

2026 Sweden & Spain Itinerary

SWEDEN

Fri Jan 23

AC 1114 YQR(13:40) – YYZ(17:47) Seat 17A
2:38 layover
AC 880 YYZ(20:25) – Zurich(10:25) Seat 32D

Sat Jan 24

2:05 layover
Swiss International AC6849/LX1250 ZRH(12:30)-ARN(14:55) Seat 9F

Train: Commuter #40 Arlanda(15:46)-Uppsala(16:04)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Uppsala Conf# 0148773074
Stationsgatan 4 Uppsala 75340

Sun Jan 25

- Free day: Tour Stockholm
- Wasa boat museum

Mon Jan 26

- Free day: Meet Prof. Magnus Wolke. Tour Uppsala

Tue Jan 27

- Physics Department Seminar

Wed Jan 28

- Bo Cao thesis defense

Thur Jan 29

Train: Commuter #40 Uppsala(10:26)-Arlanda(10:44)
• need to check how often the train goes

BARCELONA

LH 2415 Stockholm(12:10) – Munich(14:25)
1:05 layover
LH 1814 Munich(14:30) – Barcelona (17:35)

Mistertransfer standard trip from airport to hotel prepaid

Confirmation number: 529 878 696

Driver will be at Arrivals area outside baggage claim, holding a sign with my name on it. Driver will wait 45minutes.

Can cancel up to 24hrs in advance.

Hotel: Gran Hotel Barcino, 3 nights
Carrer de Jaume 1, 6, Ciutat Vella, 08002 Barcelona
Free cancellation until Jan 25, 23:59

- Nice restaurant near hotel?

Fri Jan 30

Explore La Rambla (p. 214).

Check out the Catedral de Barcelona (p. 212), the Roman Barcinotrail, (p. 217) and the tangled streets of El Cali (p. 219)

Tour: Picasso Museum Skip-the-line Guided
Meeting point: Palau Dalmaes, Carrer de Montcada 20, 08003.
Operator: ICONO Barcelona
Arrive by 15:45. Tour is 16:00-17:30
Cancel by 24hr in advance for a full refund

Suggests to eat in La Ribera, Bar del Pla (p. 234) or Fismuler (p. 232)

Sat Jan 31

Tour: Sagrada Familia Priority Access Guided
Meeting point: Placa de Gaudi near the children's playground, near Mallorca-Marina Station
43min walk from hotel, leave by 9:00
Arrive by 9:55. Tour is 10:25-11:55
Provider: Purple Crown Tours jacket
Bring passport
Cancel by 10:25 Jan 30 for full refund

Park Guell or La Pedrera

Suggests to eat in Esquerra de L'Eixample, Bests (p. 256) or Gresca (p. 256)

Sun Feb 1

- More tour of Barcelona in the morning, such as **Fundacio Joan Miro or MNAC art gallery**

MADRID#1

Train: IRYO 06130 Barcelona Sants (13:06) – Madrid Atocha (15:58)
2:52hr direct
Baggage Infinita **Carriage 3 Seat 4B**

- 18min taxi to hotel

Hotel: Hotel Madfor, 2 nights
Paseo de la Florida, 13 28008 Madrid

18:00 Tour Group Welcome Meeting
After meeting, likely go to dinner with the group

Mon Feb 2

Orientation walk, finishes at a local market to sample Spanish gastronomy.
Breakfast and lunch included. Afternoon free.

- Plaza Major walk on p.75
- Madrid Old Town walk on p.82
- It is recommended to see Palacio Real in the sunset light, looks like a Velazquez painting (p.88)

TOLEDO/CORDOBA

Tue Feb 3

Drive south to Toledo
Guided tour by a local historian.
Explore the old quarter and glimpse the cathedral tower.

Continue south to Cordoba. Total driving by private vehicle: 4:15hr
Cordoba orientation walk, then go on own for dinner.
Only breakfast included this day.

Hotel: Macia Alfaro, 1 night
C. Alfaro, 18, Centro, 14001 Cordoba

Wed Feb 4

Guided tour of Cordoba
Visit Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba (Mezquita) then stroll the Jewish quarter.

GRANADA

In afternoon, drive to Granada, 2:30-3:00hr by private vehicle.
Granada orientation walk.
Opt to visit Granada Cathedral of the Incarnation or the Royal Chapter.
Group dinner is included.

Hotel: Hotel Granada Five Senses Rooms & Suites, 2 nights
C. Gran Via de Colon, 25, Centro, 18001 Granada

Thur Feb 5

Granada: Alhambra tour
On own, amble through the old Moorish quarter, the Albayzin, catch the sunset and views of the Alhambra in the twilight.
Then go on own to tapas bars and music scene.
Only breakfast included this day.

Tour: Granada Tapas Crawl
Includes: 10 tapas servings, drinks, restaurant taxes
4 min walk from hotel
Pl. Romanilla, S/N, 18001 Granada
In front of the Centro Federico Garcia Lorca
Arrive by 19:20, Activity is 19:30-22:30
Provider: Food Lover Tour Andalucia
Cancel by 19:30 Feb 4 for full refund

SEVILLE

Fri Feb 6

Drive to Seville by private vehicle, 3:00hr
Seville orientation walk, Santa Cruz Quarter visit.
Choose to climb Cathedral Giralda bell tower or visit Casa Pilatos. Can watch flamenco dance later.
Only breakfast included this day.

Hotel: Hotel Macia Sevilla Kub, 2 nights
Plaza Carmen Benitez 3, 41003 Sevilla

Sat Feb 7

Free time to visit Santa Cruz quarter.
Recommend to book tour of Alcazar of Seville
Can opt to visit Mudejar palace and gardens of Real Alcazar de Seville
Included: **Private flamenco dance class in a professional studio.**
Only breakfast included this day.

Tour: Royal Alcazar Skip-the-Line Tour by Local Experts
20 minute walk from hotel
Meeting point: s, Archivo de Indias, Av. de la Constitucion, 41001 Sevilla
Outside the main door of the Indias Archive, next to the fountain
Operator: Alcazar Seville Tour
Bring passport
Arrive by 10:15, Tour is 10:30-12:00
Cancel by 10:30 on Feb 6 for a 55% refund

Sun Feb 8

Tour ends

Italica Roman ruins tour. Bus M170 (30 min) from Plaza de Armas (p.524), Need to be back around 14:30

21min walk from hotel to train station

VALENCIA

Train: Renfe AVE 03981 Sevilla Santa Justa (16:37) – Valencia Joaquin Sorolla (21:06)
One direct train per day. 4:29hr
Confort First Class **Carriage 3, seat 1B**
Also includes all Cercanias journeys +/-4 hrs of train

26 min walk, 13min taxi to hotel

Hotel: Casa Clarita, 2 nights
Check in closes at 22:00
Calle Avellanas 10, Ciutat Vella, 46003 Valencia
Free cancellation until Feb 5, 23:59

Mon Feb 9

- If you do only one thing (p.640):
 - Concentrate on the historic center, starting with Art Nouveau masterpiece Mercado Central (p.642)
 - Try a glass of horchata at La Huertana (p.642), then graze on market-fresh-tapas at Central Bar (p.643)
 - Climb up the 207 steps of the Catedral de Valencia bell tower (p.643)
 - In the afternoon, check out boutiques, galleries and cafes in Russafa
 - In evening, hit 2 Estaciones (p.648)
 - Order a beer and listen to rare soul on vinyl at Splendini (p.649)
- Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias (p.646):
 - Oceanographic aquarium is outstanding, the shark tunnel is a major draw
 - Best restaurant is Restaurante Contrapunto, entrance may look haughty but staff are welcoming

Tour: Seafood Paella Workshop in English
Includes: tapas (manchego, ham, mussels, patatas bravas, olives, valencia salad), drinks (beer, wine, Cazalla anise brandy, mistela aromatic wine), paella ingredients, Coca de Ilanda valencian spongecake
27min walk from hotel (2km), 9min taxi
Meeting point: Carrer del Penyagolosa, 5, 46004 Valencia
Arrive by 16:55. Activity is 17:00-20:00
Provider: My First Paella cooking school
Cancel by 17:00 Feb 8 for full refund

MADRID#2

Tue Feb 10

Train: AVLO 05095 Valencia Joaquin Sorolla (9:32) – Madrid Chamartin Clara Campoamor (11:38), 2:06hr direct
Estandar Standard class **Carriage 2, seat 6D**

18min taxi, 1:29 walk to hotel

Hotel: Petit Palace Lealtad Plaza, 2 nights
Antonio Maura 5, Retiro, 28014 Madrid
Free cancellation until Feb 8, 23:59

Tour: Prado Museum Skip-the-line Guided
4min walk from hotel
Arrive by 14:50. Tour is 15:00-16:30
Meeting point: Outside the Starbucks in Plaza de Canovas del Castillo, better known as Fuente de Neptuno
Operator: Fun and Tickets

- Nightlife Chueca crawl on p.110.
- Note: Toni 2 Piano Bar Calle del Almirante, 9, Centro, 28004 Madrid Hours: 23:30-05:30

Wed Feb 11

p.65 recommends: Start in Puerta del Sol (p88) and take selfie by iconic bear statue(p.91)
Then wander through Huertas, pause at Plaza de Santa Ana (p.87) and Retiro park (p.95)

- Calle Alcalá Best Buildings walk on p.89
- Carlos III Grand Plan walk on p.102
- Architectural walk on p.117

Tour: Reina Sofia Museum Guided (Picasso, Salvador Dali, Joan Miro)
17min walk from hotel
Arrive by 12:35. Tour is 12:45-14:00
Meeting point: in front of the tall statue next to entrance of the museum, Calle de Santa Isabel, 52, 28018 Madrid
Operator: Amigo tours
Card will be charged on Feb 8

p88 says to then walk to Circulo de Bellas Artes (p.89) and have a drink on the roof terrace
From there, walk to Mercado de San Anton and have a meal in one of the small restaurants

Thu Feb 12

- **Need to arrange morning transport to Madrid airport**

AC 835 MAD(13:35) – YUL(15:45) Seat 20G
2:20 layover
AC 423 YUL(18:19) – YYZ(19:44) Seat 13A
1:11 layover
AC 1119 YYZ(20:55) – YQR(23:19) Seat 14F