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# **BEST OF SPAIN 2010**

## **Friendship Tennis Exchange**

### **October 11-22, 2010**

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference Number: SP1A10

## **ASD Mid-Atlantic Tennis Travelers**

### **DAILY ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 MONDAY OCTOBER 11: WASHINGTON/DULLES TO MADRID**

We meet at Washington/Dulles airport for check-in. Depart from Washington/Dulles (with change of aircrafts at European gateway) on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for Madrid Spain. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

#### **DAY 2 TUESDAY OCTOBER 12: MADRID, SPAIN**

Welcome to exciting and vibrant Madrid! Your guide will meet you at the airport with our private coach for your transfer to your first class hotel. Unpack, relax, maybe take a walk and explore Madrid.

Accommodation in Madrid: (First Class Hotel)

#### **DAY 3 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13: MADRID, SPAIN**

After breakfast - 8:45 AM - we begin today's sightseeing of Madrid and its surroundings. We start our day with a morning visit to one of Spain's more modern famous sights – El Escorial, located about 50 minutes outside Madrid. Felipe II's imposing gray palace of San Lorenzo de El Escorial stands out against the foothills of the Sierra de Guadarrama to the northwest of Madrid. It was built between 1563 and 1584 in honor of St. Lawrence, and its unornamented severity set a new architectural style, which became one of the most influential in Spain. After our visit to El Escorial, we return to Madrid and continue the day with our Panorama Sightseeing of Madrid, Spain's capital city. Stretching from the medieval Plaza de la Villa to the busy Puerta del Sol, the "Gate of the Sun", the compact heart of Old Madrid is steeped in history and sights. Our sightseeing also highlights Plaza Mayor and Gran Via. Balance of the afternoon free to further explore Madrid on your own- perhaps visit the National Museum and Queen Sofia Art Centre, named after the present queen of Spain and specializing in 20-th century art by Spanish artists, including famous works by Picasso, Miro, Dali and Juan Gris. Late afternoon tennis event with our local host club

Accommodation in Madrid: (First Class Hotel)



**DAY 4 THURSDAY OCTOBER 14 MADRID, SPAIN**

After breakfast - 8:45 AM - we begin today's sightseeing with a visit to the famous Museo del Prado, one of the world's greatest art galleries, where we will see paintings by Velasquez, El Greco and Goya. After our visit to El Prado, our motorcoach will return to our hotel. The afternoon and evening are free to enjoy the culinary delights of Madrid on own - perhaps visit a local restaurant in Madrid serving hearty Spanish food. (B)

Accommodation in Madrid: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 5 FRIDAY OCTOBER 15 MADRID, SPAIN**

After breakfast - 8:45 AM - we begin today's sightseeing with a visit to the Almudena Cathedral and the entrance to the Royal Palace. We should return to the hotel mid-day to relax or sightsee on your own. Afternoon tennis event and social with our local host club. (B, D)

Accommodation in Madrid: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 6 SATURDAY OCTOBER 16 MADRID, SPAIN**

After breakfast the day is free day to enjoy on your own. Evening group dinner and special flamenco show. (B, D)

Accommodation in Madrid: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 7 SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 MADRID TO BARCELONA, SPAIN**

7:00 am breakfast at the hotel. 8:00 am departure from the hotel by private coach to rail station for the "speed train" to Barcelona. Upon arrival, your private coach and guide will assist you with check in. Afternoon tour of the city with your guide. We will visit the Sagrada Familia and the Parque Guell as well as other famous parts of the city. Evening free to relax and enjoy your first night in Barcelona.

Accommodation in Barcelona: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 8 MONDAY OCTOBER 18 BARCELONA, SPAIN**

After breakfast - 8:45 AM - we begin today's sightseeing with a tour of the Picasso Museum and other highlights of the city. Afternoon transfer to our host tennis club for an afternoon and evening of tennis

Accommodation in Barcelona: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 9 TUESDAY OCTOBER 19 BARCELONA, SPAIN**

8:00 AM breakfast and morning departure for an excursion to Montserrat. Visit via cable car the Montserrat Village Monastery.

Accommodation in Barcelona: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 10 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20 BARCELONA, SPAIN**

8:00 AM breakfast and morning departure for a full day excursion to Figueres including the Dali Theatre Museum. Evening free to enjoy Barcelona on your own.

Accommodation in Barcelona: (First Class Hotel)



**DAY 11 THURSDAY OCTOBER 21      BARCELONA, SPAIN**

8:00 AM breakfast at the hotel. Today is free to relax or book independent sightseeing on your own. Late afternoon transfer to our host tennis club for matches and a final social.

Accommodation in Barcelona: (First Class Hotel)

**DAY 12 FRIDAY OCTOBER 22      BARCELONA, RETURN TO USA**

Morning breakfast at our hotel. Relax and pack and get ready for our flight home. Mid AM check out from our hotel and take the bus to airport, where we check-in for our flight. We bid Europe farewell! Afternoon departure and return flight to USA, with a PM arrival in Dulles. (L/D, S on flights)

Transatlantic flight

**End of tour**

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### TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

**ASD TOUR PRICE: \$3,595.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON TWIN ROOMS)**

**Not Included in the tour price:** \* US Departure Tax/Customs Fees: \$250 (subject to change)

\* Tour cost based on exchange rate of 1.35 Euro vs Dollar. Should this rate vary more than 10% the tour cost will be adjusted, up or down until final payment is received.

\* Single room cost is \$725.00

\* Misc. personal items such as laundry and phone calls

**PAYMENT INFO: DEPOSIT OF \$500 DUE WITH APPLICATION BY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**PAYMENT OF \$1,500 DUE JULY 11, 2010**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 11, 2010**

**ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transatlantic air in economy class from Dulles, to Madrid, Spain, returning from Barcelona to Dulles via US and European connecting gateway
- Ten nights of accommodations in twin/double rooms in named hotels *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast each day:
  - 5 nights accommodation in Madrid area
  - 5 nights accommodation in Barcelona area

**MORE MEALS -**

- Breakfast each day at your hotel:
  - Daily breakfast at the hotels - mixed Continental, Cold Buffet, Hot Buffet, dependent on the choice of each hotel (subject to change per each hotels service)
- Dinners:
  - Dinner on flight from Dulles to Madrid
  - Dinner/meal and Special Flamenco show in Madrid
  - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Barcelona area Tennis Club
  - Dinner on flight from Barcelona to Dulles



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#### **MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING -**

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary and as follows:
  - Madrid Panorama City Sightseeing tour
  - See Old Madrid
  - See Puerta del Sol in Madrid
  - See the Royal Palace in Madrid
  - Visit El Escorial outside Madrid
  - Visit El Prado Museum in Madrid
  - Barcelona Panorama City Sightseeing tour
  - Visit Sagrada Familia
  - Visit Parque Guell
  - Visit the Picasso Museum and special exhibits
  - Excursion to Montserrat
  - Cable Car-Montserrat Village Monastery
  - Full day tour to Figueres
  - Visit the Dali Teatre Museum

#### **MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES -**

- Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
  - 2 x Friendly Tennis exchange/matches in Madrid Spain
  - Social get-together in Madrid Tennis Club
  - 2 x Friendly Tennis exchange/matches in Barcelona, Spain
  - Social get-together in Barcelona Tennis Club

#### **MORE QUALITY SERVICES -**

- All transfers per itinerary
  - Transfer from Madrid airport to area hotel
  - Transfer from Barcelona hotel to Barcelona airport
  - Transfer from Madrid to Barcelona via Speed Train, tourist class
- All land transportation throughout tour (varies: local or long-distance coach), from arrival to Madrid and departure from Barcelona, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom.
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in Madrid and on departure from Barcelona
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local English-speaking guide during sightseeing's and day excursions (when applicable/needed) per itinerary
- Baggage handling at all hotels (one piece per person) (not offered at Madrid and Barcelona airports)
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
  - Please note: Tipping of Tour Manager and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 1.00-2.00 per person per day for local guides and \$ 1.00- 2.00 per person per day for the coach Driver
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Spain Travel Information Kit

#### **OPTIONAL SERVICES -**

- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local English-speaking guide may be used to book optional services such as a day trip to Majorca via the local ferry, or visit a bullfight or a local professional soccer match. These services can be arranged during your tour with help from your local guide.

*END OF SERVICES*

