SAMPLE TOUR: CATHOLIC SPAIN

11 days

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A comprehensive tour of Catholic shrines in Spain, from Madrid to Barcelona.

Day 1: ***Departure***

Depart from your hometown and fly to Madrid

Day 2: ***Arrival in Madrid***

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Morning/Afternoon: Arrival at Madrid Barajas Airport (MAD). Welcomed by a guide/driver, then transferred to the hotel.
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Late Afternoon: Check-in and time to rest.
- Time permitting - Mass at a local church.
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Evening: Welcome Dinner at your hotel or at a local Spanish restaurant near your hotel, introducing you to Spanish cuisine.

Accomodations: Hotel in Madrid

Day 3: ***Madrid's Royal & Artistic Heritage - Toledo***

- Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Madrid): Sightseeing Tour: Focus on the city center. Visit Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, and Cibeles Square, and view the Royal Palace (exterior). Conclude the morning with a stroll through Parque del Retiro.
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Lunch: Free time for lunch near the Gran Vía or the hotel.
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Afternoon (Art/Leisure): Option 1 (Culture): Visit the Prado Museum (focus on Spanish Masters). Option 2 (Leisure): Free time for shopping/exploration on the Gran Vía.
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Late Afternoon: Check-out and departure for Toledo (approx. 1-hour drive).
- Mass at a local church
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Evening: Check-in at Toledo hotel.
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Dinner and an initial walk around the illuminated historic center.

Accomodations: Hotel in Toledo

Day 4: ***The Sanctuary of Guadalupe - Ávila***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Guadalupe): Drive from Toledo to Guadalupe (approx. 2 hours). Visit the Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe (UNESCO World Heritage), including the Sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Monastery, and the Basilica. - Mass
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Lunch: at your own arrangments.
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Afternoon (Ávila): Drive to Ávila (approx. 2.5 hours).
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Late Afternoon/Evening (Ávila): Check-in. Walk along the magnificent Walls of Ávila (UNESCO) at sunset for spectacular views.
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Dinner in the walled city.

Accomodations: Hotel in Avila or region.

Day 5: ***Saint Theresa's Path - Salamanca***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Ávila): Visit the key places connected to Saint Theresa of Ávila: the Convent and Museum of Santa Teresa (former house) and the Basilica of San Vicente.
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Late Morning (Alba de Tormes): Short drive to Alba de Tormes (approx. 30 minutes). Visit the Convent of the Annunciation, where Saint Theresa is buried.
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Lunch: Lunch break in Alba de Tormes at your arrangements.
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Afternoon (Salamanca): Drive to Salamanca (approx. 30 minutes).
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Late Afternoon (Salamanca): Initial visit to the Plaza Mayor and the area around the University of Salamanca.
- Mass at a local church
- Dinner at your hotel or local restaurant.

Accomodations: Hotel in Salamanca

Day 6: ***Salamanca - Burgos***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Salamanca): Free Time/Sightseeing: Explore the historic center, focusing on the University of Salamanca (facade) and the New and Old Cathedrals.
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Lunch: Lunch in Salamanca at your own arrangements.
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Afternoon (Burgos): Departure for Burgos (approx. 3 hours drive)
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Late Afternoon (Burgos): Check-in. Guided visit to the spectacular Burgos Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage), a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture.
- Mass at a local church
- Dinner at your hotel or local restaurant.

Accomodations: Hotel in Burgos or region.

Day 7: ***St. Ignatius' Sanctuary - North Coast Break***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Burgos): Short continuation of Burgos sightseeing or free time.
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Mid-Morning: Drive north towards the Basque Country and the coast.
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Lunch: Lunch near Bilbao or San Sebastian at your own arrangements (Optional brief stop to see the exterior of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao).
- Afternoon (Loyola): Drive to the Sanctuary of Loyola (approx. 2.5 hours total driving from Burgos). Visit the monumental Basilica and the tower house where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born.
- Mass at a local church
- Dinner at your hotel or local restaurant.

Accomodations: Near Loyola or in the town of San SebastiÃ¡n / Zarautz on the coast.

Day 8: ***Zaragoza***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning: Scenic drive from the North Coast area to Zaragoza (approx. 3.5 - 4 hours).
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Lunch: Lunch upon arrival in Zaragoza at your arrangements.
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Afternoon (Zaragoza): Visit the centrepiece of the city: the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar (Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar).
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Late Afternoon: Tour the historic center, including the Puente de Piedra for views of the Basilica and the La Seo Cathedral.
- Mass at a local church
- Dinner at your hotel or local restaurant.

Accomodations: Hotel in Zaragoza

Day 9: ***Montserrat - Barcelona***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
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Morning (Montserrat): Departure for Montserrat (approx. 2.5 hours drive). This places the visit directly en route to Barcelona.
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Visit: Take the rack railway/cable car up the mountain to the Montserrat Monastery. Visit the site, the Basilica, and venerate the Black Madonna (La Moreneta).
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Lunch: Lunch at the Montserrat complex or nearby.
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Afternoon (Barcelona): Drive to Barcelona (approx. 1 hour).
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Late Afternoon: Panoramic tour of Barcelona, including views from Montjuïc or Tibidabo, before check-in.
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Evening: Traditional Catalan Dinner in Barcelona.

Accomodations: Hotel in Barcelona or region.

Day 10: ***Barcelona***

Breakfast at your hotel.
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Morning (Gaudí): Focus on the work of Antoni Gaudí. Guided interior visit of the Sagrada Família (pre-booked tickets essential). View Casa Batlló and La Pedrera (exterior).
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Late Morning: Explore the narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter (Barri Gòtic).
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Lunch: Free time for lunch and exploration along La Rambla.
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Afternoon: Free time for souvenir shopping or a final coffee/rest.
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Dinner at your own arrangements

Accomodations: Hotel in Barcelona or region

Day 11: ***Departure***

Breakfast at your hotel and check out.
At the scheduled time, transfer to the Barcelona airport.
Fly back to your hometown.