

Barcelona and Madrid by High-Speed Train

From £1,199 per person // 7 days



Zoom down to the coast and across France to Barcelona and Madrid on this high-speed rail adventure to Spain. Your return journey takes you via Perpignan with an overnight stop before you head for home.

The Essentials

- Whizz across France at speeds of nearly 200mph on TGV trains, covering ground in extraordinarily quick time
- Contrast the Castilian Spanish capital with the rebellious capital of Catalonia
- Ride on the Spanish AVE train between Barcelona and Madrid – one of the best high-speed trains in the world

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 6 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Barcelona

Depart London St Pancras on board Eurostar and change in Paris for the direct TGV train to Barcelona. Watch the landscape change from arable farmland in central France, through to pine trees and olive groves of Provence, before cutting through the more mountainous region around the eastern Pyrenees. You will emerge from the new Tunnel de Perthus into Spain and zoom down to Barcelona via the well-known cities of Figueres and Girona. On arrival, check in at the Colon Hotel (or similar) for a 3-night stay.



Days 2 & 3 - Barcelona

Enjoy two days at leisure in Barcelona, soaking up the sights and enjoying frequent stops for a *café con churros* or *tapas*. Don't miss Gaudi's epic masterpiece, the Sagrada Família, or a walk down Las Ramblas to the sea. Barcelona has nearly 3 miles of sandy beaches and a beautiful marina area, so you could easily take in some rest and relaxation by the Mediterranean.



Day 4 - Barcelona To Madrid

Your 390-mile journey is covered in a staggering 2 hours 45 minutes aboard Spain's famous AVE train. Enjoy spacious seating as you track your progress on one of the on-board information screens. Check in to the Vincci Hotel Centrum (or similar) after you arrive at Madrid's grand Atocha station. You have 2 nights here.



Day 5 - Madrid

You have a full free day to explore Madrid. Discover some of the Western world's best art at the 'big three' art galleries including the Prado and the Reina Sofia, or perhaps take a tour of the Royal Palace. Madrid's botanical gardens are among Spain's most beautiful and were designed by Ferdinand VI in the 18th century and are a lovely place for an afternoon stroll. In the evening, the bars and restaurants of the Puerta del Sol area are a firm favourite with visitors and locals alike.



Day 6 - Madrid To Perpignan

In the afternoon, take the once-daily direct train straight from the Spanish capital into French Catalonia, within a few miles of the Mediterranean. Stay overnight in Perpignan at the very convenient Kyriad Prestige Centre del Mon (or similar) adjacent to the station and within easy reach of the fascinating historical centre.



Day 7 - Perpignan To London

Leave Perpignan at a civilised time this morning and head north to Paris by TGV train, reaching ultra-high speeds as you race through Languedoc, Provence and central France. Arrive into the Gare de Lyon and then cross Paris on the rapid metro service (RER) for your check-in at the Eurostar terminal at the Gare du Nord. Alternatively, we can arrange a private car transfer across the city. You'll arrive into London late this evening.

Pricing

From £1,199 per person

Low season (November-March) from **£1,199pp**

High season (April-October) from **£1,399pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply