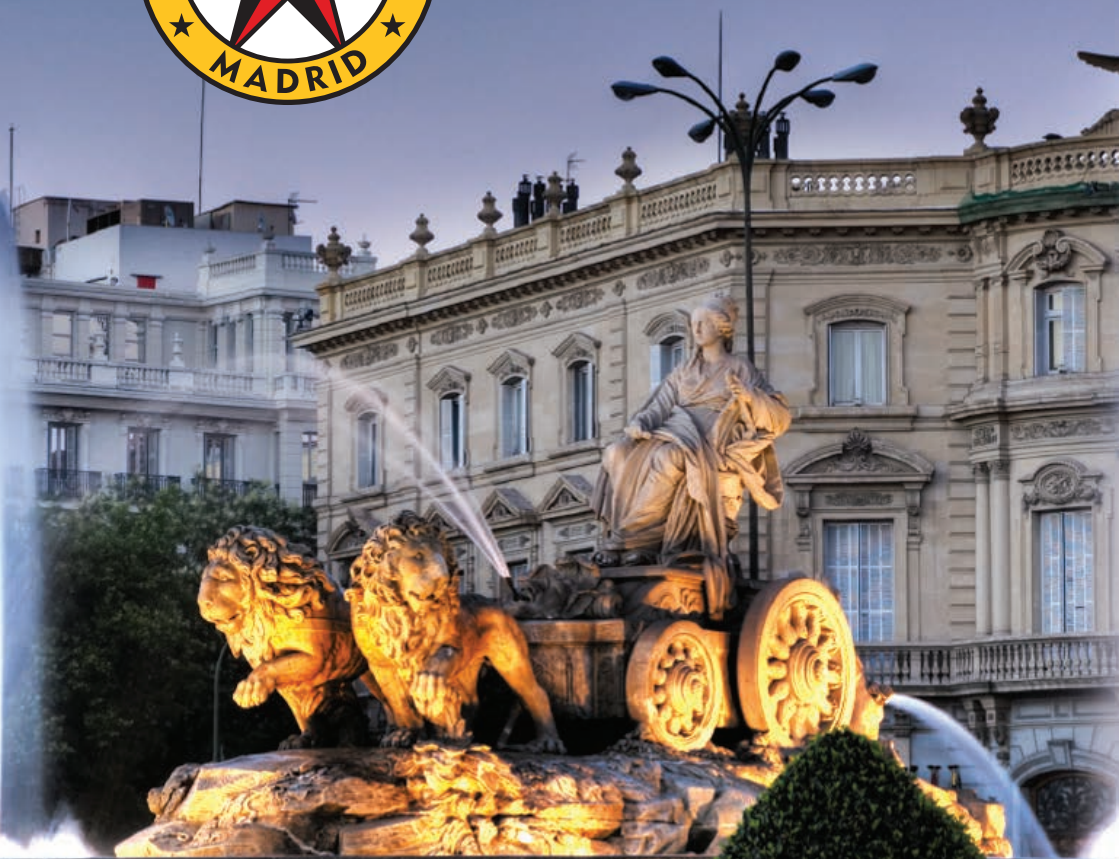




Sample Itinerary



YOUR HOTEL

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DAY 1 30 DECEMBER

Depart USA on flights to Europe. Dinner and breakfast will be served on your trans-Atlantic flight.

DAY 2 31 DECEMBER

Welcome to Madrid.

Once you have cleared customs and baggage claim you will be met by a representative of Youth Music of the World who will assist with the transfer to your hotel.

Board your luxury coach for the transfer to the hotel.

12.00pm

An orientation meeting will be held in a meeting room in your hotel.

1.00pm

You will be taken on a walk around the vicinity of your hotel to see the nearby stores, ATMs etc.

9.00pm

A New Year's Eve buffet dinner will be served in your hotel.

00.30am

Celebrations end.

DAY 3 1 JANUARY

A full continental buffet breakfast will be served each morning in a private room in your hotel. The substantial menu will include all of the continental breakfast items such as cereals, fruit juice, yogurt, cheese and hams, with a selection of breads and sweet pastries, tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

From

8.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

Depart your hotel by motor coach for a combined COACH AND WALKING TOUR OF MADRID with a qualified tour guide.

The morning portion of the tour will be on the coach.

The tour will give an overview of Madrid, the provide you with the opportunity to see all of the great buildings, parks and avenues and to learn as much of Madrid's history and current political and cultural importance as possible.

1.00pm

Independent lunch in central Madrid.



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2.30pm	The walking portion of the tour will continue after lunch taking you around all of the main plazas in the city.
5.30pm	Return by coach to the hotel.
8.00pm	Dinner this evening will be at the Museo del Jamon.

DAY 4 2 JANUARY

From 9.00am	Breakfast is served in the hotel. Load all instruments onto the coach in preparation for your afternoon performance in Toledo.
10.00am	Depart from the hotel by coach for a day of sightseeing and performance in Toledo. Toledo was the capital of Spain and home to the Spanish Court until 1563. It is now the capital of the province of Castilla la Mancha. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986 for its extensive cultural and monumental heritage
11.30am	This morning you will be performing in Toledo in front of the Toledo Cathedral and through the winding streets of the city. After the performance you will have free time for an independent lunch and personal shopping and sightseeing.
2.30pm	This afternoon you will be taken on a guided walking tour around Toledo. Famous for its rich history and the co-existence of Christian, Islamic and Jewish cultures the tour will take you to both the 13th Century High Gothic Cathedral in Toledo, as well as to the Synagogue of El Transito known for its rich stucco decoration. You will also tour the Damasquinado factory as the city of Toledo is also well known for its Damascene swords. You will be able to see the metals being laid into one another to form knives, armour and jewellery. Different iron sculptures can also be found with 'Don Quixote de la Mancha' being particularly popular.
5.00pm	Return from Toledo by coach to your hotel.
7.30pm	Depart from the hotel by coach for dinner this evening at the Café Real Restaurant in the Bernabeu Football Stadium, the home of the Real Madrid football team!



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DAY 5

3 JANUARY

From

8.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

This morning you will be taken on a guided tour of the Prado Museum. The Prado Museum is full of works by very famous artists including El Greco, Velasquez, Rubens, Goya and Bosch, and maintains the art collection of Fernando VII and other Royals. The Prado is one of the foremost art Museums in the world, however in Madrid there are two other famous art Museum which, together with the Prado, are called The Golden Triangle. In your free time you may want to check out the other two, the Thyssen Museum and the Reina Sofia.

Lunch at leisure.

2.00pm

This afternoon you will be taken on a guided tour of the Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral. The Royal Palace is the official residence of the Kings and Queens of Spain, and is made up of 3,000 rooms some of which are still used for State Banquets and great occasions today. The impressive building made mainly of marble and white stone is filled with works of art, porcelain, armour and tapestries. Make sure to see the opulent apartments of Charles III in particular his dressing rooms, also the huge State Dining Room created by Alonso XIII and the Royal Pharmacy is also definitely worth a quick look! The Almudena Cathedral next door to the Palace is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Madrid and unique for its Neo-Gothic decoration and modern paintings including pop art.

8.00pm

Depart by coach from the hotel for dinner. To get a real taste of Spain this evening you will be going to Las Carboneras Restaurant for an evening of flamenco dancing and a full tapas meal consisting of a very large number of small dishes served continually throughout the meal to allow you to try out a huge range of different Spanish foods and dishes.





DAY 6 4 JANUARY

**From
8.00am**

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

9.00am

Depart by luxury coach to El Escorial.

The town of El Escorial is located about 20 miles North East of Madrid. It was constructed by Felipe II after winning the Battle of St. Quentin in 1557, as a way of thanking God for his victory. The town revolves around San Lorenzo del Escorial, a magnificent Palace and Monastery complex and the mausoleum of the Spanish Monarchs. You will enjoy an extensive visit to the Palace and Monastery with an English spoken commentary.

1.00pm

Travel on by coach to Segovia driving past the the Valley of the Fallen monument, an underground church and tomb topped with a 500ft stone cross, honouring those who died in the Spanish Civil War.

On arrival in Segovia stop for an independent lunch. The Avenida de Fernandez is full of restaurants and cafes and may be a good place to go for lunch.

Segovia is Spain and Castile at its best - twisting alleyways, the highest concentration of Romanesque churches in all of Europe, pedestrian streets, the aroma of roast suckling pig around every corner – all surrounded by the city's medieval wall which itself is bordered by two rivers and an extensive green-belt park. In Segovia you will be taken on a guided tour around the city to see the 2000 year old Roman Aqueduct and the 1525 Cathedral of Segovia. You will also visit the famous Alcázar Cathedral, source of inspiration to Walt Disney, and the location where Queen Isabel promised Columbus the financial backing he needed to discover America.

5.30pm

Return by coach to Madrid.

8.00pm

Dinner will be served in a banqueting room in your hotel.

DAY 7 5 JANUARY

**From
7.00am**

Breakfast is served in your hotel.

This morning has been left free for personal shopping and sightseeing. Your tour assistant will be on hand throughout the morning to suggest plenty of things to you that you might like to see or do in Madrid. Independent lunch in Madrid.



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2.00pm

A unique Youth Music of the World Leadership Seminar with Dr Tim Lautzenheiser will be held at your hotel.

4.00pm

Please be ready in the lobby of your hotel, in uniforms and with instruments, ready to depart.

4.30pm

Depart by coach from your hotel to have your group photograph taken in front of the Alcala Gate, a neoclassical monument from 1778, before continuing to your assembly area at Nuevos Ministerios for Cabalgata de Reyes.

6.30pm

The Cabalgata de Reyes Parade begins! The processional route is some 3 kilometres in length proceeding along the Paseo de La Castellana and the Paseo de Recoletos from Nuevos Ministerios to the new City Hall at Plaza de Cibeles. When you reach the Plaza de Cibeles you have the opportunity to perform to the TV cameras across Spain.

9.00pm

At the end of the Cabalgata return by coach to your hotel.

9.30pm

A celebratory buffet dinner will be served in the banqueting suite of your hotel .

DAY 8

6 JANUARY

From

7.00am

Breakfast is served in the hotel.

Depart the hotel by luxury coach for the airport.

Check in for your flight. Lunch and snacks will be served.

Have a safe journey home!