

## Spain: Girona & Costa Brava

### Pre-Trip-Extension - Barcelona

2 Nights from \$445.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at Barcelona Hotel 1898
- Airport transfers
- Transfer from Barcelona to Girona

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

### DAY 1: Depart home / Fly overnight to Barcelona

Depart home for Spain. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

### DAY 2: Arrive in Barcelona / Begin your Pre-Trip Extension

Upon arrival at the Barcelona airport, claim your luggage. If your luggage is delayed, fill out a PIR form before leaving the baggage claim area. VBT representatives are not allowed in the baggage claim area. Please make certain that your VBT luggage tags are affixed to your bag so your VBT representative can identify you. After exiting customs, your VBT representative will meet you and make arrangements for your transfer via private car or van to your Barcelona hotel, conveniently located on Las Ramblas Boulevard near the central Placa de Catalunya. Transfer time is approximately 40 minutes.

Spend two nights discovering Barcelona, one of the most beautiful and vibrant capitals of the Mediterranean, at your leisure. Well known for its history, cuisine, and contemporary architecture, Barcelona is a unique blend of modern and ancient delights. Its Roman ruins tell tales of a fallen empire, and the Ciutat Vella—the Old Town—is perfect for long strolls along narrow, winding pedestrian streets, past old markets, theaters, and pastry shops.

VBT provides you with City Information which includes recommendations on what to see and do in Barcelona. Your hotel room may not be available until 3:00 p.m., but you may store your luggage at the reception desk.

Accommodation: Hotel 1898, Barcelona

Included Meals: None

## DAY 3: Independent exploration of Barcelona

Continue your independent exploration of Barcelona. Marvel at the genius of Antoni Gaudí, admiring the Modernist facades of his surreal buildings, including the soaring Sagrada Familia Cathedral and his playful Parc Guell, with its colorful mosaic trees. Seven structures built by Gaudí are UNESCO World Heritage sites, testifying to his exceptional contribution to the development of architecture around the turn of the 20th century including Casa Battlo, La Pedrera, and Casa Marti. While in Barcelona you can browse the famous Boqueria covered market and explore the medieval Barri Gotic district, home to The Cathedral of Barcelona, and the city's Jewish Quarter. Many sites are within walking distance of your centrally located hotel near the Placa de Catalunya. Be sure to enjoy delicious small-plate *tapas* at the Barceloneta old port, or take a leisurely stroll via the lively Ramblas Boulevard to the sea, where you can meander through the scented flower market or stop at Pasteleria Escriba to taste the delicious *crema catalana*.

Accommodation: Hotel 1898, Barcelona

Included Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4: Barcelona / Transfer to Girona

Check out of your hotel before 11:00 a.m. and continue your exploration of Barcelona. After lunch, meet your VBT representative at 2:45 p.m. in the hotel lobby. He or she will assist with your private transfer to Girona, the cultural capital of Catalonia. Upon arrival, enjoy a short stroll to the hotel where you will stay for the next two nights. Note: Transfer times are subject to change; the exact time will be confirmed upon your arrival in Barcelona.

Accommodation: Nord 1901, Girona

Included Meals: Breakfast