



**Traveling Aggies**

A PROGRAM OF  
The Association of Former Students



MAY 26 - JUNE 3, 2018

Special Rate

**SAVE MORE THAN \$800**

per couple

# Flavors of Catalonia



*A Relaxing Exploration of the Culture, History,  
Art, and Cuisine of Spain's Tranquil Coast*

Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends on an intimate journey to Catalonia—on Spain's colorful coast—where natural beauty and distinctive art and architecture abound, historical ruins dot the countryside, and gracious Catalans employ traditional ingredients fresh from farm and sea to create exceptional cuisine.

Enjoy your stay at a beautiful boutique property outside of Girona, ideally located for exploring the region. You'll find modern comforts and Old World charm blended in a medieval village setting nestled among lush gardens. The spacious common areas are a wonderful place to relax after an exciting day of exploration.

Each day is highlighted by exclusive and authentic experiences with chefs, winemakers, artisan producers, and extraordinary historic sights. Learn about and savor the great food and wine for which Spain is famous—in cooking classes, tastings, and guided tours. Revel in Spain's celebrated art, architecture, and history with visits to world-famous sites and cultural monuments.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at <http://texas-am.orbridge.com>, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig 'em,

*Jennifer Bohac*

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.

Director of Travel Programs

~ Free Wine Gift ~

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **February 16, 2018**, to receive six bottles of Spanish wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

*This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law or by retailer licensing obligations, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value.*

*See reservation form for more details.\*\**

# Savor Stunning Spain

Delight in the leisurely exploration of Catalonia's beautiful attractions, marvel at fascinating works of art, and relax in the comforts of your accommodations.

In a country overflowing with unique history and scenery, you'll visit ancient ruins, stroll down exquisite Mediterranean beaches, discover picturesque coves, and peruse delightful towns and villages. Without hesitation, you'll embrace the captivating country that was inspiration for artists like Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso, and Salvador Dalí.





## Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

**Day 1:** En route from U.S.

**Day 2:** Arrive Barcelona, Spain / Madremanya (L,D)  
Welcome dinner  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 3:** Girona (B,D)  
Historical walking tour, Jewish Quarter, paella cooking class  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 4:** Púbol / Figueres / Cantallops (B,L,D)  
Tours of Púbol Castle and Dalí Theatre-Museum, vineyard visit to award-winning Masia Serra with wine tasting and dinner  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 5:** Sant Pere de Rodes / Cadaqués / Peratallada (B,L,D)  
Benedictine monastery visit, medieval village stroll, sausage tasting and lunch, wine presentation and dinner  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 6:** Empúries (B,D)  
Greco-Roman ruins, dinner at Michelin-rated Bo-Tic  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 7:** La Bisbal / Llafranc / Palamós (B,L,D)  
Cerámica de la Bisbal pottery workshop, seaside stroll, Sant Sebastià lighthouse, Sant Sebastià de la Guarda, visit Museu de la Pesca and attend a live fish auction, cooking class  
Overnight: El Racó de Madremanya

**Day 8:** Empordà (B,L,D)  
Picnic lunch in the gardens, gold medal-winning La Vinyeta winery visit and tasting, special farewell dinner

**Day 9:** Madremanya / Depart Barcelona (B)

**Optional Extension:** Days 9-12 in Barcelona

## Program Highlights

- Visit the charming town of Girona, where you'll see the impressive Cathedral of Saint Mary. Explore the Jewish Quarter—one of the best preserved in the world.
- Meet the owner of Masia Serra winery, an esteemed enologist, then delight in a wine tasting paired with typical Catalan delicacies for a memorable meal.
- On guided tours of Púbol Castle and the Dalí Theatre-Museum, embrace the broad spectrum of Dalí's art, including paintings, sculptures, engravings, installations, and photography.
- Take a guided tour of the Greco-Roman ruins site in Empúries—the gateway of the romanization of the Iberian Peninsula.
- Visit Museu de la Pesca—a fishery museum, experience a live fish auction, then stroll a market to peruse ingredients you'll use later during a cooking demonstration.
- Discover La Vinyeta winery. Become acquainted with the owner and vintner, stroll the grounds among verdant vineyards and olive trees, then enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting before dinner.

## What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations at our sophisticated boutique hotel located in Madremanya
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Visits to artisanal shops plus special tastings
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and porters

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



El Racó de Madremanya

## Your Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Originally a 17th-century farmhouse set in a medieval stone village, El Racó de Madremanya is a gorgeously restored property that features an enchanting warmth and sophistication, which will surround you as you settle into your room. The boutique hotel's on-site proprietor, Ivan, departed the corporate world to refocus his energy towards the hospitality industry—his true passion. Welcoming guests as he would close friends, Ivan's charismatic personality sweetens the already congenial atmosphere.

Located in The Golden Triangle of Catalonia, you'll be near a variety of local attractions, glorious beaches, and charming villages.

Property amenities include lush gardens, fresh water pool, salt water pool, sitting room with library, free Wi-Fi, and fireplace.

All rooms have been carefully detailed with individual color themes and matching aromatherapy for a unique personality. Each includes individual heating and air-conditioning, local television, telephone, minibar, slippers and bathrobe, and en suite bathroom with shampoo/conditioner and hairdryer.

**Standard I:** Charming and cozy room featuring stone floors and walls throughout, with a European queen bed.

**Standard II:** Romantic room featuring stone walls throughout, and a terrace with garden and pool views. With a European queen bed.

**Superior:** Larger rooms located in the farmhouse featuring stone walls, unique features, and views of the garden or medieval village corridors. With either a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Junior Suite:** Bright and spacious rooms located in the contemporary buildings with outdoor garden terraces and a variety of distinct features. With either a European queen bed or European king bed.

**Suite:** Large, desirable rooms with numerous unique aspects, featuring a separate living room (some with a fireplace), full bathroom with hydro-massage tub and shower, and terrace with easy pool and garden access. With a European king bed.

**Grand Suite:** Spectacular two-story suite featuring a ground floor bedroom, second floor living room with fireplace and TV, roomy bathroom with hydro-massage tub, and access to the terrace, private garden and private pool. With a European king bed.



Standard II



Junior Suite



Suite

## Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Spain.



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## Optional Extension

# Barcelona

Discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, one that boasts a marriage of contrasts—historic streets and buildings that have survived over two thousand years alongside unique architecture designed by Gaudí as recently as the early 1900s.

## Extension Itinerary *(subject to change)*

- Day 9:** Barcelona (B)  
Gothic Quarter walking tour, Jewish Quarter and El Born district, Plaça Reial (Royal Square), the Fountain of the Three Graces, Carrer Ferran, Plaça del Pi, Carrer Petritxol, Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei (King's Square), and Plaça Sant Felip Neri.
- Day 10:** Barcelona (B)  
Panoramic city tour, views from Montjuic, La Sagrada Familia (inside guided visit)
- Day 11:** Barcelona (B)  
Day at leisure
- Day 12:** Depart Barcelona (B)

## What's Included

- Private group transfer from Madremanya to Barcelona
- 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Claris (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Guided tours of the Gothic Quarter and La Sagrada Familia



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 Barcelona Extension: June 3-6, 2018

### SPECIAL RATE

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Standard I	<del>\$4,399</del>	\$3,995
Standard II	<del>\$4,799</del>	\$4,395
Superior	<del>\$5,099</del>	\$4,695
Junior Suite	<del>\$5,399</del>	\$4,995
Suite	<del>\$5,899</del>	\$5,495
Grand Suite	<del>\$6,899</del>	\$6,495
Single (Standard II)	<del>\$6,399</del>	\$5,995

Barcelona Extension: \$1,595\*  
 Single Extension: \$2,295

- Option 1:** Reserve online now at <http://texas-am.orbridge.com> or call (800) 633-7514.
- Option 2:** Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

**Guest Information:**

Guest #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit:**

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining extension (\$500/person) = **Total deposit: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit Payment:**

Check enclosed    Online Check/ACH    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at <http://terms.orbridge.com> and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:** **Traveling Aggies, The Association of Former Students**  
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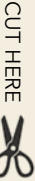
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## What Guests Are Saying...

*We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on 'non-Aggie' trips, we realize nothing can compare!*

~Randy '74 & Gail Parker

*We have done several trips with the Traveling Aggies, and just can't say enough about how wonderful it is to have our instant family traveling with us. And to have everything arranged so that we know we're getting the best option is terrific! So much fun!*

~Robert '73 & Linda '75 Flesher

*I really enjoy traveling with other Aggies. It doesn't matter what classes we are, we have a great thing in common, Texas A&M!*

~Marta Hollowell '82

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