

A PILGRIMAGE TO  
**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011**  
**MADRID, SPAIN**

DESIGNED AND OPERATED BY CLUB EUROPA



Barcelona's 'Old Cathedral' in the foreground, Gaudi's 'Sagrada Familia' in the back

**Day 1** Overnight transatlantic flight from the United States to Spain (inflight meals)  
*Aug 11*  
*Thu*

**Day 2** **Arrival and BARCELONA**  
*Aug 12* Arrival at Barcelona Airport BCN  
*Fri* Meet and greet by multilingual Club Europa escort  
(Sufficient time will be allowed at the airport to exchange money)  
Private motorcoach for transfer to the city  
In case of early arrival: a lunch snack (soft drink, croissant, sandwich) will be included  
Check-in at hotel and time to relax and unwind  
Orientation meeting with escort  
Dinner at hotel or local restaurant (included)  
Overnight / BARCELONA

### Day 3 BARCELONA

Aug 13 Breakfast at hotel

Sat

After breakfast: private motorcoach and local licensed guide for sightseeing in Barcelona: the tour will highlight the architectural works by A. Gaudi, such as the *Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia* (the Basilica of the Holy Family, entrance fee included), Barcelona's most emblematic landmark. Unfinished at Gaudi's death in 1926, this striking and surreal creation causes consternation, wonder, howls of protest, shrieks of derision and cries of rapture....

Other important sights are the *Cathedral de la Seu*, (entrance included) the 'Ramblas' pedestrian area, the church of *Santa Maria del Mar*, *Catalunya Square*, the *Columbus Monument*, the 'Arch of Triumph', the *Parc Guell*, Gaudi's (and Barcelona's) nicest park....

Lunch is on own

The afternoon is free for individual activities, such as further sightseeing or shopping

Dinner at hotel or local restaurant (included)

Overnight / BARCELONA



Barcelona's cathedral 'La Seu' is a celebrated example of Catalan Gothic architecture. Its spires can be seen from almost all over the Barri Gòtic and the large square upon which it resides, the Plaça de la Seu, one of the neighborhood's main thoroughfares. The elevated site has always been Barcelona's center of worship. Construction on the cathedral began at the end of the 13th century: the bishops of the time ordered a wide, single nave, 28 side chapels, and an apse with an ambulatory behind a high altar. Work was finally completed in the mid-15th century (although the west facade dates from the 19th c.). The nave, cleaned and illuminated, has some splendid Gothic details. With its large bell towers, blending of medieval and Renaissance styles, high altar, side chapels, handsomely sculptured choir, and Gothic arches, it ranks as one of the most impressive cathedrals in Spain. You can take an elevator to the roof where you can see a wonderful view of Gothic Barcelona (Monday through Saturday from 10:30am to 1:30pm and 5:00 to 6:00pm).

In a privileged position on the northeastern coast of the Iberian peninsula and the shores of the Mediterranean, **Barcelona** is the second largest city in Spain in both size and population. It is also the capital of Catalonia, 1 of the 17 Regions of Spain. There are two official languages spoken in Barcelona: Catalan, generally spoken in all of Catalonia, and Castilian Spanish. The city has a population of 1.7 million, but this number jumps to more than 4 million if the outlying areas are included. Barcelona is clearly a Mediterranean city, not only because of its geographic location but also and above all because of its history, tradition and cultural influences. The documented history of the city dates back to the founding of a Roman colony on its soil in the second century B.C. Modern Barcelona experienced spectacular growth and economic revival at the onset of industrialization during the second half of the 19th century. The 1888 World's Fair became a symbol of the capacity for hard work and the international outlook projected by the city. Culture and the arts flourished in Barcelona and in all of Catalonia; the splendor achieved by Catalan modernism is one of the most patent displays. Barcelona, more than just a single city, is really a collection of multi-faceted and diverse cities. The visitor unfamiliar with its history might be surprised that such a modern and enterprising city preserves its historic Gothic center almost intact, or by the curious contrast between the maze of narrow streets and the grid-like layout of the Eixample, the urban planning "Enlargement" project of the end of the 19th century.

**Day 4 BARCELONA and MONTSERRAT**

Aug 14 Breakfast at hotel

Sun Private motorcoach for excursion to the *Monastery of Montserrat*, located high in the mountains of the Sierra de Montserrat, some 30 miles west of Barcelona.

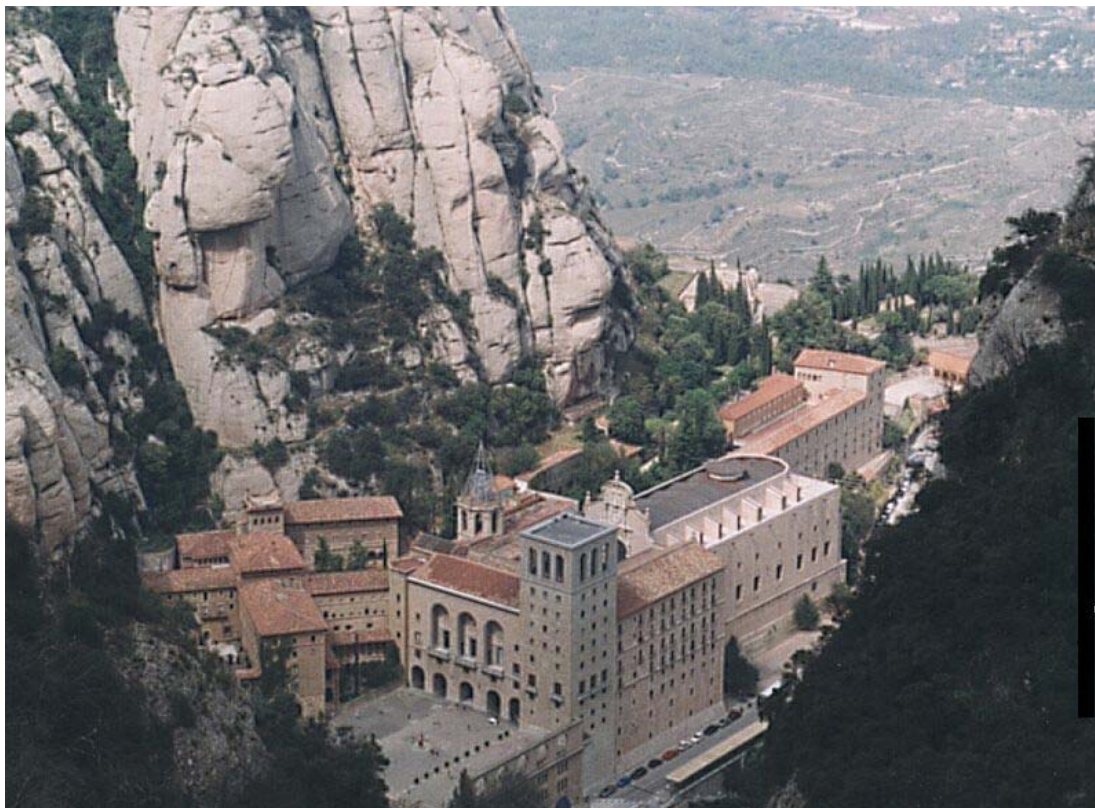
The weird, saw-toothed peaks have given rise to numerous legends: here St Peter left a statue carved by St Luke, Parsifal found the Holy Grail, and Richard Wagner sought inspiration for his operas. A monastery has stood on this site since the early Middle Ages and has always been a world famous shrine for the Catholic world.

Honeymooning couples flock here by the thousands every year, seeking blessing on their marriages.

Return to Barcelona late afternoon

Dinner at hotel or local restaurant (included)

Overnight / BARCELONA



The monastery of *Montserrat*

**Day 5 BARCELONA > MADRID**

Aug 15 Breakfast at hotel

Mon Private deluxe motorcoach for transfer from Barcelona to Madrid

Extensive stop in ZARAGOZA, visit of the city's symbol and pride: the *Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar*, home of the 'Virgen del Pilar', patron saint of the entire Hispanic world!

Lunch in Zaragoza is on own

Late afternoon / early evening arrival in Madrid

Dinner at hotel or local restaurant (included)

Overnight / MADRID

**Day 6 MADRID**

Aug 16 Breakfast at hotel

Tue This is REGISTRATION DAY for World Youth Day

Lunch is on own

Dinner is on own or comes with your WYD "package"

Overnight / MADRID

**Day 7**  
*Aug 17*  
*Wed*

**MADRID**

Breakfast at hotel

The day is dedicated to World Youth Day activities

Lunch is on own

Dinner is on own or comes with your WYD “package”

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The *Royal Palace* of Madrid was built in the eighteenth century by order of Philip V, on an ancient fortress site, that had previously been a Muslim castle. Sachetti began the work in 1738, and it was completed in 1764. Sabatini created the southeast wing and the grand staircase or ‘Staircase of Honour’. The base of the building is square with a large central courtyard. The Principe (Prince) Doorway, on the east side of the building leads to the central courtyard. The Sabatini gardens as well as the Campo del Moro (Moor’s Field) are two other notable attractions of the Palace, along with all of its façades. There are conflicting views as to categorising it within a specific style, as some parts are more Baroque while others are Neoclassical - in essence depending on the architect. The most outstanding of the inside rooms are Alabarderos Hall, Columnas (Columns) Hall, Espejos (Mirrors) Hall and the King Charles III of Spain’s Room. Several of these rooms hold paintings by Velazquez, Goya, Rubens, El Greco and Caravaggio.

**Day 8**  
*Aug 18*  
*Thu*

**MADRID**

Breakfast at hotel

The day is dedicated to World Youth Day activities

Lunch is on own

Dinner is on own or comes with your WYD “package”

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**Day 9**  
*Aug 19*  
*Fri*

**MADRID**

Breakfast at hotel

The day is dedicated to World Youth Day activities

Lunch is on own

Dinner is on own or comes with your WYD “package”

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**Day 10 MADRID**

Aug 20

Breakfast at hotel

Sat

The day is dedicated to World Youth Day activities

Lunch is on own

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Madrid: Inside the Cathedral *Nuestra Señora de la Almudena*

The site on which Almudena Cathedral now stands was originally occupied by Madrid's first mosque, then by a church dedicated to one of Madrid's patron saints, Santa María de la Almudena.

In 1868, Madrid received permission from the archbishop of Toledo to construct a new church dedicated to the Virgin of Almudena. Construction began in 1883 based on a Neo-Gothic design. The first part to be completed was the crypt, which today still retains the 16th-century image of Madrid's patroness the Virgen de la Almudena.

Construction on the cathedral progressed slowly and came to a complete halt during the civil war of the 1930s. The process was picked up again in 1944, when a new architect introduced a Neoclassical style that would match the Royal Palace next door. Almudena Cathedral was completed in 1993 and consecrated by Pope John Paul II that same year; a statue of the pope in front of the cathedral commemorates the occasion.

**Day 11 MADRID**

Aug 21

Breakfast at hotel

Sun

This is the day of FINAL MASS with the Holy Father

Lunch is on own

Dinner is on own or comes with your WYD “package”

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**Day 12 RETURN TO THE U.S.**

Aug 22

Breakfast at hotel (in case of early departure this may not be a ‘full’ breakfast)

Mon

Services of private motorcoach for transfer from hotel to Madrid Barajas Airport

Club Europa assistant for transfer and check-in

Return flight to the United States (inflight meals)

## **INCLUDED ARE :**

- २ **TEN overnights at (superior) tourist class hotels**  
**twin, double or triple occupancy, all rooms with private facilities**  
Brochures and / or websites of the hotels will be presented at least one year prior to travel
- २ **Four dinners**
- २ **All breakfasts**
- २ **Services of multilingual CLUB EUROPA escort from arrival in Barcelona through arrival in Madrid**
- २ **Deluxe motorcoach transportation for transfers and excursions as noted**
- २ **Sightseeing with local, licensed, English speaking guides as noted in the itinerary**
- २ **Entrance fees as noted in the itinerary**
- २ **Both airport transfers**
- २ **All applicable local taxes**
- २ **Gratuities to local guides and coach drivers**
- २ **ONE person FREE of charge**



## **NOT INCLUDED ARE :**

- २ **Drinks with dinners**
- २ **Luggage handling at hotels (not included for cost savings)**
- २ **Expenses of personal nature such as passport, laundry, souvenirs, insurance, etc...**
- २ **Airport transfers in the United States**
- २ **Gratuities to escort (EU 3.50 per person per day is standard)**

**There are no visa requirements for U.S. citizens visiting Spain.**



**However, you need a valid passport !**

## RATES :

Per person, LAND ONLY, based on twin / double or triple occupancy  
ONE person FREE of charge, LAND ONLY

**Minimum 20 paying participants + 1 free: \$ 2,040.-**  
**Minimum 25 paying participants + 1 free: \$ 1,930.-**  
**Minimum 30 paying participants + 1 free: \$ 1,860.-**  
**Minimum 35 paying participants + 1 free: \$ 1,800.-**  
**Minimum 40 paying participants + 1 free: \$ 1,760.-**

The single supplement is \$ 540.00

## PLEASE NOTE :

The above rates are based on prices, tariffs and exchange rates valid in June 2009.

**Airlines quote group fares 330 days in advance, therefore the above is a proposal for “land only”.**

**Reliable airfares will be available in mid-September 2010.**

It is impossible to anticipate an exchange rate two years in advance. Although we have tried to anticipate prices, fees, admissions etc for 2011, the above rates need to be taken as approximate amounts – they may need to be adjusted in summer / fall 2010.

Upon receipt of your verbal consent to the itinerary and rates, we will send you our contract, which contains payment deadlines/ deposits, refund policy etc.

**Please BE FLEXIBLE when you plan your pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011:  
The flight situation will be extremely tight, especially if everybody wants to  
return home on Monday, August 22.**

**There is no guarantee that space on the flights for these exact dates will be available;  
be prepared to add a night or to do the pre-tour (Barcelona) AFTER World Youth Day.**