

# Barcelona: Style Capital

## October 15 – 26, 2009



Barcelona is one of the world's most dynamic and stylish cities. It's a city of contrasts - wide boulevards, narrow cobbled lanes, secluded and tranquil squares, extensive parks, an exciting waterfront and a vibrant artistic culture. Move over Italy!!

The Spanish, in love with style and design, have made their painters (Picasso, Miró, Dalí) national heroes. Spanish architects too are revered and continue to design signature projects. This is one of the best cities in Europe to study the evolution of architecture from Roman times to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Spend six nights in a centrally-located hotel. Each day our specialist art historian will unravel the mysteries and legends of a different section of the city. Stroll the maze of narrow lanes of **Barri Gòtic**, one of the best-preserved medieval centres in Europe. The **Museu Picasso** occupies a 14<sup>th</sup> century mansion here. Close by is **Las Ramblas**, laid out in the late 1770's. It's a tree-shaded walkway, always pulsing 24/7 with musicians, flower stalls and mime artists. Another day, explore **L'Eixample** (New Expansion), named the world's greatest living museum of Art Nouveau architecture. Antoni Gaudí is the most famous of these Modernista architects. His fluid, organic, nature-inspired creations such as La Sagrada Família are among Barcelona's most famous monuments. Our art historian will give us unique insights into the genius of his work.

But Barcelona is more than Gaudí.

**Mont Montjuïc** overlooks the historic port. This "park" has an eclectic collection of museums, art galleries and gardens including the site of the 1992 Olympics and Mies van der Rohe's German pavilion - one of the most influential buildings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

An exciting change of pace will be a full-day excursion to unspoiled corners of the "wild coast" of the **Costa Brava** en route to

**Figueres.** An important part of the day will be an in-depth tour of the Teatro-Museo Dalí founded by Salvador Dalí, the town's most famous son.

After a short flight, spend two days exploring the picturesque vineyards, ancient hill towns and bodegas (wine cellars) of the renowned **La Rioja** region of northern Spain. Many of the tasting rooms have been designed by some of the world's most famous architects including Frank Gehry. Look forward to some serious wine tasting!!

Continue to **Bilbao**, Spain's largest Basque city. The star attraction is Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum. It is a marriage of sculpture and architecture, clad in a "symphony of titanium swirls". Enjoy the new district that has been redeveloped along the Rio Nervión and the 14<sup>th</sup> century medieval heart of Bilbao where Basque food can be enjoyed at the lively tapas bars.



### Tour Itinerary & Highlights

#### Day 1-7

- Spend 6 nights at the Hotel Condes de Barcelona. This 4 star hotel, located on the elegant Passeig de Gràcia, one of the most fashionable avenues of Barcelona, is within comfortable walking distance to Modernista buildings and fabulous tapas bars.

- Studio tours and "happy hour" conversations with local cultural and architectural experts.
- Plenty of time for explorations on your own.

#### Day 4

- Day excursion to Costa Brava and Figueres, home and museum of Salvador Dalí.

#### Day 8-9

- La Rioja wine region with 2 nights at the exclusive, avant-garde, 6 star Hotel Marques de Riscal.
- Tour tasting rooms designed by some of the most famous 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century architects and the equally famous vineyards. Enjoy the superb wines of this region!!

#### Day 10-11

- 2 nights in Bilbao at the 5 star Hotel Lopez de Haro.
- Comprehensive tour of the spectacular Guggenheim Museum - one of those places on the "before you die" list!!

Throughout, expert local art historians will unravel the behind-the-scenes stories in Barcelona, Figueres, La Rioja and Bilbao.

### ROMtravel Coordinator

**Sally Tuck**, a past President of the Department of Museum Volunteers, and a past Chair of ROMtravel, has coordinated ROMtravel trips to Ecuador and the Galapagos; Ireland; Malta and Tunisia.

### Tour Escort

**Robert Zuzek**, owner of KOMPAS EXPRESS. Robert has organized and escorted many trips for ROMtravel.

### Photos Courtesy of Sally Tuck

- Chimneys at Gaudí's Casa Milà, Barcelona.
- Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao.

### Tour Cost

**Twin Sharing** \$5,995  
**Single Supplement** \$1,795

Tour begins in Barcelona and ends in Bilbao.  
**Cost of international flights NOT included.**

# Terms & Conditions

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KOMPAS EXPRESS can assist in booking international flights.

#### Tour Cost Includes

- **Internal flight** – 1 economy class air ticket – Barcelona/Bilbao, including related departure and arrival transfers.
- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air-conditioned bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities: Barcelona – 6 nights; La Rioja region – 2 nights; Bilbao – 2 nights.
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily; 7 lunches; 5 dinners including welcome and farewell dinners with wine; 2 private receptions in exclusive settings with speakers; 'happy hour' receptions. Meals include choice of coffee, tea or water.
- Bottled water on the bus daily.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator and KOMPAS EXPRESS travel escort. Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, & a post-trip reunion.

#### Not Included

- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls.
- Excess baggage.
- Beverages not included with meals.
- **International flight costs.**
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

#### Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of January 15, 2009 and are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, KOMPAS EXPRESS reserves the right to increase the price accordingly. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

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#### Deposits and Final Payment

An initial deposit of \$1,750.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A tax receipt for \$300 will be issued by the Royal Ontario Museum. Optional cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. A second deposit of \$1,500.00 is due on May 29, 2009. The balance of payment is due on August 31, 2009.

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From May 30 – August 31, 2009 – deposit is refunded less \$3,250.00

From September 1, 2009 to trip operation – no refunds can be granted

No refund will be granted for unused services.

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Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance Services Inc. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. 8% PST is included in the quoted prices.

Based on shared accommodation		Based on single accommodation	
Up to 59 years old	\$342.36	Up to 59 years old	\$420.12
60-64 years old	\$421.20	60-64 years old	\$518.40
65-69 years old	\$506.52	65-69 years old	\$623.16
70-74 years old	\$654.48	70-74 years old	\$790.56

For those 75 years and over, contact KOMPAS EXPRESS at 1-800-387-6731.

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