

# Topdeck

## WESTERN RUNNER



**TRIP CODE:**

EEWMMR-9



## Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Enjoy this epic adventure through Western Europe at your own pace. Start your trip in marvellous Madrid and work your way through the port town of Valencia, buzzin' Barca, magnificent Marseille and fab Florence before revelling in Rome. With so much awesomeness to take in, you better start prepping. Like, now.

### 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)

- + Local guide in Florence
- + Driving tour of Barcelona

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Valencia
- + Driving tour of Barcelona
- + Walking tour of Marseille
- + Walking tour of Florence with local guide
- + Walking tour of Rome

## 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**



**DRIVER**

## DAY 1 | MADRID, SPAIN

Hola, Madrid! Before you meet up with the gang this afternoon, check out the Royal Palace, get cultured at the Prado Museum or just kick back in the botanical gardens. After the sun sets, delve into the buzzing nightlife in the areas of Malasaña and Chueca. Just be prepared to party 'til the break of dawn.

## DAY 2 | MADRID TO VALENCIA

Onto Spain's third largest city, Valencia. A fabulous hybrid of past and present, this picturesque port town combines avant-garde buildings with modern facilities (hello, The City of Arts and Sciences Complex) and sparkling seaports. Take in some of the best bits on a walking tour.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Walking tour of Valencia

## DAY 3 | VALENCIA TO BARCELONA

Bienvenidos to the city of art nouveau, alluring accents and most importantly, tapas. Today we hit Barcelona and get our bearings on a driving tour. Trust us, you'll leave a little bit of your heart behind when you see this beautiful city. Stroll the bustling Las Ramblas and indulge in a satisfying feast at our included dinner. Flamenco, anyone? Get those feet a' tapping at the optional show tonight.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Driving tour of Barcelona



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Flamenco show in Barcelona

## DAY 4 | BARCELONA

Tick off the greats today. The Sagrada Família is so beautiful you will probably cry. Seriously. There's also the Gothic Quarter to check out and loads of yummy food and sangria to hunt down. After a solid day of exploring, fire up for the notorious nightlife (note: people hit the clubs at midnight. Earliest. So, make sure you've had your beauty sleep).



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 5 | BARCELONA TO MARSEILLE, FRANCE

Today we cross the border into France. Marseille's next on our list. With its boat-lined quayside, history and architecture, there's no wonder this is one of France's most visited cities. A melting pot of sceneries, get your bearings on a walking tour.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Walking tour of Marseille

## DAY 6 | MARSEILLE

Your second day in Marseille is yours to spend at your leisure. Explore bustling La Canebière or dig into bouillabaisse, the hearty fish stew invented in Marseille. You could also check out the colourful markets, the Calanques, the Panier area and the Corniche. Be sure to catch the sunset over the Vieux Port.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 7 | MARSEILLE TO FLORENCE, ITALY

With over 1,800 restaurants and the world's best gelato (hands down), Florence is where all your Italian food dreams are made. After snapping the city's picturesque streets, dig into a hearty included dinner before rolling into bed with a full tummy.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner

## DAY 8 | FLORENCE

Wakey wakey! Florence is ready and waiting. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city's greats this morning. Think: Ponte Vecchio, Florence Cathedral and a statue of that famous naked guy, David. Afterwards, there's free time to shop and eat Tuscan food to your heart's content.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Florence with local guide

## DAY 9 | FLORENCE TO ROME

Today, we're Romeward bound. OMG. Get excited for our legendary Rome walking tour! Highlights: gazing up at the historic Pantheon, throwing coins into the Trevi Fountain and coming face to face with the almighty Colosseum.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Rome

## DAY 10 | ROME

If you're up for an early start, why not head out on an optional trip to the world's smallest country (and home of the pope) this morning? After that, our trip will come to a close. Noooo! You can always stick around in Rome to shop 'til you drop on Via Condotti, head to Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum or just kick back in Piazza Navona for some dolce far niente (delicious idleness). Ciao, until next time!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Guided tour of 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!**