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## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the unique cultures of two historic provinces in Spain with **five nights** in Gaudí's **Barcelona** and **four nights** in seaside **San Sebastián**.
- Savor the authentic cuisines of Catalonia and the Basque Country.
- Journey to the **Penedès wine region** for a tour and tasting at one of the world's largest wineries.
- Experience the world-renowned **Guggenheim Museum** in Bilbao, designed by American architect Frank Gehry.
- Visit quaint **Pamplona**, the site of the famed Running of the Bulls featured in Ernest Hemingway's novel, *The Sun Also Rises*.

## Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

This program offers unique value-added features that promise you an outstanding educational experience in a very special environment:

- **Settle into Spain** for a stay of nine nights and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the provincial culture and lifestyles of two locales.
- **Two First-Class hotels** provide comfortable accommodations and the perfect base from which to explore renowned regional landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** during a panel discussion with area residents to gain personal insight into everyday life in their community.
- **Informative educational lectures** are presented by local experts and excursions led by knowledgeable guides.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive services for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.

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rom modernist Barcelona with its mosaic-covered Gaudí monuments to seaside San Sebastián and Hemingway's beloved Pamplona, Spain unveils spectacular panoramas with a warmth and verve few destinations can match. Sip sparkling Cava in the rolling vineyards of Penedès. Explore picturesque old town centers with their labyrinths of lanes. Rich in history and tradition, Spain offers a palette of personality-packed regions and cities—each with their own distinct identity and all with that legendary Iberian lust for life.

“FAIR LAND! OF CHIVALRY  
THE OLD DOMAIN; LAND OF THE  
VINE AND OLIVE, LOVELY SPAIN!”

– FELICIA D. HEMANS, ENGLISH POET,  
1793-1835, *ABENCERRAGE*, 1819

Above: *Cathedral of the Holy Family*  
(La Sagrada Família), Barcelona

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Dear Chicago Alumni and Friends:

Join the University of Chicago on a discovery of breathtaking natural beauty, art and architecture, time-honored traditions and delicious cuisine on this coast-to-coast adventure in Spain.

Experience the excitement of Barcelona and the seaside ambience of San Sebastián. From your accommodations in two elegant hotels, explore a contrasting, yet complementary, blend of ancient and modern Spain—its prodigious history, fascinating cities and landscapes, and unique innovations. You'll receive preferred access to key attractions along with specially arranged cultural experiences that are not available to those traveling on their own. Specifically, an English-language, privately guided tour of the incomparable Guggenheim Museum. (You'll not find many travel programs that feature Bilbao and the Basque Country.) Plus, you'll enjoy opportunities to interact with local people on a personal basis.

This program combines an ideal balance of planned events and free time, providing you with flexibility for independent encounters. An exclusive educational component featuring the insight of local experts enhances your understanding and deepens your appreciation for the distinctive sights, sounds and sensations of two storied regions in Spain. You'll enjoy the value and convenience of traveling with a group of people who share your interests. And remember—you can customize your trip with add-ons or extensions with the assistance of AHI's travel professionals who are ready to help you plan the journey of a lifetime.

Don't miss your chance to experience the myriad wonders of Spain at an unbeatable value. Space is limited for your ultimate comfort, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

J. Timothy Child, AM'95, MBA'05  
Executive Director  
The University of Chicago Alumni Association

*Questions?*

*For information about the program, contact University of Chicago Alumni Travel at 773/702-2160 or 800/955-0065, [alumni-ed@uchicago.edu](mailto:alumni-ed@uchicago.edu). For information about logistics or registration, call AHI International at 800/323-7373.*

*The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao opened to the public in 1997. It was immediately vaulted to prominence as one of the world's most spectacular buildings.*

*“The distance is great from the firm belief to the realization from solid experience.”*

~ Isabella I, Queen of Spain, 1451-1504

*“In Europe, we thought of wine as something as healthy and normal as food and also a great giver of happiness and well being and delight.”*

~ Ernest Hemingway, American novelist, 1899-1961

*“Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness.”*

~ Frank Gehry, Canadian-born U.S. architect, b. 1929

*“But man does not create... he discovers.”*

~ Antoni Gaudí, Spanish architect, 1852-1926

*It is not the same thing to talk of bulls as to be in the bullring.*

~ Spanish proverb

Trace the foothills of the Pyrénées and admire the treasures of Spain. Capture the spirit of Catalonia amid the architectural brilliance of Barcelona on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Feel the enchantment of Zaragoza, a mountain crossroads where the kings of Aragón once reigned. Bask in the beauty of the Basque Country on the Bay of Biscay. Near San Sebastián, step inside the serpentine walls of the Bilbao Guggenheim for an intimate encounter with avant-garde masterpieces.

## DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Barcelona, Spain**, aboard scheduled jet service. (Provided for Air Program participants only.)

### BARCELONA

## DAY TWO

### BARCELONA

Upon arrival, transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the **Cristal Palace Hotel**. (Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.)

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

## DAY THREE

### BARCELONA

**Educational Focus: *The History of Catalonia and Barcelona*.** Rimmed by the Pyrénées Mountains and the Mediterranean Sea, Catalonia was settled by the ancient Greeks and Carthaginians. Learn about its intrinsic spirit of independence and flamboyantly Gothic and art nouveau capital city.

**Excursion: *Highlights of Barcelona*.**

Feel the rhythmic pulse of the city along Las Ramblas. The mile-long boulevard is a montage of cafés, flower stalls and street theater. Wander the medieval lanes in the Barri Gòtic where Barcelona began. See the stately Town Hall, the spired La Seu Cathedral and the Royal Palace set in

**Right:**  
**Panoramic view of San Sebastián**

**Below: Las Ramblas and overview of Barcelona**

**Lower right:**  
**Local musicians, Barcelona**



beautiful gardens. Gaze at the city from the hilltop fortress of Montjuïc and view the 1992 Olympic Stadium.

**Local Flavor:** A restaurant near the hotel hosts you for an authentic tapas lunch.

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is free for plans of your own design.

## DAY FOUR

### BARCELONA

**Educational Focus: *A Monumental Vision*.** Discuss how the eccentric Catalan architect, Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926), shaped the city of Barcelona with his abstract structures and vibrantly colored tiles.

**Excursion: *Gaudí's Barcelona*.** Gaudí fashioned his modernist architecture in



## Catalonia: A Font of Creativity

Among Spain's most internationally celebrated artists is **Francisco Goya**, 1746-1828. Born in Zaragoza, he is known for realistic cultural paintings. His work greatly influenced **Pablo Picasso**, 1881-1973, an inventive painter and sculptor who studied in Barcelona and is credited as the co-founder of cubism.

Native to Catalonia are **Antoni Gaudí**, 1852-1926, an architect famous for his unique designs that now embellish the profile of his capital city; and the surrealists **Joan Miró**, 1893-1983, and **Salvador Dalí**, 1904-89.



## UNESCO

The **seven structures built by architect Antoni Gaudí** in or near Barcelona (1984, 2005) and the 12th-century **Mudéjar Architecture of Zaragoza** (1986, 2001)

are designated by UNESCO as *World Heritage List* sites and are featured in this program. These sites are distinguished due to universal scenic, historic, artistic or scientific value.

Barcelona from Guell Park, with its signature mosaics, to the aquatic-looking Casa Batlló on the Passeig de Gràcia. See his most important works, including the breathtaking multi-spired Church of the Holy Family (*La Sagrada Família*).

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is at your leisure.

**Local Flavor:** Dinner featuring regional specialties is served at a restaurant.

## DAY FIVE PENEDÈS WINE REGION

**Excursion:** *Penedès Wine Region*.

Catalonia's premier wine region produces high quality still reds and whites along with Cava, Penedès' world-famous sparkling wine. Visit Codornú, the first and largest producer of Cava. The complex—with its stained glass, ceramic tiles and iron-work—is a national historic and artistic landmark. Tour the cave, a vast cellar, and enjoy a wine tasting.

## DAY SIX BARCELONA

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the day at leisure pursuing your own interests.

## SAN SEBASTIÁN DAY SEVEN

### ZARAGOZA

This morning, depart Barcelona on a scenic countryside drive to San Sebastián.

**Excursion:** *Zaragoza*. Set on the Rio Ebro, lovely Zaragoza is the capital of the autonomous Aragón province. Explore the highlights of the old city with its vast Plaza del Pilar built atop Roman ruins and the 18th-century Baroque Basilica de Señora del Pilar.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served in Zaragoza at a typical regional restaurant.

Upon arrival in **San Sebastián**, check into the *Hotel Londres y de Inglaterra*.

## DAY EIGHT SAN SEBASTIÁN

**Excursion:** *Highlights of San Sebastián*.

Survey the crescent-shaped bay as you set out on a walking tour to explore the Old Quarter with its elegant Town Hall and neo-Gothic Cathedral de Buen Pastor.



**Independent Exploration:** The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure.

**Educational Focus:** *A History of Northern Spain.* Gain insight into the Basque Country's identity and unique language.

**Educational Focus:** *Meet the People.* Learn about modern Spanish life in an open panel exchange with friendly local residents.

## DAY NINE

### BILBAO

**Excursion:** *Bilbao and the Guggenheim Museum.* Architect Frank Gehry's waterfront titanium-and-glass masterpiece is a curvaceous sculpture in its own right set against the backdrop of bustling Bilbao. It exhibits important 20th-century artwork. Afterwards, a panoramic motorcoach tour showcases Bilbao and a brief walking tour passes the plaza, Cathedral and Opera House.



**Local Flavor:** Relax over lunch at a restaurant in Bilbao.

## DAY TEN

### PAMPLONA

**Educational Focus:** *The Romance of Hemingway's Spain.* Discuss Hemingway's interest in Pamplona's Fiesta de San Fermín, described in the classic 1926 novel, *The Sun Also Rises.*

**Excursion:** *Pamplona.* Stroll along the 16th-century streets of Pamplona, famous for the annual Running of the Bulls in July. See the splendid Gothic cathedral; the Chapel of San Fermín in the Church of San Lorenzo; and the Plaza de Toros, the bullring near the Arga River where the Fiesta de San Fermín ends.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant in Pamplona.

Tonight, attend a *Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony* followed by dinner at the hotel.

## DAY ELEVEN

Transfer to the Bilbao airport for the return flight(s) to your gateway city. *(Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.)*

**NOTE:** *Itinerary may operate in an order other than as shown above. Itinerary and flight schedule(s) may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- **Five nights** in Barcelona at the First-Class **Cristal Palace Hotel.**
- **Four nights** in San Sebastián at the First-Class **Hotel Londres y de Inglaterra.**

### Meals

- **Enjoy an extensive meal program,** including nine breakfasts, four lunches and five dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at featured **local restaurants.**
- Attend a **Welcome Reception.**
- Gather for a festive **Graduation Ceremony** followed by a special **Farewell Reception and Dinner.**

### Your Exciting Travel Program

*(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)*

- **Informative educational programs,** presented by **local experts,** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions:**
  - Admire Montjuïc and the Old Town district in **Barcelona.**
  - Explore **Gaudí's Barcelona.**
  - Tour the scenic **Penedés wine region.**
  - Discover **Zaragoza** in Aragón.
  - Stroll through **San Sebastián.**
  - See the treasures of **Bilbao** and the **Guggenheim Museum.**
  - Enjoy the ambience of **Pamplona.**

### Transfers and Portage

- Deluxe motorcoach transfer from Barcelona to San Sebastián, including baggage handling at the hotels.

### Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** and **Expert English-speaking Local Guides** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of all excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Deluxe travel wallet.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### **CRISTAL PALACE HOTEL BARCELONA**

Located in the very heart of Barcelona, the sleek Cristal Palace Hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the city and its unique urban environs. After a day of sightseeing, your return will be welcomed with gracious Spanish hospitality. Relax in the lounge or over a delicious meal in the restaurant and enjoy the many modern amenities of your well-appointed guestroom.



### **HOTEL LONDRES Y DE INGLATERRA SAN SEBASTIÁN**

An historic beachfront property built in 1865, San Sebastián's Hotel Londres y de Inglaterra was once home to an ousted Queen Isabella II and hosted the mysterious Mata Hari. Today, it offers panoramic views of La Concha Bay and ideal proximity to shopping. It features such contemporary comforts as a gourmet restaurant and elegantly styled guestrooms.



### *the Iberian palate*

Spain's diversity of landscapes and culture is reflected in its cuisine. Traditionally, Spaniards eat late—dinner is served between 9 and 11 p.m.—and love to share food. Join in with a paella (*pie-AY-ah*), a saffron-flavored rice dish blended with fresh regional ingredients; or tapas, a finger-food banquet that features small plates of olives, seafood, meatballs, sautéed mushrooms, chorizo (pork sausage), vegetables and the tortilla (Spanish omelet). Top off these morsels with a refreshing glass of sangría, a fruit-filled, red wine punch.

# Reserve your trip to Spain today!

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### Land Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
- Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.
- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$675 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

### Land and Air Program

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to Barcelona, Spain, with return from Bilbao, Spain, to depart from:

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Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with **no obligation up to 75 days before departure.***

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by August 13, 2009 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to AHI International.

Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person required) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

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## Need pre- or post-trip assistance? \*

If you are interested in making independent travel arrangements before and/or after this program, please contact **AHI Travel** at **800-323-7373** no later than **60 days prior to departure** and they will be happy to assist you with your reservations.

\* A nonrefundable service fee and additional air/land charges based on reservations apply.



## Special U. of C. Alumni Price

### LAND PROGRAM

October 28-November 6, 2009

Before 5/19/09

\$2,995\*

After 5/19/09

\$3,095\*

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\$100

VAT is an additional \$125 per person.

*\*All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$675 (limited availability).*

### AIR PROGRAM

October 27-November 6, 2009

For your convenience, AHI offers a flexible Air Program featuring special air fares available at an additional cost in conjunction with the Land Program.

AHI has designated specific Group Air Schedules for this departure utilizing scheduled jet service from North America to **Barcelona, Spain**, with a return from **Bilbao, Spain**. Those participating on these flights will enjoy motorcoach transfers between the arrival/departure airports in Spain and the hotels, including baggage handling. Prices are dependent upon dates, air routes and class of service chosen and will be reflected on your *Reservation Confirmation*, which will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation. Air schedules will be sent with your *Final Invoice* approximately 90 days before departure. Prices quoted to you will include all domestic and foreign governmental airport departure taxes and fees and any applicable fuel surcharges. AHI ticketed passengers will also receive **Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance**, subject to policy terms.

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**MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL**-The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

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**BAGGAGE**-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information.

Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

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### ***Top to bottom:***

*Lovely sidewalk café, San Sebastián  
Grapes in the Penedès wine region  
and Basilica de Santa Maria del Coro,  
Old Town, San Sebastián  
Locals enjoy Sardana—the traditional  
folk dance of Catalonia*

### ***Cover photos:***

*View of Barcelona from Guell Park  
Breathtaking view of La Conch Bay  
and San Sebastián from Mt. Igeldo*