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Florence 2 The Southern Loop

Important Note: For accurate departure times, travel times, prices of activities, and suggestions on how much extra money you will need, please contact info@bus2alps.com.

What's Included

- All transport in luxury coach transport (with A/C, DVD, & bathroom)
- Accommodation with your friends at top rated hostels
- Breakfast
- Walking tours
- The Southern Loop Bus2alps informational guide
- Bus2alps trip leader

What's Not Included, Optional Costs

- Lunches and dinners
- Museum entrance
- Additional tips
- Nighttime activities
- Optional activities
- Optional day trips

What to bring

- Passport
- Proof of age
- Pillow
- Camera
- Towel
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Comfortable shoes
- Extra money

Currency

- Euro





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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

The trip departs Florence from the Santa Maria Novella train station. The meeting point is in the International Ticketing Hall opposite tracks 8 and 9. Please meet your trip leader 20 minutes prior to departure. Travel to Barcelona is by private luxury coach with A/C, DVD, and bathroom. We make one 45 minute stop. Upon arrival to Barcelona, we will immediately check into our accommodation.

Day 2

Friday morning, after some breakfast, we will meet in the hostel lobby and head out on an included walking tour of Barcelona. The walking tour will take us through the beautiful neighborhoods of Barcelona while covering a brief history of the city. After the tour, you will be taken to one of the most delicious sandwich shops in all of Spain, Bo de B. Next, your trip leader will accompany you to the Sagrada Familia, Antoni Gaudi's famous church that has been under construction for hundreds of years. You can also explore Parc Güell, the Picasso Museum, the beach, the Gothic district, or just wander around and get lost in Europe's most beautiful city.

Later in the evening, your trip leader will be available for dinner recommendations. You can taste-test typical Spanish dishes including tapas, paella, or tortilla at different restaurants throughout the city. We will meet in the hostel lobby and head out to see some of Barcelona's famous nightlife. This will consist of popular bars, including Los Chupitos or Oveja Negra, and ending at one of the rocking nightclubs.

Day 3

Saturday morning, your trip leader will meet you in the hostel lobby to explore Antoni Gaudi's famous park, Parc Güell. This gorgeous park is known as one of the largest architectural works in Europe, containing the best views in all of Barcelona. Afterwards, your trip leader will inform you how to get to Barcelona's top sites, including Montjuic via cable car, the Picasso Museum, the beach and more. Your trip leader will be available again for dinner recommendations.

The rest of the day is free to explore Barcelona's beauty. Later that night we will meet in the hostel lobby to enjoy more of Barcelona's famous nightlife, including a trip to Le Cyrano and the beach clubs.

Day 4

Sunday we will check out of the hostel and depart for Lagos. We will make a stop in Seville for an authentic Spanish dinner and Flamenco show on the way. Your Bus2alps guide will show you around Seville before continuing to Lagos. We will arrive to Lagos late Sunday night and check into our accommodation.



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Day 5

Monday we will have the day in Lagos to relax on some of the world's top beaches. There will be an optional kayaking trip so you can take in the stunning views of the Portuguese coast by sea.

Monday night, your trip leader will provide dinner suggestions so you can sample Portuguese cuisine. After this, there will be an optional pub crawl for anyone interested, or your trip leader will provide suggestions for you to take in the Lagos nightlife.

Day 6

On Tuesday, there will be an optional surf camp so you can ride the waves and hone your skills. The surf in Portugal is legendary, and you'll have the chance to take in some unforgettable views along the way.

For those who don't wish to participate in the surf camp, the day is yours to explore all that Lagos has to offer. There are water sport options such as windsurfing and wakeboarding for the adventurers, and many museums and historical sites to visit as well. These include the Lagos Zoo, the famous fish market, various art and archeological museums, many historical churches, the old city walls and watchtowers, and the old Slave Market.

Tuesday night, your tour leader will provide suggestions for dinner and nightlife spots.

Day 7

Wednesday we will depart Lagos for Lisbon. We will arrive in Lisbon in the afternoon to check into our accommodation. We will depart on the walking tour after check in to take in Lisbon's top sites and get acquainted with the city.

The night is yours to enjoy dinner out on the town, hit up the bars, or relax at the accommodation.

Day 8

Thursday morning you will awake to one of Europe's greatest cultural treasures, a city with characteristic and incredible sights in a beautiful beach setting. After some time for breakfast at the accommodation, the rest of the day is yours to explore the city's winding alleyways or hit the beach. From Carcavelos to Cascais, most beaches are within a 20 minute reach. The most popular beach for Lisbonites and tourists alike is Carcavelos, the Estoril Coast's widest and sandiest beach.

Thursday night there will be an optional pub crawl that will take you to some of Lisbon's best nightlife spots.



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Day 9

Friday we will depart Lisbon for Madrid. Madrid is one of the most historical cities in Spain, with a bustling city atmosphere that's sure to keep you energized.

Upon arrival, we will check in to our accommodation. After check in, we will depart for a walking tour of Madrid. Our tour will cover the Royal Palace, Teatro Real, Moorish ruins, and other highlights. The rest of the day is yours to explore Madrid. Highlights include Parque del Retiro, the San Miguel Market, Plaza Mayor, Reina Sofia, and many more museums.

Friday night your trip leader will provide dinner suggestions. Madrid has an electric nightlife, so your trip leader will also provide suggestions to have one last night on the town, including the bars in Plaza Mayor and the famous El Kapital nightclub.

Day 10

Saturday is free to explore Madrid and the sites that you did not get to visit on Friday. Your trip leader will inform you how to get to Madrid's top sites and give you recommendations on what to do.

We will depart to Italy Saturday evening. Your trip leader will let you know what time the bus will depart. We will arrive back in Italy midday on Sunday.

Included Activities

New Barcelona Walking Tour: This tour will bring to life the incredible rich history and culture of Barcelona, brought to you by enthusiastic and knowledgeable local guides.

New Lisbon Walking Tour: This tour will show you where land meets sea and Europe meets Africa. The ancient Phoenicians recognised the great advantages of the location and all the great civilisations that followed have expanded the city well beyond its legendary Seven Hills. New Europe will show you this is a city built upon exploration, conquest and adventure.

New Madrid Walking Tour: This tour shows Madrid the way it should be seen: by walking from the heart of the city through both twisted medieval streets and down grand boulevards.

Flamenco Show in Seville

Optional Activities

New Europe Tours: New Europe offers several specialized tours in each city on this tour that supplement the overall city tour. Everyone with Bus2alps receives a 20% discount on these tours. Depending on the specialized you would like to participate in, there will be public tours departing within the times we are in that city. For tours that do not coincide with the dates and times Bus2alps is in the city, it is possible to organize a private tour as long as minimum numbers are reached.