

11-Day Spanish Coastal & Island Escape

11 days · 9 stops · 2026-08-24

This **11-day Spanish Coastal & Island Escape** is perfectly tailored for a solo traveler seeking a vibrant mix of **culture, adventure, and relaxation**. Starting in Madrid and ending in Barcelona, the trip includes stunning stops in Valencia, Alicante, Ibiza, Murcia, Malaga, and Marbella, with a seamless blend of train travel, flights, and car rides. Experience historic cities, beautiful beaches, and a quick island getaway to Ibiza, all while enjoying budget-friendly accommodations and activities in early July.

New York City → Madrid → Valencia → Alicante → Ibiza → Murcia → Malaga → Barcelona → New York City

New York City

DAY 1–1

Madrid, Spain

DAY 1–3

Madrid, the vibrant capital of Spain, offers a perfect blend of rich culture, historic landmarks, and lively city life. Explore world-class museums like the Prado, stroll through the beautiful Retiro Park, and enjoy the bustling tapas scene. It's an ideal starting point for your budget-friendly solo trip with easy train connections to the coast and beyond.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

JFK → MAD

8h 28m · 1 stop

\$469.03

STAY

Habitaciones en Embajadores

Calle Embajadores, 65 5d, 28012 Madrid · 7.5

ITINERARY

Day 1 · Arrival and Evening Stroll in Madrid · 3 experiences: Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Casa Lucio
Day 2 · Art and Culture Immersion in Madrid · 6 experiences: Madrid: Skip-the-Line Prado Museum Tour & Optional Tapas, Retiro Park (Parque de El Retiro), San Miguel Market (Mercado de San Miguel), Royal Palace of Madrid, Almudena Cathedral (Catedral de la Almudena), Sobrino de Botín
Day 3 · Morning Exploration and Departure to Valencia · 3 experiences: Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum (Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza), Gran Vía, Café de Oriente

Valencia, Spain

DAY 3–5

Valencia is a vibrant coastal city known for its stunning blend of historic architecture and futuristic designs, including the famous City of Arts and Sciences. It's a paradise for food lovers, especially for tasting authentic paella, and offers beautiful beaches for relaxation. The city's lively festivals and charming old town provide a perfect mix of culture and adventure for solo travelers.

ARRIVE · TRAIN

Madrid → Valencia

1h 45m

STAY

ibis budget Valencia Centro Puerto

29 Juan Verdeguer St, 46024 Valencia · 8.1

ITINERARY

Day 3 · Historic Valencia and Tapas Evening · 4 experiences: Plaza de la Reina, Valencia Cathedral (Seu), Valencia Old Town, Valencia: Old Town Tour, Wine & Tapas in an 11th c. Monument

Day 4 · Nature and Culture by the Lagoon · 5 experiences: Turia Riverbed Gardens (Jardí del Túria), From Valencia: Albufera Natural Park Eco Boat Tour & Sunset, Silk Exchange (La Lonja de la Seda), Valencia Central Market (Mercado Central de Valencia), La Pepica

Day 5 · Modern Valencia and Departure · 4 experiences: Valencia City of the Arts & Sciences, Valencia Hemisferic, Institut Valencià d'Art Modern (IVAM), Dulce de Leche Boutique

Alicante, Spain

DAY 5–6

Alicante is a vibrant coastal city known for its beautiful beaches, historic castle, and lively promenade. It's a perfect spot for relaxation by the Mediterranean Sea, exploring cultural landmarks like Santa Bárbara Castle, and enjoying delicious local cuisine. Alicante also offers easy access to nearby coastal towns, making it a great base for your Spanish coastal adventure.

ARRIVE · TRAIN

Valencia → Alicante

1h 30m

STAY

Hostel Alicante

9 Plaza del Hospital Viejo, 03004 Alicante · 7.1

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Discover Alicante's Historic and Culinary Gems · 4 experiences: Santa Barbara Castle, Explanada de España, Alicante: Secret Flavors Food Tour, El Buen Comer

Day 6 · Art, Culture, and Coastal Relaxation · 4 experiences: Alicante Museum of Contemporary Art (MACA), Co-Cathedral of St. Nicholas of Bari, Port of Alicante, Café de Finca

Ibiza, Spain

DAY 6–8

Ibiza is renowned for its vibrant nightlife, beautiful beaches, and crystal-clear waters, making it a perfect spot for both party lovers and those seeking relaxation. The island also offers charming old towns, scenic coastal views, and a rich cultural heritage. It's an ideal quick island escape to add a mix of adventure and chill vibes to your Spain trip.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

ALC → IBZ

39m · Direct

\$62.02

STAY

Hotel Brisa - Adults only

Valencia, 15, 07820 San Antonio · 7.9

ITINERARY

Day 6 · Arrival and Exploring Ibiza Old Town · 3 experiences: Dalt Vila, Ibiza Castle, La Brasa

Day 7 · Jeep Safari and Beach Relaxation · 3 experiences: Ibiza: Jeep Safari Island Exploration, Cala Comte Beach, Es Boldado

Day 8 · Kayaking and Departure · 2 experiences: Ibiza: Kayak & Snorkel in Sea Caves and Crystal Waters, Passion Cafe

Murcia, Spain

DAY 8–9

Murcia is a charming city in southeastern Spain known for its historic architecture, vibrant local culture, and delicious cuisine. It's a great stop to experience authentic Spanish life away from the more touristy spots, with beautiful plazas and the impressive Murcia Cathedral. The city also offers easy access to nearby natural parks and the Mediterranean coast for some relaxation and adventure.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

IBZ → ALC

15m · Direct

\$75.87

TRANSFER

Alicante: Airport to Accommodation Private One-Way Transfer

\$155.00

STAY

Hotel La Parra

Carretera del Balneario, 3, 30600 Archena · 8.1

ITINERARY

Day 8 · Explore Murcia's Culture and Wildlife · 2 experiences: La Pequeña Taberna, Restaurante Salzillo

Day 9 · Relax and Prepare for Next Journey · 1 experiences: Café Bar La Tapa

Malaga, Spain

DAY 9–11

Malaga is a vibrant coastal city known for its beautiful beaches, historic sites like the Alcazaba fortress, and a lively cultural scene including museums and festivals. It's a perfect blend of relaxation by the Mediterranean Sea and exploring rich Spanish heritage. The city's charming old town offers great tapas bars and local markets, ideal for a solo traveler seeking authentic experiences.

ARRIVE · CAR

Murcia → Malaga

3h 40m

STAY

Gce Hoteles

Avenida Andalucia, 12, 29580 Málaga · 8.2

ITINERARY

Day 9 · Arrival and Evening Relaxation in Malaga · 2 experiences: Constitution Square (Plaza de la Constitucion), El Pimpi

Day 10 · Historic Malaga and Relaxing Hammam Experience · 5 experiences: Málaga: Alcazaba and Roman Theatre Guided Tour With Entry, Malaga Cathedral (Cathedral de la Encarnación), La Cosmopolita, Malaga: Hammam Al Ándalus Entry Ticket with Massage, Casa Lola

Day 11 · Packing and Departure Preparation · 2 experiences: Cafe Central, Malagueta Beach (Playa de La Malagueta)

Barcelona, Spain

DAY 11–12

Barcelona is a vibrant city known for its stunning architecture by Gaudí, lively street life, and beautiful Mediterranean beaches. It offers a rich mix of culture, history, and relaxation, perfect for ending your Spanish adventure with unforgettable experiences. Explore iconic sites like the Sagrada Familia, stroll down La Rambla, and enjoy delicious Catalan cuisine in a dynamic urban setting.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

AGP → BCN

2h · Direct

\$58.71

STAY

Hotel Doña Catalina

Avenida Oriental 14, 29670 Marbella · 8.5

ITINERARY

Day 11 · Arrival and Evening in Barcelona · 2 experiences: Plaza de Sant Felip Neri, El Xampanyet
Day 12 · Relaxed Morning and Departure · 2 experiences: Federal Cafe, Frederic Mares Museum

New York City

DAY 12-12

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

BCN → JFK

5h 49m · 1 stop

\$701.66