

TJC and Canyon Creek Travel

**\$2950 check or cash per person based on
double occupancy**

\$3070 credit card

25% deposit due when booking

Final payment due February 17, 2017

MADRID & BARCELONA

Group of 100 guests

12-19 March 2017



DESTINATION – SPAIN

Officially:	Kingdom of Spain (Reino de España)
Area:	505,992 km2 (195,364 sq miles)
Neighbouring Countries:	Portugal, France, Andorra and Morocco
Population:	46.704,300 (estimation in 2013)
Capital:	Madrid (3.233,500)
Other Major Cities:	Barcelona (1.621,000), Valencia (797,000), Sevilla (702,300), Zaragoza (702,000), Málaga (568,500), Bilbao (352,000), Alicante (334,000), Oviedo (224,000)
Official Languages:	Spanish, Basque, Catalan, Galician, Occitan
Religion:	Catholicism (71%), Non-religious (24.6%), other religions (2.4%)
Political System:	Unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Currency:	Euro
Time Zone:	CET (UTC+1, summer: UTC+2), Canary Islands: UTC+0 (summer: UTC+1)
Climate:	Mediterranean (dominant), semiarid (Murcia, Ebro Valley), oceanic (North)
Country Code:	+34 (phone code)
Voltage:	220 V
General Opening Hours:	Shops: Monday – Saturday 10:00 – 21:00, Banks: Monday – Friday 08:30 – 14:00
Public Bank Holidays:	<i>December 31st - January 1st: New Year's Eve - Day (Nochevieja - Año Nuevo)</i> <i>January 6th: Epiphany (Día de Reyes)</i> <i>March/April: Easter - Good Friday</i> <i>March/April: Easter - Holy Thursday or Easter Monday (depends on region)</i> <i>May 1st: Labour Day (Día Del Trabajador)</i> <i>August 15th: Assumption (Asunción)</i> <i>October 12th: National Day of Spain (Fiesta Nacional de España)</i> <i>November 1st: All Saints Day (Día de todos los Santos)</i> <i>December 6th: Constitution Day (Día de la Constitución)</i> <i>December 8th: Immaculate Conception (Inmaculada Concepción)</i> <i>December 25th: Christmas Day (Navidad)</i>



MADRID

Madrid is a fascinating, monumental, cosmopolitan and lively city: a European domain of history and architecture, the city of **museums and culture**, and – for some even more important – home town to the world’s most successful football club, Real Madrid! It combines perfectly modernity with tradition and is one of the premier style cities in Europe. The open and welcoming capital is with 3 million inhabitants the biggest city in Spain and the domicile of the central Government with its ministries and administration, and the Royal Family.

In 1561 King Felipe II transferred the capital of Spain from Toledo to Madrid, turning the city into the political and cultural centre of the Spanish Kingdom. This can perfectly be seen in Madrid’s buildings and monuments dating from the different centuries: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Neo-classic, Romantic and Modern. A “must-see” in Madrid is the **Royal Palace**, the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family even though only used these days for state ceremonies.

Madrid is also called the City of Museums: the famous “**Prado**” is the nº 1 museum in Spain and one of the most visited in the world. The beautiful “**Thyssen-Bornemisza**” museum is the largest private art collection in the world. Another museum, the “**Reina Sofia**” National Museum is focussed on modern art, exhibiting one of the most important paintings ever: Pablo Picasso’s “**Guernica**”. Although the city seems very sophisticated, the Madrileños know how to have fun and enjoy life! The city is surely a paradise for shopping lovers that includes the famous shopping outlet in **Las Rozas**, and offers an incredible nightlife, delicious restaurants and dozens of bars, movie theatres and flamenco venues. This vibrant city is just waiting for you to be explored!



HOTEL

ME Madrid (4*)

- Location:** The stunning ME Madrid hotel is located in the heart of the historic city steps away from the famous museum “Del Prado”, the historic city centre “Puerta del Sol”, and the financial district.
- Rooms:** All 192 rooms dispose of an oversized work station, MP3 connection and a Martini Bar, laptop safe, plasma television, CD/DVD with surround speaker, Wi-Fi Internet access and individual climate control, contemporary bathroom, hairdryer, make-up mirror, iron and ironing board, bath amenities.
- Services:** The hotel offers 24 hours room service, laundry service, Fitness centre, Ice-service, newspaper, wake up calls, shops, luggage assistance and business centre.
- F&B:** The hotel’s restaurant and bar offer spirited international cuisines influenced by Spanish products with a strong influence of American and Asian flavours. Breakfast will be served in a private dining room. Daily buffet breakfast is included with our package.
- Conferences:** The hotel offers a large meeting room with a capacity for up to 220 guests that can be subdivided into 7 smaller meeting & banqueting rooms.



BARCELONA

Barcelona is surely one of the most beautiful and attractive cities in the world. This city is classic and traditional, at the same time modern and fashionable, trendy and futuristic, with fabulous natural surroundings, a nice **Mediterranean climate**, imposing Avant-garde architecture, outstanding art treasures, impressing infrastructures, and a relaxed lifestyle. Its location between the Mediterranean Sea and the mountains offers great possibilities for excursions and trips.

Home city to 9 **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** (more than any other city in the world!), to the 4-times UEFA Champions League winner, and to no less than 16 Michelin-star-rated restaurants, Barcelona is the place where the World Exposition 1929, the Olympic Summer Games 1992 and the Universal Forum 2004 took place. Barcelona offers the largest cruise harbour in Europe, and the "Gothic Quarter" is one of the most extensive and harmonious medieval city centres in Europe. It is also the city of Catalan architect **Antoni Gaudí** - the landmark "**Sagrada Familia**" is his masterpiece "par excellence" and nowadays the City's most emblematic building. The Eixample Area marvels with its Modernist buildings, built around the turn of the century and with Gaudí's 2nd masterpiece "**La Pedrera**", listed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage.

There is hardly anything you won't find in Barcelona - this city has it all: museums and art galleries, public parks, beaches and mountains, deluxe restaurants and tapas bars, football and sailing, monuments and shops, nightlife and fashion, theatres and markets, bodegas and boutiques, movies and concerts, wineries and skiing areas nearby... the list is endless. And so are the possibilities of things to do in Barcelona!



HOTEL

Hotel Majestic (5* GL)

- Location:** The 2014 newly renovated Hotel Majestic is located in the very centre of Barcelona right at Paseo de Gracia. On this elegant avenue you will not only find the shops of the luxurious brands but also some of the most famous buildings of Catalan modernist architecture, such as the “Casa Batlló” and “La Pedrera”.
- Rooms:** All 303 guest rooms have been carefully designed and decorated to ensure that the guests will find a maximum of comfort and tranquillity. The rooms offer all common amenities. In addition, the hotel disposes of the biggest suite in the entire city of Barcelona (300 m²).
- Services:** The hotel provides its guests with an exterior pool, fitness centre with gym, sauna, steam bath, and optional massages. Furthermore fax, Internet and secretarial services are at disposal.
- F&B:** In the hotel you will find four different restaurants and bars. Daily buffet breakfast is included with our package.
- Conferences:** The Majestic offers 4 meeting rooms of different sizes with capacities ranging from 5 up to 500 people for any type of celebration, conference or meeting.



Departure from TJC and DFW Airport

Sunday, March 12th, 2017

Bus transfers from TJC parking area to DFW International Airport. Check-in with American Airlines to depart 550PM and arrive Madrid on Monday, March 13th at 855AM. We will be traveling in comfort on board American Airlines new 787 Dreamliner!



PROGRAMME

Monday, March 13th, 2017

Arrival in Madrid & Panoramic City Tour

Arrival at International Airport “Barajas”. We will provide you with a Meet & Greet service accomplished by our English-speaking guide, who will lead you to the air-conditioned deluxe bus. On the way to the hotel we will undertake a panoramic tour of this impressive European capital, so that the guests get a good first impression of their host city for the next few days!

During this Panoramic Tour of Madrid where you will get to know some of the various facets of this rapidly expanding city. Madrid’s population is now approx. 5 million and spreads over an area of 200 square miles. There are several different styles of architecture to be seen in its buildings and monuments: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Neoclassic, Romantic and Modern, and different socio-economic districts. We will drive along famous streets like the Gran Via and see pretty plazas (squares) like Plaza de España, Puerta del Sol, Neptune and Cibeles. We will see the modern Madrid with its wide avenues like the Castellana, and parks and gardens like the Retiro and Casa del Campo.

Lunch on your own.



Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

Visit of Madrid's Austrian Quarter including Royal Palace

The **Austrian Quarter** - this is the old part of the city constructed in the 16th and 17th century. We start our tour at Plaza Mayor where we recommend having a walk over the square and the neighbouring streets. Our next stop will be La Plaza de la Villa. On this square, there are 3 important buildings: Torre de los Lujanes, built in mudéjar style, "Casa de Cisneros" in Renaissance style and the Town Hall. Afterwards we wander through these winding streets to end up at the San Andrés church and the little chapel next to it, where the Patron of Madrid is buried. The church of San Francisco El Grande is also outstanding because of its architecture and the paintings of Goya which are kept inside.

The **Royal Palace**, former residences of the Spanish Royal Family, is an immense (a square with 400 foot sides) 18th century structure, forming one of the most beautiful palatial complexes in Europe. Inside you will visit some of the rooms (not all, since there are hundreds of them); where one can admire beautiful and elegant furniture, porcelain, tapestries, armour and paintings.



Lunch at Restaurant “Los Galayos”

Restaurant “Los Galayos” is located directly at the historic Plaza Mayor, Madrid’s most important square built from 1617 on by King Felipe III. It is a very animated pedestrian square with caricaturists, painters, and musicians and of course the locals passing by. Here, it is possible to have a nice lunch or dinner based on tapas - the speciality of the house - on the outdoor terrace, if weather allows. Otherwise, there are two salons beautifully decorated in Castillian style for 50 and 70 people, which can be combined for a total of 120 guests.

Tapas: Spain has a great variety of food and the best way to get introduced to the Spanish cuisine is by tasting "tapas", small portions of different dishes. The locals take them as appetisers, but if you like you can order as many tapas as you wish in order to create a complete meal. Menu will include mineral water, ½ bottle of house wine, and coffee per person.



Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

Half-day Excursion to Toledo

The Imperial city of Toledo is such a beautiful, and perfectly preserved medieval city that the whole town has been declared a national monument. It is superbly situated on a high hill and surrounded on three sides by the Tagus River. This ancient town remains much the same as it was centuries ago, with its narrow, winding streets, little squares and of all periods, mainly 15th- and early 16th centuries, and it has rightly been described as a "museum city". Behind the old walls lies much evidence of the city's history.

Upon arrival our English-speaking guides will introduce the most important monuments of the city to us, while walking around in the narrow streets. We will pass by the Gothic Cathedral, the second largest in Spain, which houses many important works of art and an important collection of El Greco's paintings. Our next stop will be at Santo Tomé Church, where the masterpiece of el Greco "The burial of the Count of Orgaz" is shown. The church has a very beautiful Mudéjar tower. We will walk through the winding streets of Toledo in the Jewish Quarter, where we will have the opportunity to visit the synagogue Santa Maria la Blanca, the oldest synagogue in Europe.



Lunch in Toledo at Restaurant “El Cardenal”

Hotel restaurant “El Cardenal”, situated right at the entrance gate to the historic old town of Toledo, is surrounded by beautiful gardens in a monumental setting. With its different courtyards this art nouveau villa offers a special ambiance. The main restaurant has a maximum capacity of up to 90 people. Traditional Spanish dishes, deliciously prepared with fresh ingredients, are served daily – it is one of the most popular restaurants in the city. Menu will include mineral water, ½ bottle of house wine, and coffee per person.



Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Transfer by AVE high-speed train from Madrid to Barcelona

In the afternoon, we check out at the hotel in Madrid and get on the buses which will take the group to the Atocha train station in Madrid. From here, we take the AVE high-speed train to Barcelona, in First Class. Transfer time: 2:30 hours. In seat complimentary drink and meal service. Cell service available on the train. Luggage will be loaded on a private secured truck late Wednesday, March 15th and sent to Barcelona. The only luggage on the train will be carry-on. Please enjoy lunch on the train prior to our tour of Barcelona on arrival.

Once the group arrives at train station “Sants” in Barcelona, guests will be picked up from there by our local guides



Panoramic City Tour of Barcelona

We will take the guests on a panoramic tour of Barcelona. **Montjuïc**, called “Hill of the Jews” because of the Jewish necropolis located there, gained prominence in 1929 as being the site of the World’s Fair and again in 1992 as the site of the Summer Olympic Games. Here we find the Olympic area (Palau Sant Jordi and Olympic Stadium), and a castle built in 1640, the “Palau Nacional”.

After the visit of Montjuïc our minibus will take us to the famous football stadium “Camp Nou”, home to the former Winner of the UEFA Champions League, FC Barcelona - it is with its maximum capacity of 98.600 spectators one of the biggest in the world. It was opened in 1957, has a height of 48 m and covers a surface of 55.000 sq m - we’ll see it from outside during this panoramic tour.

Continuing to “La Sagrada Familia”, the Church of the Holy Family. This is Gaudí’s masterpiece “par excellence”, although he couldn’t finish it during life times, and it is still not finished. But, it is already the most emblematic building of the city, the “Eiffel tower of Barcelona”. From there we get to the Old Harbour of Barcelona, with its famous Columbus statue.

Check-in at the separate hospitality desk in the Majestic Hotel Barcelona. The luggage will be brought separately from Madrid to Barcelona, by truck – guests will find the luggage in their rooms after check-in.



Friday, March 17th, 2017

Monumental Visit of Barcelona: “On the Footsteps of Gaudí”

We will take the guests on a city tour through Barcelona following the footsteps of the city’s most influential son of all times: Antoni Gaudí. This outstanding architect lived and worked most of his lifetime in Barcelona, and his “footprints” can be seen frequently as you wander through the Catalan capital. First of all, we will visit the landmark **Sagrada Família**, the Church of the Holy Family. This is Gaudí’s masterpiece “par excellence”, although he died before the end of its construction; it was already the most emblematic building of the city, Barcelona’s Eiffel Tower, which will not be achieved until 2026.

Moving on over the footsteps of Gaudí, we will reach the **Park Güell**. From 1900 to 1904, Gaudí designed the Parc Güell, located on the Muntanya Pelada. In 1984, it was inscribed in the UNESCO’s List of World Heritage Sites. Continuing down the main street Paseo de Gracia, we will reach the Antoni Gaudí’s second masterpiece **La Pedrera**, also part of UNESCO’s list of World Heritage Sites, the Fundació Tàpies, and the astonishing “Illa de la Discòrdia”, a square hosting four well-known Modernist houses.

Gaudí’s jewel, the **Casa Batlló**, is one of the most perfect examples of this style. The house is also located on the elegant Paseo de Gracia. We will not have the time to step inside, but it is still from the outside a real highlight you cannot miss when visiting Barcelona. It is another building of the city that was listed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO.

Lunch on your own.



Saturday, March 18th, 2017

Walking Tour through the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona

Are you ready for a pleasant walking tour through the old town of Barcelona? The Gothic Quarter is delimited by Barcelona's main square, Plaça Catalunya, and the world-famous "Ramblas". We will walk down this amazing tree-shaded boulevard and see all its newsstands, caged birds, flower stalls, tarot readers and street artists until reaching the monument to Columbus, a 60m high statue in honour of the discoverer of the new world.

Barcelona's Gothic Quarter is one of the most extensive and harmonious medieval city centres in Europe, containing the Gothic Cathedral and the ancient Royal Palace. Adjoining it is La Ribera, full of 14th-century mansion houses, occupying the Museu Picasso one of them. To start our visit through the Gothic Quarter we will visit the old gothic Cathedral, finished in 1450. Furthermore, we will get to see the Plaza Reial, the Plaza Jaume where Barcelona's Town Hall is located and many more interesting sights. Lunch on your own.



Optional: Bike & Segway Tour along the Beaches of Barcelona – 100 EURO per person

This is a different way to discover Barcelona: Enjoy the city during a bike tour! With this event you will get to know the oldest part of the city, the Gothic Quarter and so-called “heart” of Barcelona. Doubtlessly its most important sights are the Gothic cathedral, the Picasso museum and the “Plaza Reial”(“Square of the King”) as well as the world-famous “Ramblas” and the gigantic monument of Christopher Columbus at their lower end.

From here we will discover the beaches of Port Vell including the magnificent W hotel which is built as if it was a sailing boat, and down to the Olympic Harbour, with its two skyscrapers Arts and Mapfre towers. Now it is time to get to know the Ciutadella Park, the largest green area in downtown Barcelona. This park is not only home to the zoo of Barcelona, but also to the parliament of Catalonia. Now it’s time to get slowly back to the bike store in the Gothic Quarter...

Another new way to discover Barcelona: jump on a so-called Segways and move onward! It’s a safe and easy-to-handle motor scooter, and good fun, too! Segways are also considered as ecological and intelligent means of transport in town, as they are charged with normal electricity, and don’t produce any CO2. We start with an extensive briefing so that all participants know how to handle these vehicles, keep in mind segways if not used properly can be as dangerous as scooters. Then the guide will take the group on a trip through the Old Harbour, the Gothic Quarter up to Plaza Catalunya and back again – good fun guaranteed! This experience is suitable for individuals, couples, small and medium-sized groups of up to 20 people.





Saturday, March 18th, 2017 – 700PM

Farewell Dinner at the Majestic Hotel

Private dining room with three course set menu including drinks. Cash bar available.

Sunday, March 19th, 2017

Departure Transfer

In the morning the departure transfer per deluxe coaches to Barcelona Airport will be organized. Our English-speaking guides will help you through the check-in formalities. Depart on American Airlines at 1110AM and arrive DFW International Airport the same day at 425PM. Bus transfers from DFW International Airport to TJC parking area.

*Then it's time to say "**Hasta Pronto**".....*





Hotel room upgrade supplements per room (not per person) for three nights

March 13-16, 2017: Hotel ME Madrid (4*)

Supplement for superior rooms "MODE" or "ENERGY", incl. taxes, price per room, for three nights – 150 USD

Supplement for "CHIC SUITE", incl. taxes, price per suite, for three nights – 550 USD

March 16-19, 2017: Hotel Majestic (5* GL), Barcelona

Supplement for superior rooms "PASEO DE GRACIA", incl. taxes, price per room for three nights – 400 USD

Supplement for superior rooms "EXECUTIVE", incl. taxes, price per room for three nights – 600 USD

Supplement for superior rooms "EXECUTIVE" with city view, incl. taxes, price per room for three nights – 725 USD

Supplement for "JUNIOR SUITE", incl. taxes, price per suite for three nights – 1050 USD

Supplement for "JUNIOR SUITE PASEO DE GRACIA", incl. taxes, price per for three nights – 1500 USD

Supplement for "SUITE", incl. taxes, price per suite for three nights – 2500 USD

Payment schedule

25% due at time of booking.

Final Payment due February 17, 2017

