



MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE

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ITINERARY 2-NIGHTS / 3-DAYS TOUR

Day 1: Barcelona DOMES

Day 2: Barcelona: From Romanesque to Realism (MNAC)

Day 3: Montserrat and the pilgrim's cave

Day 4: Girona: history & modernity

Day 1: Barcelona DOMES

Our official guide picks us up at the hotel to start a surprising tour through the religions that left most heritage in Barcelona. With private car we'll go to:

- **Sagrada Família**, this unfinished church is considered one of the cathedrals of the city. Gaudí's work is a building rich with Christian symbolism. Its 18 towers represent, the twelve Apostles, the four Evangelists, Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ (the highest and topped with a cross).
- We'll follow this tour in the **Old Town** where we discover the **Jewish quarter**: The first documentary record of a Jewish quarter in Barcelona dates from the 11th century, mentioning a street that *solebat ire ad callem judaicum*. The word *call* means little street or alley. In Barcelona one can discover many of their old properties (houses and workshops, a Jewish butcher shop, public baths...). From the Jewish religion we'll go to Christians and its stunning cathedrals of the city.
- **Barcelona's Cathedral** is based in a Roman temple and it was built during the 13th century and 15th century, it has an incredible cloister.
- The "other" cathedral is **Santa Maria del Mar**, placed in the Born quarter its construction is dated between 1329 and 1383 and is one of the most beloved churches of local people. On this tour we'll discover too all the little churches hidden in the city that gives us some idea about the importance of Catholic religion in Barcelona. *Back to the hotel or free disposal*



6-hours Tour

Day 2: Barcelona: From Romanesque to Realism (MNAC)

A new day that our guide and the driver show us how religion could influence in art and architecture of the cities.

- The driver will left us in the Cable Car that go straight to Montjuic Mountain and we'll enjoy its fantastic views over Barcelona.
- In Montjuic is placed the **MNAC** (Museo Nacional de Arte de Catalunya) with one of the most important collections of **romanesque art** of the world and an astonished collection of **religious fine art** from baroque age to realism period.
- From the MNAC we'll go to **"Spanish Town"** (Pueblo Español), this museum outdoors was built in 1929 for the International Exposition held that year in the city, intended to be a representation of people of Spain. Has a Romanesque **monastery of Sant Miguel** which is composed of elements originating in different monasteries of Catalunya. It is located outside the city center, in a secluded, quiet, surrounded by trees and a fantastic view of the city of Barcelona.
- In this unique space we'll eat (free) and then back to the hotel or if we prefer stay or visiting the fantastic Spanish Town.



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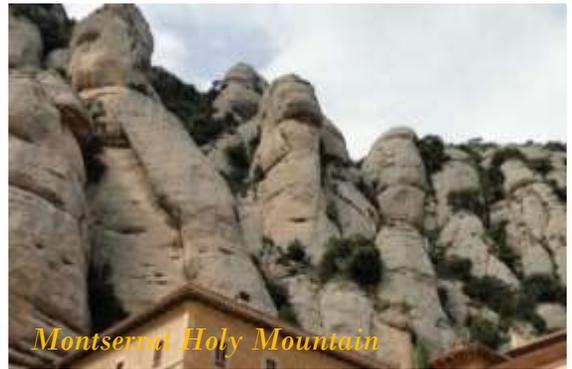
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8-hours Tour

Day 3: Montserrat and the pilgrim's cave

After hotel breakfast our driver lead us to outskirts of Barcelona.

- After 40 minutes we'll arrive at **Montserrat Mountain**. There will find our guide. Situated in these emblematic and spectacular mountains is the **Basílica de la Mare de Déu de Montserrat**, the patron saint of Catalonia, and residence of a Benedictine community for nearly a thousand years. The Benedictine monastery, founded in 1205 by Abbot Oliba, a place of religious retreat, has always been an important and active cultural center of Catalonia. Its library houses the oldest extant text in Catalan (12th century). Its museum displays works by Caravaggio, Berruguete, Miró, Dalí, Picasso and El Greco and is home to the oldest children's choir in Europe, the Escolania de Montserrat.
- Down from Montserrat, we'll arrive to the city of **Manresa**, geographical center of Catalunya, it has a spectacular medieval quarter and an impressive gothic cathedral. Next to this place we'll find "**San Ignacio de Loiola's cave**" where it seems that he wrote "Spiritual Exercises" and found The Jesus Company (Jesuits) of which the actual Pope Francisco is its maximum representative
- To recover from this intense day, we will visit a nearby wineries with a farmhouse with 10th century castle where you can taste some of their wines after lunch.
- After the winery tour, our driver take us back to Barcelona.



Montserrat Holy Mountain



Sant Ignaci Cave (Manresa)



Private Wine tasting



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6-hours Tour

Day 4: Girona: history & modernity

- *Private driver* picks you up at the meeting point and start our tour from **Barcelona to Girona**.
- The Old Town is one of the most evocative historical centers in Catalonia, with some elements that are unique in Europe: The Carolingian Wall, an spectacular exceptionally well-preserved Jewish Quarter, the grandeur of its Gothic cathedral (the largest ship in the world).
- Girona also houses six museums with collections of great interest, apart from having the second best restaurant in the world: *El Celler de Can Roca*
- We don't miss the chance to taste some of the products from the Celler de Can Roca Family. *Rocambolesc* is a innovative ice-cream shop owned by the Roca's family

INCLUSIONS

- Private transfer from/ to Barcelona Airport
- Private driver car all excursions outside Barcelona
- Private guided tours by official tourist guide all the program
- Entrance fee at Museums and activities detailed in program
- Wine Tasting in a winery (10th century Castle)

Different tours can be done separately

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Old City



Jewish Quartier



Innovative ice-creams