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The essence of Spain - a tale of 3 majestic cities

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# **JOURNEY OVERVIEW**

Your Spain luxury tour begins in Barcelona, a coastal city known for its lively culture and architectural masterpieces. First, wander through the streets of the Gothic Quarter. Stop by landmarks such as the Barcelona Cathedral and Plaça Sant Jaume with your expert guide before witnessing the modernist masterpieces of Antonio Gaudi. Next, your private tour of Spain continues in Seville, where you will visit highlights such as the Giralda Minaret and Plaza de España. During your stay in Seville, take a day trip to the countryside, where Blue Parallel can arrange insider-access experiences. For example, attend the famous equestrian show at Jerez from VIP seats, visit a traditional bull farm, or tour a top jamón ibérico producer. Finally, your tailor-made tour of Spain ends in Madrid, the country's capital. There, discover the city's rich history by visiting landmarks like the Royal Palace, Barrio de Salamanca, and Prado Museum.

#### A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Exclusive tour of C5J Iberican ham factory and fields
- VIP seating at the Jerez horse show
- Exclusive access to a bull farm
- Access to the Prado Museum in the morning before it opens to the public

When to go?

#### The Discovery

- Barcelona
- Seville & surroundings
  Madrid

#### The Adventure

- Hiking
- Biking
- Horseback riding

## Duration

9 Days

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# **PHOTOGRAPHY**





## **PRIVATE TOUR OF CITY HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN**

Please note: This private tour to Spain is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

## **Barcelona (3 nights)**

Begin your private tour of Spain in Barcelona, a lively city situated on the coast in the Catalonia region. Spend your first morning in Spain sightseeing in the Gothic Quarter with your expert guide, stopping by the Cathedral of Barcelona and the Plaza St. Jaume. In the afternoon, continue your explorations with an e-biking tour, passing by Montjuic and the 1992 Olympic Stadium before ending at a beautiful viewpoint overlooking the city. The following day, visit the city's modernist treasures as you follow in the footsteps of Antonio Gaudi. Begin at Casa Batllo and stop for a brief visit at La Pedrera before arriving at the famed La Sagrada Familia Cathedral, which is still under construction to this day.

## Seville (3 nights)

Continue the journey with a domestic flight to Seville, where you will discover the Andalucian city's rich history and culture. Upon your arrival, embark on a family-friendly biking tour of Seville with your personal guide. Later, enjoy a tapas tour for a taste of the region's gastronomy. The next day, experience a private guided tour of Seville's highlights, including the Alcazar and the Cathedral, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In the evening, enjoy a cocktail on a rooftop with impressive views of the Cathedral before watching a flamenco show from the front row. Before the performance, stop backstage to meet the dancers as they're about to take the stage.

The following morning, you will have the option to visit the town of Jerez and enjoy the celebrated Jerez equestrian show from your VIP seats. Or, you may choose to visit a private bull farm, where you will witness the famous fighting bulls grazing in the field as they are prepped for their bullfight. Alternatively, take an exclusive tour of C5J, the best Iberian ham company in the area.

## Madrid (2 nights)

Depart Seville by train, arriving in Madrid, founded by the Moors in the 9th century, and known today for its rich royal history and world-class art museums. With your expert guide, visit important sites such as the baroque Plaza Mayor, neoclassical structures such as the Puerta de Alcalá, and the Royal Palace, home to Spain's kings for two centuries. The following day, visit the Prado Museum, one of the most important art museums in the world. There, you will have the option to begin your tour before the museum opens to the general public. Spend the rest of the afternoon sightseeing according to your interests, stopping at museums like the Reina Sofia, home to Picasso's masterpiece "Guernica," or the Thyssen Museum, whose collection spans centuries of art history.



## **ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL**

## Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.







Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.









Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.

At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.

Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalucia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.

Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars

– Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

#### **CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD**

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.



## **OUR DESTINATIONS**





## **BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA**

Bloomberg		Traveler	DEPARTURES	elite <i>tnaveler</i>	Forbes
FOOD&WINE	LUXURY	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	Robb Report	TRAVEL+ LEISURE	VOGUE

## **START PLANNING**

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

## How it all works

#### **Contact us**

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

## **Initial Consultation**

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

## Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

## **Detailed Itinerary Proposal**

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

## **Booking Procedures**

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

## **Pre-Trip Support**

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

## **During the Trip**

While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any time.

## **Post-Trip Debrief**

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.

