

Spain + Italy 2022 Itinerary

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DISCLAIMER: This is just our itinerary. It was a pretty chill trip. We planned out our cities, flights/trains, and hotels in advance; but day-by-day, we kind of just planned what we wanted to do as we went. We didn't stress about seeing many historical sites, especially because we've been to some of these cities before. We spent a lot of time shopping, to be honest.

Day 0 – Wed (9/28)

JFK to BCN Delta 168

Day 1 – Thurs (9/29): Barcelona

- Land in Barcelona at 10 AM
- Occidental Diagonal 414 Hotel
 - <https://www.barcelo.com/en-es/occidental-diagonal-414/>
- Brunch @ Lato Cafe (highly recommend!)
- Walk around Passieg de Gràcia
 - Luxury shopping
 - High street shopping
 - Gaudí artist building. Casa Mila-La Pedrera
- Explore the areas
 - Gothic Quarter
 - Can start at the Cathedral of Barcelona
 - La Rambla
 - ?Snack at La Boqueria Market
- ?Picasso Museum (free Thurs 6 -9:30 pm)
- Dinner @ Mazah (Lebanese)
 - Ice cream/gelato across the street: Luciano's
- After dinner option: Tabú

Day 2 – Fri (9/30): Barcelona

- Breakfast @ Molinet Cafe Antique (or Brunch & Cake)
- Park Guell
- Sagrada Familia
- 15:00 Lunch Reservation @ Sercotel Rosellon
 - Rooftop terrace with UNBELIEVABLE view of Sagrada Familia. Highly recommend!
 - Must have reservation (or be staying at the hotel)
 - https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/italy/the-tribune/romjd?src=corp_lclb_gmb_se_o_romjd
 - Only allows you to make reservation 1 week in advance, and time fill up quickly, so set a reminder
- Beaches: Barceloneta or Bogatell
- Dinner @ El Salon
- After dinner drinks @ Mr. Robinson or Paradiso

Day 3 – Sat (10/1): Madrid

- Train to Madrid
 - Barcelona - Sants @ 10:40 AM
 - Arrive at Madrid - Puerta de Atocha @ 13:25
- Canopy Madrid Hotel
 - https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/madespy-canopy-madrid-castellana/?SEO_id=GMB-EM-EA-PY-MADESPY
- Lunch at hotel
- Shopping at mall: El Certo Ingles
- Dinner @ Restaurante Tricolo

Day 4 – Sun (10/2): Madrid

- Breakfast @ Zenith Brunch & Cocktails (highly recommend!)
- Walk around Gran Via
 - shops, restaurants
- Plaza Mayor
- Mercado San Miguel: food hall/market
- Palacio Real de Madrid
- Churros at San Gines
- Dinner @ La Taberna de Penalver (get the paella!)

Day 5 – Mon (10/3): Milan

- Breakfast @ hotel
- 11:30 AM flight to Milan (MXP) (arrive at 1:45 PM)
 - Iberia 3252
- 50 min train ride from airport to hotel
 - https://www.tripadvisor.com/FAQ_Answers-g187849-d8638714-t3246153-How_do_I_get_from_MXP_to_Glam_Hotel_Milano.html
- Glam Hotel
 - <https://www.glamhotelmilano.it>
- Walk around Corso Buenos Aires: multiple shops, restaurants
- Dinner @ Maccheroni Cucina Italio
 - Nearby gelato @ Gelateria Concordia

Day 6 – Tue (10/4): Milan

- Breakfast @ Macha Café
- Duomo di Milano - Milan Cathedral
- Shopping
 - Galleria Vittorio Emanuele: luxury shopping

- “DMAG” - luxury outlet store
 - Quadrilatero della Moda
- Lunch @ La Locanda de Gatto Rosso (seafood risotto and bolognese were delicious!)
- Naviglio (Corso San Gottardo): canal-side cafes, best in the evening
- Dinner @ Casa Osteria Tua (get the bolognese!)

Day 7 – Wed (10/5): Florence

- Breakfast @ Starbucks Reserve Roastery
- Train to Florence – Departs @ 12:40PM; Arrives @2:35PM
- Hotel Spadai Firenze
 - <https://www.hotelspadai.it>
- Lunch @ Cantinetta Cavour (get the crab linguine!)
- Duomo
- Walk around Piazza della Repubblica
 - Also a lot of luxury stores in this area
- Plethora of restaurant options walking distance from the hotel

Day 8 – Thurs (10/6): Florence/ Pisa

- Breakfast @ hotel
- Visit Pisa
 - Train from Firenze Santa Maria Novella (@10:28) to Pisa Centrale
 - Return train @ 14:32
 - Leaning Tower is about 25 min walk from train station
 - 2-3 hours is plenty of time. Also allows time for shopping/lunch in Pisa. Plenty of shops and restaurants on the walk between the train station and the Leaning Tower
- Dinner at restaurant nearby hotel
- Gelato at La Strega Nocciola

Day 9 – Fri (10/7): Florence

- Breakfast @ Hotel
- Walking street food tour @ 10:30
 - <https://www.airbnb.com/experiences/3796374>
 - Ehh, not a must at all. But it was cool and cheap.
- Wine window @ Babae restaurant
- Ponte Vecchio bridge
- Piazzale Michelangelo
 - Wear comfortable shoes, quite a bit of incline/steps to walk up
 - Highest point in Florence, beautiful view
 - Replica of Michelangelo's David
- Piazza del Signoria
 - Multiple statues, another David statue
- Uffizi gallery

- Dinner @ Trattoria Zaza (make a reservation!)

Day 10 – Sat (10/8): Rome

- Breakfast at hotel
- 7:43AM Train to Rome; arrive at Rome Termini Station @ 9:19AM
- Tribune Hotel Hyatt
 - https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/italy/the-tribune/romjd?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_romjd
- Pasta Cooking Class 11:00AM-3:00PM
 - <https://www.airbnb.com/experiences/73812>
 - Recommend!
- Walk around Via del Tritone
- Piazza del Spangia, beautiful viewpoint
- Last dinner (we were exhausted so just had dinner at the hotel rooftop)

Day 11 – Sun (10/9)

- Rome (FCO) to JFK DL 183
 - Leave at 9:30 AM
 - Land at 1:25 PM

MISC:

- Website used for train booking: <https://www.thetrainline.com/en-us>
- From Madrid, can also consider taking a day trip to Seville. We initially had it on our itinerary but took it off, so we didn't tire ourselves out too early.
- Hotels
 - A lot of european hotel rooms are small, so if you are traveling with someone and if your pockets allow, definitely recommend upgrading room to suite so yall have some space.
 - Do not recommend the Glam Hotel in Milan. It does have a great location, but they also have the rudest staff we have ever encountered and hotel rooms need updating.
 - The Hyatt Tribune in Rome is a decent hotel, maybe overpriced for how small the rooms are though.
 - We loved the other hotels! Hotel Spadai is expensive, but worth every penny. Walkable to everywhere in Florence you want to get to.
- A few things on here, we didn't actually do/see, but I kept them on the list anyway