

# Topdeck

## THE MED RUNNER



**TRIP CODE:**

EESCMR-9

## Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Run, don't walk! Join us as we dash across the best parts of the Mediterranean, taking in red hot cities and damn fine scenery along the way. Cue jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring moments as you dip your toes in vibrant Spain, wind your way through France and head for romantic Italy.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hostel Plus



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower
- + Walking tour of Marseille
- + Walking tour of Valencia
- + Walking tour of Florence with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome
- + Driving tour of Barcelona

### MORE INCLUSIONS

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## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Madrid  
Europe

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Rome  
Europe

## *Trip currencies*

- + Spain - EUR
- + France - EUR
- + Italy - EUR
- + Vatican City - EUR

# Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER**

## DAY 1 | MADRID, SPAIN

Rise and shine – it's Madrid time! Meet the group today and prepare for the adventure ahead. This city is home to Spanish masterpieces (Picasso and Dali anyone?), buzzing nightlife AND the legendary Real Madrid FC. Long story short? You won't run out of things to do here!



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner

## DAY 2 | MADRID

Hot foot it along the Gran Vía to Plaza Mayor. Before you go, don't miss a visit to the Chocolatería San Ginés – serving some hot dayum churros since 1894. In the mood for chills? Kick back and relax in the Malasaña and Chueca neighbourhoods. Shopping fiends will be well catered for in the Salamanca district.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Food tour of Madrid

## DAY 3 | MADRID TO VALENCIA

Put down that calamari sandwich and head to Valencia. More food. Some argue Valencia is THE home of paella, but we'll leave that for the Spaniards to battle out.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Walking tour of Valencia

## DAY 4 | VALENCIA TO BARCELONA

Say hey, Barcelona! Bienvenidos to the city of art nouveau, alluring accents and (most importantly) tapas. Tick off the likes of the Sagrada Família, the Columbus Monument and Las Ramblas on an included driving tour before we set you free into the buzzing city. Tonight: shall we dance? Prepare for an optional flamenco show.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Driving tour of Barcelona



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Flamenco show

## DAY 5 | BARCELONA

What do you want to do today? Well, you could hit the side streets and alleyways of Las Ramblas, go boho in the Gracia neighborhood, go Gaudí at Parc Güell or give in to your inner football fanatic and kneel to the sporting gods at the Nou Camp. Barcelona's got plenty to keep you occupied!



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 6 | BARCELONA TO MARSEILLE, FRANCE

We meet again with the French border crossing back to Marseille. Head out on an included walking tour and uncover the delights this port city has to offer – it's multiculturalism and history at its best!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Marseille

## DAY 7 | MARSEILLE

Any sailing fans out there? Mast-to-mast with yachts, Marseille's Vieux Port is a little slice of maritime heaven. Later on, dig into some local French fare and watch the sun set over the port. Charming, really.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 8 | MARSEILLE TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Time to make your food baby sing! Today we're rolling into the land of hearty Tuscan cuisine: Florence. Whip around Santa Maria del Fiore before ending your day in true Italian fashion: in a carb induced coma at a local trattoria. It would be rude not to.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

## DAY 9 | FLORENCE

Florence has more stories than Bilbo Baggins, more culture than a Shoreditch hipster, over 1,800 restaurants AND it gave the world gelato. Get schooled on the Medici family, stroll the Ponte Vecchio (the only bridge not bombed in WWII) and get an in-depth tour of the city with a local guide.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Florence with a local guide

## DAY 10 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Time to give that bucket list a workout – we're off to Rome! Make like Caesar (the emperor, not the salad) and work up a 'colossus' hunger as you pass by the Pantheon, throw your two cents in the Trevi Fountain, sit on the Spanish Steps and visit ancient history's version of the Hunger Games set at the Colosseum. Tonight, you're in Disneyland for foodies. Have fun.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Rome  
+ Visit Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower

## DAY 11 | ROME INCLUDING VATICAN CITY VISIT

It wouldn't be Rome without a visit to the Pope – so hop on an optional tour and catch the 360-degree view from the Basilica. After, we'll say goodbye. Make sure to swap numbers!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of the Vatican City

## Meals

Breakfasts are included every day (except on the first morning). Included meals will be a combination of those prepared by Topdeck On-Site Chefs, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu

## Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

# OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**