programs

~~ Free Wine Gift ~~

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by March 3, 2017 to receive six bottles of Spanish wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

This Orbidge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details.**
Savor Stunning Spain

Delight in the leisurely exploration of Costa Brava’s beautiful attractions, marvel at fascinating works of art, and relax in the comforts of your accommodations.

In a country overflowing with unique history and scenery, you’ll visit ancient ruins, stroll down exquisite Mediterranean beaches, discover picturesque coves, and explore charismatic towns and villages. Without hesitation, you’ll embrace the captivating country that was inspiration for 20th Century artists including Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso, and Salvador Dalí.
Your 9-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive Barcelona / Empordà, Spain (L,D)
Welcome dinner

Day 3: Girona (B,D)
Historical walking tour, Jewish Quarter, paella cooking class

Day 4: Púbol / Figueres / Cantallops (B,L,D)
Tours of Dalí Castle and Dalí Theatre-Museum, vineyard visit to award-winning Masia Serra with wine tasting and dinner

Day 5: Sant Pere de Rodes / Cadaqués / Peratallada (B,L,D)
Benedictine monastery visit, medieval village stroll, sausage tasting and lunch, wine presentation and dinner

Day 6: Empúries (B,L,D)
Greco-Roman ruins, anchovy curing demonstration, dinner at Michelin-rated Bo-Tic

Day 7: La Bisbal / Llafranc / Palamós (B,L,D)
Figueras i Fills pottery workshop, seaside stroll, Sant Sebastià lighthouse, Sant Sebastià de la Guarda, visit Museu de la Pesca and attend a live fish auction, cooking class

Day 8: Empordà (B,L,D)
Gold medal-winning La Vinyeta winery visit and tasting, special farewell dinner

Day 9: Depart Empordà (B)

Optional Extension: Days 9-12 in Barcelona

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.

*Subject to change.

Program Highlights

- With your small group (maximum 22 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at our sophisticated boutique hotel located in Empordà.
- Visit the charming town of Girona, where you’ll sample treats at a local artisanal shop and see the impressive Cathedral. Explore the Jewish Quarter, one of the best preserved in the world.
- Meet the owner of Masia Serra winery, an esteemed enologist, and enjoy a wine tasting paired with typical Catalan delicacies for a memorable meal.
- On guided tours of Púbol Castle and the Dalí Theatre-Museum, take in the broad spectrum of Dalí’s art in a variety of mediums, including paintings, sculptures, engravings, installations, photography, and more.
- Take a guided tour of the Greco-Roman ruins site in Empúries—the gateway of the romanization of the Iberian Peninsula.
- Visit Museu de la Pesca—a fishery museum, experience a live fish auction, then stroll a market to peruse ingredients you’ll use later during a cooking demonstration.
- Discover the winery La Vinyeta. Meet the owner and vintner, stroll the grounds among verdant vineyards and olive trees, then enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting before dinner.

What’s Included

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Visits to artisanal shops plus special tastings
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and porters
Your Accommodations*

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 engaging personality sweetens the already congenial atmosphere.

Located in The Golden Triangle of Catalonia, you’ll be near a variety of local attractions, glorious beaches, and quaint villages.

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

All rooms have been carefully detailed with individual color themes and matching aromatherapy for a unique personality. Each includes individual heating and air-conditioning, local television, telephone, minibar, slippers and bathrobe, and en suite bathroom with shampoo/conditioner and hairdryer.

**Standard I**: Charming room featuring a European queen bed, and stone floors and walls throughout.

**Standard II**: Romantic room featuring a European queen bed, stone walls throughout, and terrace with garden and pool views.

**Superior**: Larger room located in the farmhouse featuring stone walls, unique features, and views of the garden or village. Features a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Junior Suite**: Bright and spacious room located in the contemporary buildings with outdoor garden terraces and a variety of distinct features. Features a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Suite**: Desirable room featuring a European king bed, separate living room, full bathroom with hydro-massage tub and shower, and terrace with easy pool and garden access.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Spain.
Optional Extension

Barcelona

Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, one that boasts a marriage of contrasts—historic streets and buildings that have survived more than two thousand years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudí as recently as the early 1900s.

Extension Itinerary*

Day 9: Barcelona (8)
Gothic Quarter walking tour,
Jewish Quarter and El Born district,
Plaça Reial (Royal Square), the 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 10: Barcelona (8)
Panoramic city tour, views from Montjuic,
La Sagrada Familia (inside visit)

Day 11: Barcelona (8)
Day at leisure

Day 12: Depart Barcelona (8)

What’s Included

• Private transfer from Empordà to Barcelona

• 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Claris
  (shown below) or similar, with breakfast
  each morning

• Guided tours of the Gothic Quarter and
  La Sagrada Familia
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OCTOBER 1-9, 2017
Barcelona Extension: October 9-12, 2017

DIAMONDS: Special Rate

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Barcelona Extension: $1,595*
Single Extension: $2,295

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________ Date: ___________
Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: The Office of Special Programs
Washington and Lee University
204 West Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450
Fax: (540) 458-8478

Reserve by March 3, 2017 for a FREE Orbridge Wine Gift**

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of reservation. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#209B750-40 WST#03828994

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Orbridge Wine Gift per room will ship after receipt of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to, AR, DE, KY, MA, MD, MS, NH, NJ, OK, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT & VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.
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W&L Traveller Rate: Save more than $800 per couple

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