



MAGICAL MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS: ROUNDTRIP BARCELONA

Your 19-night journey includes: 14-night small ship cruise to Calvi, Bonifacio, Capri, Palermo, Messina, Syracuse, Valletta, Cagliari, Palma de Mallorca; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Barcelona (2 pre- and 2 post-cruise)

Experience the warm cerulean waters, charming villages, and sophisticated cities of the Mediterranean on a Vantage Deluxe World Travel 5-star small ship cruise.

See architect Antoni Gaudí's surreal masterpieces in Barcelona, encounter the diversity of cultural influences found in Palermo, and explore the picturesque islands of Capri and Sicily. With 10 included features, there is a breadth of unique experiences to be found throughout your journey. Plus, our ship's small size allows us to navigate to exclusive ports larger ships can't reach.

Along the way, indulge in the Ocean Odyssey's first-class amenities and personalized onboard service. Designed with just 77 cabins onboard – including a landmark 15 solo cabins – this elegant vessel seamlessly blends opulent luxury with intimate discoveries. After a day of portside exploration, relax onboard with a pampering spa treatment or a delicious meal cooked over a hot-rock grill. Take in the panoramic views from the top-level sundeck and sit in on engaging onboard lectures and informative port talks. Your onboard Destination Manager can assist with reservations for the ship's spa or salon, and you'll be picture-ready in no time for these glamorous ports of call. Extend your discoveries with an optional pre-trip extension in Madrid. Come aboard and discover the Mediterranean with Vantage!

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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN ODYSSEY



Discover the splendor of the Mediterranean aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*

BARCELONA



Experience sophisticated Barcelona, as well as the architecture of Antoni Gaudí

PALMA DE MALLORCA



Explore the lush island paradise of Mallorca, ringed by pristine crescent beaches

PALERMO



Embark on a fascinating walking tour of Palermo, the capital city of Sicily

SYRACUSE



Discover UNESCO-listed Syracuse, where Greek ruins and Italian charm merge

VALLETTA



Go sightseeing in Valletta, the capital of Malta and a UNESCO World Heritage Site

CAPRI



Explore the breathtaking, sun-soaked beauty of Capri's soaring cliffs and impossibly blue waters

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 2 nights at the *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar), 14 nights aboard the 5-star *Ocean Odyssey*, and 2 additional nights at the *Grand Hotel Central Barcelona* (or similar)
- **43 meals:** 17 breakfasts, 12 lunches, and 14 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **10 included features**
- **3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and experiences:** The works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona; Syracuse and the Rocky Necropolis of Pantalica; and the city of Valletta in Malta
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager service** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at Concierge@vantagetravel.com
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel

— plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Circumnavigate Sicily and learn about the unique culture and cuisine of this fascinating island
- See the surreal architectural masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí during your time in Barcelona, including his famous Sagrada Família basilica
- Behold the distinctive architecture of Malta and Syracuse



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Circumnavigate Sicily and visit three of its most interesting coastal towns
- Uncover Maltese history in its historic capital, Valletta, and in a 5D movie experience
- Admire the UNESCO-designated architecture of visionary Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona
- Marvel at the massive La Seu Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

The magnificent Mediterranean is a wonder for the senses, from its sprawling landscapes to its ancient landmarks. Here are a few tips to help you capture beautiful and memorable pictures:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images
- From the iconic works of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona to Sicily's Mount Etna, you'll encounter large landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, try

focusing on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate everything into frame

- Incorporate your surroundings. Don't try to edge out other tourists from your photos, but use them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target, including tourists and the real scene in the background or forefront, and the image instantly is more intriguing than a generic snapshot

- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, hot tubs, and a gym



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey. Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetraavel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

BARCELONA TO BARCELONA

DAY 1:	Fly overnight to Barcelona	DAY 16:	Soak in another relaxing day on board the Ocean Odyssey
DAY 2:	Arrive in Barcelona <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>		<i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 3:	A morning of sightseeing in beautiful Barcelona <i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>	DAY 17:	Visit Palma de Mallorca, the jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands
DAY 4:	Embark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona today <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		<i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>
DAY 5:	Delight in your ship's amenities during a day at sea <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>	DAY 18:	Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona
DAY 6:	Captivating Calvi welcomes you today <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		<i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 7:	Explore the historic center of Bonifacio today <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>	DAY 19:	A rewarding day on your own in Barcelona
DAY 8:	Relax on board and enjoy your ship's amenities <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		<i>Grand Hotel Central or similar</i>
DAY 9:	Uncover the breathtaking beauty of Capri <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>	DAY 20:	Return home
DAY 10:	Explore Palermo's crossroads of culture <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		
DAY 11:	Marvelous Messina greets you today <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		
DAY 12:	See more of Sicily in Syracuse and Ortigia <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		
DAY 13:	Embark on a walking tour of Valletta, then experience Malta in 5D <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		
DAY 14:	Enjoy another day at sea aboard the Ocean Odyssey <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		
DAY 15:	Cagliari's medieval wonders are yours to explore <i>Ocean Odyssey ></i>		



DAY 1: Fly overnight to Barcelona

Today you'll board an overnight flight to Barcelona. Or, depart earlier for your optional pre-trip extension to Madrid, Spain.

DAY 2: Arrive in Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Spain's Catalonia region. If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, a representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel.

Following check-in, you'll have the afternoon at your leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at your hotel.

Included meals: Dinner
Grand Hotel Central or similar

DAY 3: A morning of sightseeing in beautiful Barcelona

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a panoramic sightseeing tour of a few of Barcelona's highlights, including Montjuïc Hill, the Plaza de España, and Gran Via. You'll also have an opportunity to discover Paseo de Gracia and have free time for shopping at Las Ramblas. Your afternoon will be at leisure to continue exploring Barcelona as you wish.

Included Feature:

- Half-day sightseeing in Barcelona
Included meals: Breakfast
Grand Hotel Central or similar

DAY 4: Embark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona today

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll have the morning at leisure before you embark the Ocean Odyssey and begin your exciting Mediterranean voyage.

Once on board get settled in your sumptuous stateroom, then explore the Ocean Odyssey's many amenities, including the sundeck and fitness center. Later, gather for the first of your daily port talks to hear about tomorrow's exciting destination. Tonight, savor a special Welcome Dinner.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Opt for a special Barcelona sightseeing tour that includes access to the interior of La Sagrada

Familia. [Learn more](#)

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 5: Delight in your ship's amenities during a day at sea

One of the true pleasures of a luxurious, small ship cruise is the onboard experience as you sail from one incredible destination to another. From indulgent spa treatments and soothing hot tubs to elegant dining and personalized service, you'll find everything you need to feel relaxed, pampered, and entertained today.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

[Learn more](#)

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 6: Captivating Calvi welcomes you today

Located in the Balagne region of northwest Corsica, the port town of Calvi boasts the intrigue of traditional Corsican culture and the comforts of a modern resort destination. Today, you'll set out on a walking tour of the town's picturesque harbor and historic citadel. The Genoese Citadel served as a military outpost during the 15th century and is Calvi's most significant historical monument in Calvi. Its location high above the town's port offers visitors magnificent views of the coast and harbor. You'll also enjoy a stroll along the lovely lower harbor before returning to the ship.

Included Feature:

- Calvi walking tour
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 7: Explore the historic center of Bonifacio today

Few towns in Corsica can boast a position as dramatic as Bonifacio. Situated atop an eroding limestone promontory that juts out into the sea, this breathtaking site needs to be seen to be believed. However, this dramatic setting is not the only attractive thing about Bonifacio. This destination also rewards visitors with extraordinary vistas of Corsica's coastline, the Tyrrhenian Sea, and the neighboring island of Sardinia. Today's included walking tour will give you the opportunity to explore the Old City Center. Passing through a gateway in the original city walls, you'll discover a picturesque warren of narrow streets and alleys. This medieval city has been lovingly restored over time and offers its guests a charming glimpse into the past. As you wander the streets, keep an eye out for the home where Napoleon Bonaparte stayed in 1793.

Included Feature:

- Walking tour of Bonifacio's city center
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 8: Relax on board and enjoy your ship's amenities

Relax with a day at sea; refresh, renew, and relish in your ship's world-class amenities. Perhaps you'll join a morning workout class. You could enjoy a facial at the spa, meet friends in the lounge for a game of bridge, attend a lecture about the places you'll visit, or simply soak in the hot tub with the cocktail of the day — the choice is yours!

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Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 9: Uncover the breathtaking beauty of Capri

Today you'll explore the island of Capri which boasts not one, but two beautiful towns: Capri and Anacapri. Each one has its own unique character, and we'll visit both during today's included walking tour.

Capri is usually the first place visitors to this destination will see, owing to its proximity to Marina Grande. Make your way through the charming piazzetta, the fashionable town square and the heart of Capri. This is a great spot for people-watching and it's not unusual to spot celebrities here. While the streets of Capri have a more vibrant, bustling feel to them, Anacapri is

decidedly more tranquil and laidback. Anacapri offers its guests quiet streets and easy walking trails dating back to Roman times. Beach lovers may have a difficult time deciding which town to choose, as both host fabulous beach clubs at the edge of crystal-clear, turquoise waters.

Included Feature:

- Capri and Anacapri walking tour
Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Soak in the beauty of Grotta Azzurra on an optional excursion. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 10: Explore Palermo's crossroads of culture

Today, you'll explore Palermo, Sicily's capital city. A walking tour of this diverse destination reveals the heady mix of Byzantine mosaics, Arabesque domes, souk markets, and Gothic palaces found here. Its bustling neighborhoods, winding streets, and stucco chapels make a charming backdrop to your time spent exploring this vibrant town.

Included Feature:

- Palermo walking tour
Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Visit the charming old fishing village of Cefalù on an optional half-day excursion. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
[Ocean Odyssey >](#)

DAY 11: Marvelous Messina greets you today

Messina, the gateway to Sicily, is a city that can be easily explored on foot. That is exactly what you will be doing today on an included walking tour. Stroll through the historic city center around the

Duomo, representative of the city's Belle Époque era. The Duomo's almost 200-foot-tall Norman bell Tower contains the world's largest mechanical clock. Near the cathedral, you will also find Florentine Montorsoli's grand 16th-century Orion Fountain, honoring the city's founder. Following the tour, you'll return to the ship for lunch, then have the rest of the day at your leisure.

Included Feature:

- Messina walking tour

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion.

Enjoy a coach tour of Mount Etna and its surrounding wineries. Learn more
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 12: See more of Sicily in Syracuse and Ortigia

More Sicilian discoveries begin today in UNESCO-listed Syracuse, where ancient Greek ruins and antique Italian charm fuse into one splendid island called Ortigia. On a walking tour, head to the Old Town with its narrow, cobblestoned lanes and welcoming piazzas. You'll visit an archaeological area to view the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the gorgeous Fountain of Arethusa, a natural spring with roots in Greek mythology. You'll also get a look into Jewish life here — Judaism was present here long before the arrival of Christianity in Sicily. You'll also see the oldest mikveh (ancient ritual bath) to survive in Europe, and one of the first few in what's now known as Italy.

Return to the ship for lunch, then enjoy the afternoon at leisure to continue your explorations in Syracuse.

Included Feature:

- Guided tour of Syracuse & Ortigia
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 13: Embark on a walking tour of Valletta, then experience Malta in 5D

Arrive in Malta this morning and go sightseeing in Valletta, the island's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Valletta, Europe's smallest capital, is an open-air museum of 16th-century buildings built by the Knights Hospitaller. Your private guide will regale you with tales of the city's history while leading you down charming narrow streets to visit the Valletta City Gate, Triton Fountain, the new Parliament building, and St. John's Co-Cathedral, which was dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and is considered one of the finest examples of high Baroque architecture. Your walking tour concludes with a 5D show exploring the history and culture of Malta in an interactive and exciting way. You'll return to the ship for lunch, then have the remainder of the afternoon to spend at your leisure.

Included Feature:

- Valletta sightseeing & Malta 5D show
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 14: Enjoy another day at sea aboard the *Ocean Odyssey*

Indulge in your ship's amenities today with another relaxing day at sea. Pamper yourself with a soothing massage at the spa, participate in an instructor-led fitness class, take a comforting soak in the outdoor hot tub, savor a refreshing cocktail at one of the shipboard lounges, or visit the gift shop and pick up a few souvenirs.

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Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 15: Cagliari's medieval wonders are yours to explore

Cagliari, like many of Italy's great cities, wears its well-worn history on its sleeve. From the ancient ruins and centuries-old churches to the museums packed with prehistoric artefacts and the elegant palazzi, you'll encounter this charming city's rich past at every turn.

Today, you'll explore Castello, the most ancient of Cagliari's historic districts, on an included walking tour. Surrounded by fortress walls that have defended the city for centuries, you'll pass through Castello's ancient doors to begin your explorations.

Included Feature:

- Quartiere Castello walking tour

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Dig into the fascinating history and culture of Sardinia with a half-day tour of the UNESCO-listed Su Nuraxi di Barumini and Giara di Gesturi. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 16: Soak in another relaxing day on board the Ocean Odyssey

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another relaxing day at sea. Pamper yourself with a soothing massage at the spa, participate in an instructor-led fitness class, take a comforting soak in the outdoor hot tub, savor a refreshing cocktail at one of the shipboard lounges, or visit the gift shop and pick up a few souvenirs.

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Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 17: Visit Palma de Mallorca, the jewel of Spain's Balearic Islands

The ship arrives in Palma de Mallorca this morning. Ringed by pristine crescent beaches and cloaked in lush green forest, Mallorca is an island paradise for both residents and visitors alike. On a panoramic city tour, you'll explore the stunning circular Bellver Castle, built in the 14th century for the Kings of Mallorca. Later, step inside the massive La Seu Cathedral. This honey-colored, Gothic masterpiece boasts a cavernous interior designed by Antoni Gaudí and a 144-foot-high nave. Return to the ship for lunch before an afternoon at leisure in Palma de Mallorca.

Included Feature:

- Palma de Mallorca highlights tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Odyssey >

DAY 18: Disembark the Ocean Odyssey in Barcelona

Enjoy breakfast on board, then disembark in Barcelona, where you will transfer to your hotel. You will have the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure in the capital of Catalonia.

Included meals: Breakfast
Grand Hotel Central or similar

DAY 19: A rewarding day on your own in Barcelona

You have the entire day at your leisure to immerse yourself in the history and culture of the vibrant capital of Spain's Catalonia region.

Included meals: Breakfast
Grand Hotel Central or similar

DAY 20: Return home

After breakfast, transfer to the Barcelona airport for your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ocean Odyssey

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas. On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel
- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager

- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
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- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular U.S. news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies



Grand Hotel Central ★★★★★

This upscale hotel is a 2-minute walk from the Jaume I metro station, a short walk from the medieval Gothic Quarter and the iconic Sagrada Família. The modern rooms provide minibars, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs; some feature views of the Gothic Quarter. Upgraded rooms add Nespresso machines, while suites include separate tubs and walk-in showers, sitting areas and/or kitchenettes. Room service is available 24/7. There's a stylish Mediterranean bar/restaurant, as well as a seasonal rooftop bar by an infinity pool overlooking the city. Other amenities include a gym, a sauna and spa.



Meliá Madrid Princesa ★★★★★

Located in the cultural and business heart of Madrid, the Meliá Madrid Princesa is a boutique hotel that's been recently renovated to combine tradition with a surprising cutting edge "Level" Rooms, meaning high floors, with better views. Only 10 minutes from the Plaza de Espana, Plaza Mayor, Gran Vía and Puerto del Sol, the hotel's guest rooms feature Wi-Fi, satellite TV channels, and air-conditioning, and the on-site Uno Restaurant serves delicious meals for its visitors.