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CATALONIA AND THE COSMOS

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THE SOLAR ECLIPSE ON THE SPANISH COAST

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Dear Northwestern University alumni and friends,

Join us as we delve deeply into the diverse flavors and myriad historic treasures during a leisurely exploration of Catalonia along the Spanish coast, from Barcelona almost up to the French border.

Visit artisanal shops, delight in tours and tastings at award-winning wineries, and discover local fishing, farming, and cooking techniques that have been used for generations. Embrace the region's unique charm as you learn about the Catalan history and culture that have shaped its Mediterranean seaside villages and still resonate today.

Each day features exclusive and authentic experiences with chefs, wine and olive oil producers, local vendors, and extraordinary historic sights. Learn about and savor the great cuisine for which Spain is famous—in cooking classes, tastings, and guided tours. Revel in Spain's celebrated art, architecture, and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

And while you're there, you'll be able to view the 2026 solar eclipse, an experience you will long remember!

Your home base during this adventure is Empordà Golf Hotel, an impressive property featuring expansive views, stellar gastronomy and a welcoming outdoor saltwater pool..

Space is limited. With early-booking savings of more than \$1,000 per couple and the promise of a total solar eclipse, this tour will fill quickly. Reserve today online at northwestern.orbridge.com or call 866-639-0079.

Sincerely,



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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$7,499	\$6,995
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Barcelona Post-Tour		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,199	\$1,995
Single	\$2,899	\$2,695

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included.

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Catalonia and the Cosmos | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day 1	EN ROUTE FROM U.S.	Day 6	LA BISBAL EMPÚRIES L'ESCALA (B,D) Walk through the local market in La Bisbal, the capital of Catalan pottery, admiring the colorful goods on display. Continue to the ruins of Empúries to view part of the legacy left behind by Greek and Roman civilizations. Abandoned and buried by years of sand blowing in from the coast, this area showcases ruins of excavated temples and sanctuaries, plus remnants of artifacts including pottery and mosaics. Tonight dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Girona.
Day 2	ARRIVE IN BARCELONA, SPAIN GIRONA (D) Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property. Take time to unpack and settle in before joining fellow travel companions for a welcome dinner.	Day 7	MONELLS CALELLA DE PALAFRUGELL LLAFRANC PALAMÓS (B,L,D) Visit the small (and less-frequented) medieval town of Monells with a population of around 200. During a guided walk notice the Gothic-influenced stone houses and arched walkways. Drive to Palafrugell for a seaside walk between Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc—two of three coastal areas belonging to the municipality of Palafrugell—before lunch. This afternoon features an excursion to Museu de la Pesca to learn about the fishing industry's history and importance to the region and culture. Continue to a local market to see a fish auction in action. Peruse the fresh seafood, including selections you will use in a hands-on cooking class to create dishes for tonight's dinner.
Day 3	GIRONA (B,D) Begin with a comprehensive guided walking tour of Girona. Gothic spires, Romanesque towers and cultural highlights encompass more than 2,000 years of history. Your guide takes you through the old Jewish Quarter, or the Call—one of the best preserved in the world—with its narrow streets and fascinating squares. After lunch on your own gather at colorful Rocambolesc Gelateria to taste confections guaranteed to satisfy the strongest sweet tooth. Late afternoon return to the property for a hands-on cooking class to learn the art of making paella.	Day 8	EL PORT DE LA SELVA CADAQUÉS CANTALLOPS (B,L,D) See Sant Pere de Rodes, a 10th-century Benedictine monastery, and hear the legendary tales shrouding its origin. Later continue to Cadaqués, a sleepy fishing village Salvador Dalí once called home, for a leisurely seaside stroll and lunch. Venture to Cantallops in the wine region of Empordà to meet the owners of Masia Serra Winery. In an idyllic setting of olive trees and old oaks within the nature reserve of the Albera, this vineyard continues a family tradition of wine production dating back to 1961 when indigenous vines were planted by the grandfather. During a tour and tasting embrace the passion and pride exuded by your hospitable and knowledgeable hosts.
Day 4	BARCELONA TARRAGONA (B,L,D) Set off on a guided chocolate factory tour for a glimpse of the fascinating techniques used in producing high-quality chocolate from bean to bar. Afterward enjoy lunch before an inside visit to Vinseum, a museum featuring a range of exhibits covering the history of winemaking in the Penedès region. Continue to Vinyes del Terrer, a historic family-owned wine estate and spectacular setting to witness the 2026 solar eclipse. Meet the proprietor for a guided tour followed by a lovely wine tasting and dinner. Then watch as the sky darkens dramatically and the sun's outer atmosphere becomes visible creating a breathtaking halo of light.	Day 9	GIRONA BARCELONA DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home.
Day 5	PÚBOL FIGUERES PALAU SALOR (B,L,D) Immerse yourself in the surreal world of Salvador Dalí. After breakfast set out for Púbol to tour Gala's Castle—a serene and secluded refuge Salvador Dalí gave to his beloved wife and muse, Gala. Continue to the Dalí Theatre-Museum for an inside visit. Next stop at the medieval town of Palau Sator for a brief walking tour, plus a visit to the Palau Sator Rural Museum. Gather together for a lovely dinner at Mas Pou Restaurant before returning to the property.		(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



What's Included

- 7 nights luxury accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited.

Accommodations *(subject to change)*



HOTEL TERRAVERDA

After exciting days of exploring the Costa Brava region, return to the modern comforts of Hotel Terraverda for relaxing evenings and rejuvenating leisure time.

Situated among the rice fields of Pals, this property features elevated gastronomy, welcoming public spaces and an outdoor saltwater pool with stunning views.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, private terrace with Montgrí views, writing desk and chair, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Optional Post-Tour Barcelona

Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe—with historic streets and buildings that have survived more than 2,000 years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudi as recently as the early 1900s.



Day 9 **BARCELONA** Set out on a panoramic visit of the city, first passing by Paseo de Gracia and La Pedrera. As you absorb the lively atmosphere explore the interesting examples of magnificent architecture, from 14th-century Gothic style to early 20th-century Modernism. Enjoy views from Montjuïc before arriving at today's featured highlight, an inside visit to La Sagrada Família—Barcelona's most visited attraction—where you'll have a guided tour inside the crown jewel of Antoni Gaudí's works.

Day 10 **BARCELONA | GOTHIC WALKING TOUR (B)** Enjoy a walking tour through the narrow streets of medieval Barcelona, the core of the city, to where it all started 2,000 years ago. Discover the elegant and inspiring Catalan Gothic architecture—its charming corners and squares hidden away down ancient narrow streets. From here travel back to the Middle Ages visiting the Jewish Quarter and the El Born district. See popular locales, such as Plaça Reial (Royal Square) and its Fountain of the Three Graces, Carrer Ferran, Plaça del Pi, Carrer Petritxol, Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei (King's Square) and Plaça Sant Felip Neri.

Day 11 **BARCELONA (B)** The day is yours to enjoy Barcelona at leisure. Perhaps visit the Picasso Museum to view some of the artist's early sketches and lesser-known works or take a pleasant stroll down Las Ramblas, Barcelona's most famous pedestrian boulevard. Venture to Parc Güell, an area originally designed by Count Eusebi Güell and Gaudí that was intended as a luxury residential community, but was instead turned into a public park and municipal garden.

Day 12 **BARCELONA | DEPART FOR U.S. (B)** Guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

What's Included

- Private group transfer from Madremanya to Barcelona
- 3 nights at Hotel 1898 (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- A guided intimate visit of La Sagrada Família
- A guided panoramic tour of Barcelona's highlights
- A guided walking tour of the Gothic Quarter
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



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