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# Barcelona

ART, CULTURE & PEOPLE



JOHNS HOPKINS  
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March 5-13, 2026



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## Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Experience Barcelona on this extraordinary, seven-night immersion in magnificent architecture, rich history and contemporary culture during the serene season! Unpack once and enjoy first-class accommodations ideally situated in the heart of Barcelona.

Barcelona is an architecture lover's dream, where you'll witness the awe-inspiring works of Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí – one of the most influential figures of Europe's modernist movement – during the 100th anniversary of his passing. Marvel at the iconic La Sagrada Família basilica, Gaudí's most ambitious, monumental work, begun in 1882 and scheduled for completion in 2026. Also, visit the playful, enchanting Parc Güell to delight in imaginative structures and colorful, whimsical mosaics. You'll be awed by the beauty of the Hospital de Sant Pau and the Palau de la Música Catalana, tour the Picasso Museum and meander through eclectic neighborhoods. Plus, join an interactive Catalan cooking demonstration, taste regional wines and savor enticing tapas during a bar stroll!

This singular program has been thoughtfully designed with educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers. *Barcelona ~ Art, Culture and People* will surely be a crowd-pleaser. Guarantee your spot by making your reservation today!

Sincerely,

*Marguerite Jones*

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**Note:** A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

**Eligibility:** At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit [alumni.jhu.edu/support](http://alumni.jhu.edu/support).

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Works of Antoni Gaudí, Barcelona
2. Palau de la Música Catalana and Hospital de Sant Pau, Barcelona

Exterior detail of La Sagrada Família



Parc Güell



# Discovery begins here



Discover Barcelona's cosmopolitan culture and world-renowned architecture on this singular program! Visit during the centenary of visionary, modernist architect Antoni Gaudí's death to see La Sagrada Família, an iconic masterpiece in the making for 144 years that is anticipated to be completed in 2026. You'll explore the city's atmospheric neighborhoods, visit the acclaimed Picasso Museum and witness the grandeur of the Palau de la Música concert hall. Plus, savor tantalizing Catalan cuisine and wine!

Top: Parc Güell | Above: Plaza Real

Cover: La Sagrada Família | Mail panel: Monument to the Sardana, Catalonia's national folk dance monument | La Rambla

## Inspiring Moments



- Bask in **Barcelona's renowned culture, architecture, wine and cuisine** when there are fewer crowds.
- **Explore the Gothic Quarter's** blend of medieval streets and modern energy.
- Witness **Antoni Gaudí's iconic works, La Sagrada Família and Parc Güell**, 100 years after the architect's passing.
- Be awed by the stunning, art nouveau beauty of the **Hospital de Sant Pau**.
- Immerse yourself in **Picasso's early works** at the eponymous museum.
- Stroll through the El Born neighborhood, **Barcelona's bohemian cultural hub**.
- Tour the **Palau de la Música Catalana**, a stunning jewel of Catalan modernism.
- Relish a fun and delicious Spanish bites and wine **tapas bar-stroll lunch**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



### Day 1 | In transit

Depart gateway city for Barcelona, Spain. 🌐

### Day 2 | Barcelona, Spain

Arrive, transfer 🔄 and check in to the Hotel Renaissance Barcelona.

Meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at this evening's Welcome Reception.

**Enrichment:** *Barcelona, Catalonia's Capital.*

### Day 3 | Barcelona

**Barcelona's Gothic Quarter.** Enjoy a guided walk in the narrow, cobblestone labyrinth of the Barri Gòtic. Begin at the 13th-century Gothic Barcelona Cathedral, with its majestic spires, cloisters and gargoyles. Stroll along the Carrer del Bisbe, with remnants of the Roman Barcino walls, dating to the 1st century B.C. Pass by the famous neo-Gothic Bishop's Bridge to the historic Plaça del Rei, an ode to Catalonia's royal, historic past. Admire the Royal Palace, the five-story medieval watchtower of King Martin and 14th-century Chapel of Saint Agatha.

🌐 **AHI Connects | Catalan Cuisine Cooking Demonstration with Lunch.** Join an interactive cooking demonstration to delve into Catalan gastronomy. As the chef prepares dishes, learn about the traditions of Catalan cuisine and then savor the authentic dishes for lunch today.

**Free Time:** The rest of the day and evening are at your leisure to explore Barcelona.

### Day 4 | Barcelona

**Enrichment:** *Barcelona Today.*

**Montjuïc Hill & the Waterfront.** Drive up to Montjuïc hill to marvel at panoramic views

of the city and the Mediterranean Sea. Pass by the Christopher Columbus monument, a symbol of Barcelona; the World Trade Center, shaped like a ship; and the medieval, royal Drassanes shipyards. Continue down to the waterfront, a stunning fusion of palm-lined promenades, golden beaches, super-yachts and quintessential Mediterranean charm.

Have lunch together at a local restaurant.

**Free Time:** Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure, with dinner on your own.

### Day 5 | Barcelona

**Enrichment:** *Catalan Modernism & Gaudí.*

**Free Time:** After the lecture, relish the morning at leisure and lunch on your own.

**La Sagrada Família.** Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí was one of the most influential figures of the Catalan modernist art nouveau movement, instrumental in defining Barcelona's majestic architectural landscape. Today, visit the iconic Basílica de la Sagrada Família, a masterpiece of architectural innovation and Gaudí's most monumental work. Marvel at the basilica's 18 towering spires and three starkly contrasting façades depicting the birth, death and glory of Christ. In the stunning interior, admire the tall, branching columns that evoke a forest canopy; the circular altar with a mosaic of Christ; the nave's soaring arches of delicate stonework; and the vibrant stained-glass windows, creating a stunning kaleidoscope of color and light.

**Hospital de Sant Pau.** Visit the extraordinary art nouveau campus of the former Hospital de Sant Pau. Built between 1901 and 1930, this masterpiece of Catalan modernist architecture



Hospital de Sant Pau

is regarded for its exquisite sensitivity to design and singular beauty, featuring vibrant mosaics, ornamental façades and lush, serene gardens. Return to the hotel and relish dinner together.

## Day 6 | Barcelona

**Museu Picasso & El Born.** Enjoy a private tour of the Picasso Museum, holding more than 4,200 of Pablo Picasso's paintings, drawings, sculptures and ceramics. Learn about the visionary's early artistic development and his deep connection with Barcelona. Continue to El Born for a guided walk of one of the city's most emblematic neighborhoods. Meander along this vibrant, eclectic cultural hub to the bourgeois Calle de Montcada, a once-noble street, to admire the 12th-century mansions now housing art museums and galleries.

**Tapas Experience.** While exploring El Born, join a fun lunch experience, stopping at three tapas bars to sample a variety of delectable tapas small plates with Spanish wine, while learning about Barcelona's culinary traditions.



**Free Time:** The remainder of the day is yours to explore, including dinner on your own.

## Day 7 | Barcelona

**Palau de la Música Catalana.** This morning, take an inside tour of this breathtaking world treasure of Catalan Modernism. Marvel at the sheer grandeur of the stunning, soaring ornate ceilings and columns, massive organ and spectacular skylight portraying the sun.

**Free Time:** Venture out to explore at leisure, including lunch, before rejoining the group.

**Parc Güell.** Later, set out on a guided visit to Gaudí's playful and surreal Parc Güell, which showcases the modernist's distinctive style of blending nature, architecture and art. In this whimsical green space, stroll along organic, winding pathways, past undulating walls and railings and over stone bridges to appreciate the sense of fluidity and harmony. Marvel at Gaudí's imaginative structures and use of the



Picasso Museum



## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Barcelona, Spain, at the first-class Renaissance Barcelona Hotel.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners; including tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- 🌐 **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 🌱 **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- 🌍 **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.

trencadis technique of broken ceramic tiles. See the El Drac sculpture and fountain, the grand Hypostyle Hall, with its 86 tree trunk-like columns and the 360-foot curved serpentine bench, adorned with an intricate pattern of colorful mosaic tiles, in the Nature Square. Enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

## Day 8 | Barcelona

🌐 **Elective | Montserrat & the Penedès Wine Region.** Travel to the monastery at Montserrat to admire the stunning views from atop the mountainside and visit the basilica to see the Black Madonna statue. Continue to Penedès, Catalonia's premier wine region, known for its famous Cava sparkling wine. Savor lunch and a wine tasting here, then return to Barcelona.

**Free Time:** You may opt out of the Elective Activity and spend the entire day at leisure!

Celebrate your amazing Barcelona adventure at this evening's Farewell Reception.

## Day 9 | Return to home city

After breakfast, check out of the hotel.

Transfer to the airport for the return flight 🌐 to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

🌐 Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🌐 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

## Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches

Christopher Columbus Monument





*Barcelona Cathedral*



*Bishop's Bridge, Gothic Quarter*

# 2026 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **March 5-13, 2026**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **March 6-13, 2026**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$4,745**

**Special Savings** **\$750**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$3,995**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$250 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,495 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://jhu.ahitravel.com/destinations/1941A?schoold=72>.

## AHI FlexAir

### *Let us arrange your flights*

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## *AHI Travel Expertise*

**Travel Consultants** assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations



**Renaissance Barcelona Hotel** | Barcelona



Ideally situated near the prestigious Passeig de Gràcia avenue in the centrally located Eixample neighborhood, the Renaissance Barcelona Hotel is just a short walk to the heart of the city. The stylish and modern hotel offers a blend of contemporary design and Catalan charm, with newly renovated rooms and upscale amenities. Other features include the Goja Rooftop terrace — with a bar, plunge pool and city views — and the Mayan Luxury Spa.



*Interior of the Palau de la Música Catalana*

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