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Madrid, Paris & London: The Multicultural Experience

10 Days | June 2024

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Toledo; Madrid; Louvre (Black History focus); Black Paris walking tour; London; Brixton

Entrances: Cathedral, Toledo; Santo Tome & Synagogue, Toledo; Olive grove tour, Toledo; Royal Palace, Madrid; Seine River cruise; Louvre; Black Cultural Archives Heritage Center; Museum of London; Theater performance, London

Overnights: Madrid (2); Paris (3); London (3)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly overnight to Spain

Board your overnight flight to Madrid!

Day 2: Madrid

Arrive in Madrid

Welcome to Madrid, the largest city in Spain and Europe's highest capital. This hotspot for art-lovers, is filled with examples of Moorish contributions to Spain.

Walking tour of Madrid

Your Tour Director will introduce you to Madrid during a walking tour. Together, you may see the impressive Puerta del Sol (home to the International Women's Day March in 2019), or find yourself standing in Madrid's historic Plaza de España where you'll learn about the Cervantes Movement, which is dedicated to the Spanish language.

Day 3: Madrid

Guided excursion to Toledo

An expert local guide will introduce you to the former Spanish capital of Toledo, where Muslims, Jews and Christians once peacefully coexisted. As you walk through Toledo's old town, notice the influence of all three cultures. Enter into the 12th-century St. Mary's Synagogue, and visit the cathedral that dominates Toledo's skyline. Then continue to the Church of Santo Tomé. You will also have the opportunity to learn about the intricate Muslim craft of damascene at a local workshop.

Visit an olive grove

Learn about the diverse and complex history of olive oil today involving contributions from those such as the Moors, the Romans and the Phoenicians. During your tour, you will learn about this important crop along with harvesting process. After the tour, enjoy tapas and a full tasting menu with local cuisines.

Optional Flamenco evening

Born of Indian, Moorish, Arabian, and Roma influences, flamenco is a passionate display of dramatic poses and colorful costumes, accompanied by song and guitar. Feel the beat as you experience a fiery taste of the soul of Spain. *(Please note: A beverage is included during the one-hour performance.)*

Day 4: Madrid | Paris

Guided tour of Madrid

Your expert local guide will introduce you to Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain. Get a taste of royal Madrid as you visit the extravagant Palacio Real, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior that has over 2,000 rooms. The Palace was built on the site of a 9th century Moorish Alcazar, where the oldest written record of the city was documented.

Fly to Paris

Welcome to Paris, cosmopolitan City of Light. While visiting, learn why Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most diverse and important cities both culturally and politically.

Day 5: Paris

Walking tour of Paris

Join your Tour Director on a walking tour that will introduce you to Paris. Together, you might pass the Café de la Regence, a known favorite spot of Frederick Douglass, or admire the Hotel Louvre Marsollier, where Oscar Wilde stayed during his time in Paris. If weather permits, head to the Tuileries Gardens for an impressive view overlooking the Champs Elysées and Arc de Triomphe.

Seine River cruise

Today, take a narrated river cruise along the Seine. As your boat glides from one graceful bridge to the next, sit back and gaze at the illuminated landmarks of Paris as they pan into view.

See the Eiffel Tower

Built in 1889 for the World's Fair, the tower is now one of the world's most recognizable monuments and a symbol of Paris. Standing over 300 meters high, a visit to this historical landmark is one of the must-do events in any visit to the city. Make sure to snap a photo on this stop!

Optional Excursion to Versailles

Step back into le grand siècle as you experience the opulence of Versailles, the elaborate palace of Louis XIV. Built to be the envy of all Europe, France's most extravagant château continually threatened to bankrupt the national treasury. Here the Sun King held court in the most lavish style imaginable. At one point, 1,000 nobles were attended by 4,000 servants inside the palace, while 15,000 soldiers and servants inhabited the annexes. You'll also tour the State Apartments of the King himself and walk through the historic Hall of Mirrors, where France, Spain and England officially recognized the independence of the United States in 1783, and where the Treaty of Versailles, which ended WWI, was signed. You'll also witness the ornate decor of the Queen's State Apartments, furnished for Marie Antoinette. After your visit inside the palace, be sure to take some time to stroll through the elaborate gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre. *(Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace.)*

Day 6: Paris

Black Paris walking tour

With an expert local guide, experience the legacy of African, Caribbean, and American history in Paris today as you explore the many contributions the Black community has made on this city.

Exploration time in Little Africa

Enjoy time this afternoon to discover how a plethora of diverse African communities express their identity within Paris with a visit to Little Africa, a vibrant neighborhood filled with African markets, cuisine, fashion, and more. You'll have time today to explore this area on your own.

Optional Jazz evening

Enjoy a night of jazz music, which began in Paris during the first World War and bloomed as Black soldiers from the United States fled segregation and settled in Paris. Notable figures in this movement include the 369th infantry regiment jazz band, whose album was the first jazz record to be released in Europe, and Sidney Bechet, Kenny Clarke, and Dexter Gordon, among many others.

Your Itinerary

Day 7: Paris | London

Guided tour of the Louvre

Visit the Palais du Louvre, built in the 13th century to defend the city. Now home to one of the world's greatest art collections, the Louvre was created in part by Napoleon Bonaparte, who pilfered countless works of art throughout his wartime conquests and brought them back to Paris. Enter the museum through world-renowned architect I.M. Pei's 1989 modernist glass pyramid. Inside, tour the Louvre with an expert guide to learn about artifacts and collections with a focus on Black history, including pieces like Veronese's *The Wedding Cana* and Marie-Guilhelmine Benoist's striking *Portrait of a Negress*. You'll also see some of the Louvre's most prized paintings by Renaissance and European masters, such as Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the mysterious *Mona Lisa*.

Travel via train to London

In Paris, board the high-speed Eurostar, an 18-car train that runs through the tunnel connecting continental Europe with Britain. Completed in May of 1994, the Channel Tunnel provides travelers with easy access to and from the continent. Enjoy state-of-the-art technology as you are whisked under the English Channel to England.

Walking tour of London

Get to know London during your Tour Director-led walking tour. Together you might explore the Waterloo, or Ladies Bridge, over banks of the River Thames and Trafalgar Square, or make a stop at the chic Covent Garden, where street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds.

Day 8: London

Guided tour of London

Tour London with your expert local guide. From the London Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Admire architectural marvels like the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17th century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively five-way intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as Hyde Park's urban greenery. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. And don't forget to snap a picture of Big Ben from the banks of the River Thames.

Guided tour of Brixton

Head over to Brixton this afternoon, an Afro-Caribbean cultural hub in London that embodies both change and continuity. With an expert local guide you'll discuss Brixton's many contributions to London, both past and present.

Visit the Black Cultural Archives Heritage Center

Visit the current exhibition at the Black Cultural Archives Heritage Center. Its mission is to collect, preserve, and celebrate the heritage and history of Black culture and people in Britain.

Please note: dinner will be a cash handout tonight.

Day 9: London

Guided visit to the Museum of London's Sugar & Slavery Gallery

With the help of your local guide, tour the Museum of London's Sugar and Slavery Gallery as you discuss the role the city played in the transatlantic slave trade during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Optional London Eye

See London's sights from a different angle—take a ride aboard the London Eye. The enormous 32-capsule observation wheel offers spectacular 360-degree views of the city as far as 25 miles in each direction. The idea for the wheel was originally conceived to mark the millennium celebration in 2000, and it took six years to build.

Attend an evening theater performance

Participate in London's vibrant drama scene as you attend an evening theater performance focused on the Black experience. London has over 80 mainstream theaters—the largest array in the world—featuring everything from traditional classics to cutting edge works by new writers. Tonight, your performance will either speak to the narrative of the Black experience and/or be produced by a locally Black-owned business (*pending availability*).

Day 10: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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