



Travels  
with  
Sandi:

# BARCELONA & MALLORCA

## A Thanksgiving Sojourn

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> 2023

The beauty of Spain is legendary: the sweep of Mediterranean beaches and contrasting rugged mountains, the cosmopolitan cities and tiny hilltop villages where time seems to have stood still. Experience the diversity, color and passion that is Spain in this journey to two of its most exciting regions.

We begin in Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, and Spain's most visually striking city. As Rose Macaulay wrote in *The Fabled Shore*, "...it gives an impression of tempestuous, surging, irrepressible life and *brio*." It remains true today. We'll spend our days exploring the Barri Gotic, the very heart of Barcelona, her outstanding museums and architecture, and take an excursion up the Costa Brava in search of Salvador Dalí.

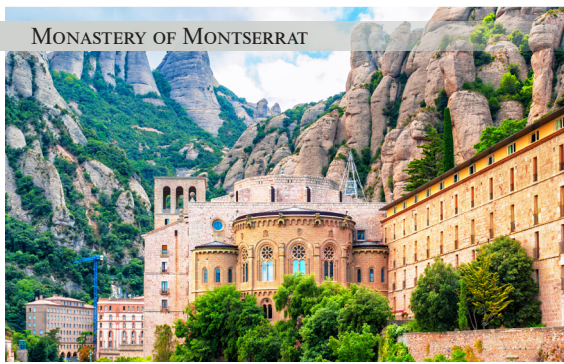
Finally a 4-night stay on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca concludes the trip with a welcome change of pace as we explore hidden villages and monasteries, winding lanes and quiet corners. The island is at once small enough to be easily manageable, but large enough to provide a variety of landscapes and resources. From the mountains of the northwest to the fertile central plain, there is an abundance of historical and artistic treasure to occupy the discerning visitor. And of course, we'll celebrate *Thanksgiving Mallorcan style* with slow-roasted lamb at a very special restaurant up in the mountains.

Our trip has been specifically designed to avoid the tourists! In November the weather is still warm, and the historical sites will be blessedly free of tour buses. Our base will be in the historic town of Sóller, set in the beautiful Tramuntana Mountains. It is also accessible to the capital, Palma, by a wonderful antique electric train that affords incredible views as it weaves up through the mountains and out the other side.

Join Highly-regarded Discover Europe guide, Gavin Miller, and Sandi Tinyk in exploring this island paradise. This is the magic and romance of the Mediterranean: azure waters, white sands and year-round golden sunshine – but beware, like the British author, poet, and historian Robert Graves, you may never want to leave.



PARC GUELL, BARCELONA



MONASTERY OF MONTSERRAT

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY:	\$4180
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$ 990

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first class hotels including all hotel taxes, service charges.
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- AIRFARE:** One way ticket from Barcelona to Mallorca
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary, inc. round trip transfers from Barrington, RI, to Boston Logan
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, and 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide Gavin Miller and host, Sandi Tinyk
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Upon your arrival in Barcelona, you will be met and transferred to your city-center hotel. After time to rest and unpack, we begin with a visit to the Museu Picasso. Housed in two adjoining medieval palaces, this is one of the most important collections of Picasso's work in the world, containing many of his early works painted while living in Malaga, several paintings from his Blue period, and many of his Cubist interpretations of the Old Masters. This evening a dinner party at the hotel welcomes us to Spain! **(D) OVERNIGHT: BARCELONA**

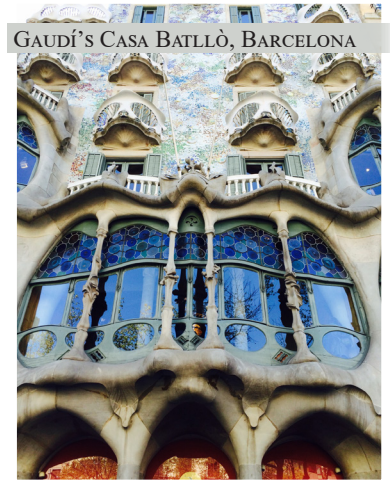
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning, we will enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of this vibrant and cosmopolitan city. From the Old City to the ancient harbor, the chic commercial center to the city's world-famous museums, this city is endlessly fascinating. We'll pass by some of Gaudí's greatest buildings and explore the Barrí Gòtic (its cathedral, medieval streets, and churches) ending the tour at Montjuïc, with a visit to explore a splendid collection of medieval paintings at the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya. The rest of the afternoon and evening will be free. Return to the city center and follow in Gaudí's footsteps with visits to the Pedrera or the Sagrada Família, or stay at Montjuïc and visit the Poble Espanyol, or "Spanish Village," which chronicles the development of Spanish vernacular architecture. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BARCELONA**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we take an excursion north of Barcelona along the Mediterranean coast. Our first stop is Girona, where we'll visit the Cathedral and the Arab Baths, with free time to explore, before continuing north to Figueres for lunch and a visit to the Salvador Dalí Museum. We return to Barcelona for a free evening with a stop along the way at the gorgeous seaside resort of Cadaqués. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BARCELONA**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we set off for an excursion up into the mountains north of the city to visit the Monastery of Montserrat, famous for its children's choir. We'll ride the funicular railway to the top of the mountain to take in some of the most spectacular views in Catalonia. We return to the city for a free afternoon. This evening, we'll have dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: BARCELONA**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - You have a free morning to explore the last corners of the city. Perhaps finish some shopping or linger in a cafe watching the locals move about their day. This afternoon, we return to Barcelona Airport for the short flight to Mallorca. On arrival in Palma, we'll drive up into the Tramuntana Mountains to the beautiful town of Sóller. Dinner awaits us at our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MALLORCA**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - After a leisurely breakfast, the morning begins with an excursion along Mallorca's stunning northern shore through olive grove terraces built by the Moors in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. We'll stop at the village of Deia, nestled in the mountains, south of Sóller, and climb up to the church perched on the top of the hill in order to visit the grave of the poet Robert Graves, who made the village his home for many years. We'll also visit his house, now a museum. We continue through the mountains to Valldemosa and the monastery where Georges Sand and Frederic Chopin lived during the winter of 1838-39. We'll have time for lunch before we return to Sóller. There will be time to walk around the town center, or take a ride on the open tram down to the sea and explore the quaint fishing harbor of Port de Sóller. **(B) OVERNIGHT: MALLORCA**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Thanksgiving and free day in Sóller. Alternatively you can hike Archduke Ludwig Salvator's spectacular mountain path towards Deia or simply relax and enjoy the town. This evening we'll celebrate Thanksgiving Mallorcan style with slow-roasted lamb at a very special restaurant up in the mountains. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MALLORCA**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Today's excursion takes us into the capital of the island, Palma, a city of some 400,000 inhabitants. To get there we'll take a ride on a vintage electric train that first ran this route through the mountains in 1912. Arriving in Palma, we'll head into the historic center of the city for a walking tour that includes a visit to the fabulous Gothic cathedral, known as "La Seu," with a spectacular altar piece by Gaudí. After free time for lunch, we'll meet up with our bus and proceed to the Pilar and Joan Miró Foundation for a visit. Artist Joan Miró moved to Mallorca to avoid the Nazi occupation of France (his mother was a native of Sóller) and, shortly before his death in 1983, bequeathed his workshops and contents to the Palma City Council. We return to Sóller this afternoon and enjoy dinner at a traditional Mallorcan restaurant this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: MALLORCA**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transport to Palma Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner