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Prisoner Wine Company  
Madrid & Barcelona  
*Pre-Cruise*

June 14-17, 2025

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# SPANISH ART, FLAMENCO AND CATALAN CUISINE

## 3 Night/4 Day Pre-Cruise



From Madrid's music and food scene to the sparkling cava of Catalonia, Spain's cuisine is calling you. Prepare to be captivated as you indulge in regional fare and wine while taking in the amazing culture, history, and stunning landscapes of Barcelona and Madrid. On this private guided adventure, experience the distinct sights, sounds, smells and tastes between these vibrant cities, each offering very distinct treasures to be discovered.

Get acquainted with the beauty of Spain's most cosmopolitan cities, from mesmerizing museums and Flamenco in Madrid to the amazing and iconic architecture in Barcelona. Expect an unforgettable journey of sophistication and excellence in this breathtaking part of the country.

# Day 01

Welcome to Madrid!

Upon arrival, transfer on your own and check into the Hotel Regina Madrid. Meet up with your local guide in the hotel lobby and drive to the heart of Madrid where you will be welcomed with a flamenco show and a premium 3-course tapas dinner with wine. Since it opened in 1956, **Corral de la Morería** has provided a unique, one-of-a-kind experience every night. A legendary flamenco nightclub might be the last place you'd expect to find Michelin-starred dining, but at Corral de la Morería, there's as much art on the plate as there is on stage! This exclusive gastronomical space is presided over by chef David García, a Basque chef who has Spanish cuisine in his blood and is a Michelin Star recipient. It should come as no surprise that it is featured in the New York Times best-seller and the world's most famous travel book, "*1,000 Places to See Before You Die*," comprising a selection of the most iconic places on earth. It has also been recognized as the World's Best Flamenco Tablao by the International Cante de las Minas Flamenco Festival, and the City of Madrid Award given by the Spanish capital's city council to fellow award winners such as the Prado, Thyssen and Reina Sofía museums.

Sherry, the aperitif that hails from the same region as flamenco, is the obvious drink of choice here. You may choose from a whopping 400 bottles selected by "Sherry Savant," David Ayuso. Come for the Flamenco and stay for the food and wine — Corral de la Morería is the whole package.

After an evening of remarkable entertainment and feeling satiated, shuttle back to your hotel to close out the evening. [D]



# Day 02



*Prado Museum*



*Cathedral of La Almudena*

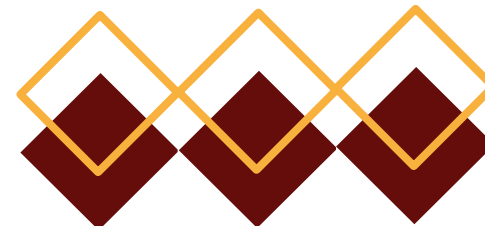


*San Miguel Market*

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, a picture-perfect day in Madrid awaits as your guide and driver escort you on a full city tour. During this private, 4-hour tour, you will see all the essential parts of Madrid, while also incorporating a short walk through the city center to see some of the most notable architectural landmarks considered to be the "best of Madrid." Learn about the history of the **Spanish capital**, discover the **Plaza Mayor**, **Puerta del Sol**, the **Cathedral of La Almudena**, the **Royal Palace** (all exterior visits), and the **San Miguel Market**. Your host will also help you find hidden gems and plazas around the city, all alive with history, legends and local culture.

Also Included in the tour is a visit to the capitol city's most important museum, the **Prado Museum**. The Prado Museum houses one of the world's largest and finest art collections – works from the 12th to the early 20th century, including a fine collection of Spanish Golden Age paintings. Inside there is a treasure trove of masterpieces to discover, all illustrating the rich and colorful history of Spain. Take your time to explore the famous collection of Spanish and European paintings including dazzling works by master's such as Picasso and **Francisco Goya**, who you may also know as the inspiration behind **The Prisoner Wine Company's** brand and flagship label that depicts Goya's etching and aquatint "**The Little Prisoner**."

Following your tour, your guide will provide tailored recommendations for you to continue exploring the city on your own or will take you back to your hotel for you to relax and enjoy the amenities for the remainder of the afternoon and evening. [B]



# Day 03

This morning, check out of your hotel and meet your driver for a private group transfer to the Madrid train station. Take a high-speed train from Madrid to **Barcelona** where you will be met by your driver at the Barcelona Sants Station for a private group transfer to your hotel. As drivers cannot enter the station, yours will be waiting for you outside.

Arrive and check into the charming **Gallery Hotel** and take the remainder of the afternoon to relax on your own before meeting up with the group for an amazing dinner.

Tonight, a unique “**Chef’s Table**” will take place in a private Catalan kitchen. Head to this hidden establishment tucked away in a side alley of the medieval streets of the Born neighborhood. Here, start with a welcome glass of cava as your private chef transforms dinner into a unique and unforgettable event. Watch with a frontline view of the kitchen while your meal is expertly prepared and paired with a carefully selected range of Catalan wines. This evening is all about getting up close and personal in a relaxed and fun culinary experience in which the chef will explain every note, nuance, and, most importantly, the personal narrative behind each dish which serves as the secret ingredient.

Stroll the vibrant streets of Barcelona after dinner before heading back to the hotel for some well-deserved rest.

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*High Speed Train*



*Gallery Hotel*



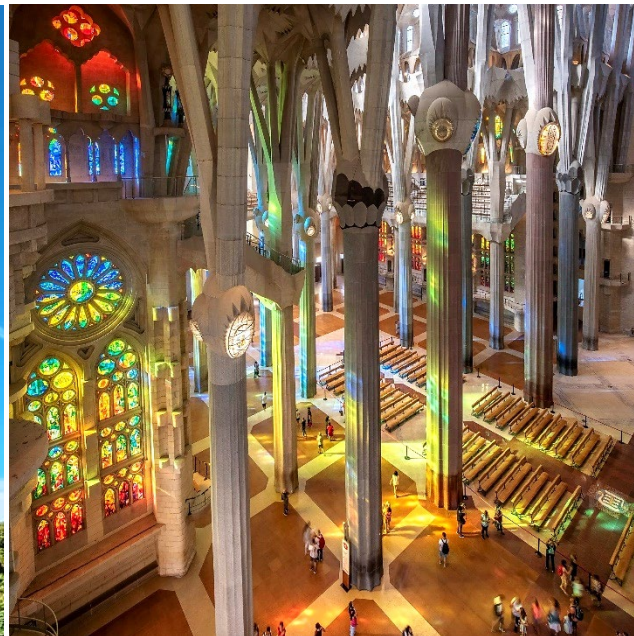
*Catalan Chef's Table*

# Day 04

Begin your final day with a leisurely breakfast before heading out for one of the best things to do in Barcelona. No trip would be complete without taking a tour of Barcelona's architectural crown jewel, the **Sagrada Família**. En route to the port to board your cruise ship, stop for a 2-hour guided tour of Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece.

The Sagrada Família is not comparable to any other church in the world, largely due to the experience and techniques used by Gaudí, creating a naturalistic style, where all its elements flow in complete harmony. In 1883, when Gaudí took over as chief architect, he transformed the project with his architectural and engineering style, combining Gothic and curvilinear Art Nouveau forms. Gaudí devoted the remainder of his life to the project, and he is buried in the church's crypt. At the time of his death in 1926, less than a quarter of the project was complete. After 142 years, Spain's iconic Sagrada Família is nearing completion, and once finished in 2026, it will become the tallest Christian church in the world. As you enter this modernist masterpiece, learn about the inspiration and symbolism of the cathedral's design with a guided tour of all levels plus the spires for amazing views over Barcelona. To round out your visit, enjoy the museum, where you can learn more about the past, present and future of the Sagrada Família, and the life and work of Gaudí.

The end of this amazing cathedral tour will bring this pre-cruise program to a conclusion. You will be transferred to the embarkation port to board the Nautica and begin your exciting journey. [B]





The Regina is a grand boutique hotel housed in a historic modernist building built in 1918, conveniently located right in front of the Plaza de Canalejas. This hotel blends the glamour of a chic, grandiose hotel design with the richness of its Art Deco heritage. The hotel is home to Amayra restaurant, specializing in seasonal Mediterranean cuisine complemented by an extensive wine cellar.

## Hotel Regina Madrid

June 14 – 16, 2025

### Deluxe Double Courtyard Room with Queen bed

#### Amenities:

Pillow Menu

Green tea-scented amenities

Tea and Nespresso coffee machine

HD Satellite TV

Safe

Free WiFi

Minibar/refrigerator

Hairdryer/bathrobes





The Gallery Hotel is a lovely 4-star hotel located in the Eixample area of Barcelona. Wake up in the center of this modernist neighborhood, with the incredible and iconic architecture as a backdrop - experience the pure essence of Barcelona. Sunbathe on the solarium, refresh yourself in the pool, relax in your comfortable room, savor the dishes at Sintonia restaurant, and enjoy the atmosphere at the Gallery Rooftop.

## Gallery Hotel

June 16-17, 2025

### Deluxe Room with King bed

Amenities:

Pillow Menu

Free Wi-Fi

Tea and Nespresso coffee machine

HD TV

Bidet

Safe

Mini bar

Hairdryer/bathrobes





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**PER PERSON PRICE:** \$3,199.00

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$442.00

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Three (3) hotel nights in a Deluxe Room category, hotel portage, three (3) breakfasts, two (2) wine-paired dinners, English speaking guide, all winery tours and tastings, all entrance and tour fees, transportation on deluxe AC motorcoach, and all local taxes.

**ARRIVAL:** Please coordinate your travel plans to accommodate your 6:00 PM dinner transfer from the hotel.

**OPTIONAL:** Optional private arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Arrival transfer unless optional private transfer is purchased, gratuities for the guide and driver, hotel upgrades, additional hotel nights, all items of a personal nature.

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** There will be a great deal of walking on uneven surfaces throughout the tour.

**NOTE:** Times and providers are subject to change. Please indicate on the registration form if you are travelling with friends.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** F&WT highly encourages protecting your travel investment in case of an emergency requiring you to cancel your trip. Your F&WT's Travel Advisor can assist you with procuring the appropriate coverage. Please make sure to read the cancellation policy on the registration form outlining our cancellation policy.