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# SPECTACULAR SPAIN!

## FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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MADRID | TOLEDO | VALENCIA | BARCELONA

**MARCH 22-30, 2024**

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE: \$3,395.00

NOTE: THIS IS A GOOD-FAITH ESTIMATE UNTIL PRICING FOR 2024 AIR & LAND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING.

PREVIEW ALL TOUR INFORMATION AND REGISTER HERE:

<https://cvent.me/EZO9bl>

PASSWORD TO REGISTER IS: FHS (ALL CAPS)



TRAVEL WITH THE FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO SPECTACULAR SPAIN, VISITING THE CITIES OF MADRID, TOLEDO, VALENCIA, AND REMARKABLE BARCELONA.

BEGIN IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF MADRID. HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR STAY WILL INCLUDE THE PUERTO DEL SOL, PLAZA DE ESPANA, LAS VENTAS BULL RING, AND THE BEAUTIFUL EL RETIRO PARK. MAKE AN EXCURSION TO THE MEDIEVAL CITY OF TOLEDO.

NEXT IT'S ON TO THE SEASIDE CITY OF VALENCIA, ONE OF THE PREMIER BAND CAPITALS IN ALL OF EUROPE. ENJOY ITS MIX OF OLD SPANISH TRADITION AND MODERNISM. SHARE A COLLABORATIVE CONCERT WITH A LOCAL CONSERVATORY BAND.

CONCLUDE THE TOUR IN THE CITY OF BARCELONA. MARVEL AT ANTONI GAUDI'S—SAGRADA FAMILIA CHURCH, THE OLYMPIC SITES, BUSTLING PORT, HISTORIC GOTHIC QUARTER AND THE FAMOUS LAS RAMBLAS!

PERFORM CONCERTS IN HISTORIC VENUES AND SHARE YOUR MUSIC ON THIS EXCITING GRAND TOUR TO SPAIN!

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# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Friday, March 22, 2024 Depart USA

Depart from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Madrid, Spain on Delta/KLM/Air France Airlines. Fly transatlantic overnight to Europe with complimentary meals, beverages and entertainment. Inflight

## Day 2 Saturday, March 23, 2024 Arrival | Toledo | Madrid

Morning arrival in Europe, connect to your flight to Madrid. On arrival, meet your professional Spanish tour managers and travel to the ancient city of Toledo, once the medieval capital of Castile and home to the famed artist, *El Greco*. Ascend into the town by escalator and begin a guided tour of this walled city. After time for lunch and exploring in small groups return to Madrid. Check in and get settled into your hotel before attending a Flamenco dinner show at Tablao Las Carboneras. Inflight/D

## Day 3 Sunday, March 24, 2024 Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel then begin with a morning visit to Madrid's landmarks such as the Plaza Espana, Royal Palace, and Puerta del Sol. Afternoon free for lunch souvenir shopping near the Plaza Mayor. Perform an evening concert in the nearby community of Tres Cantos or El Espinar. After the concert, have a late dinner, per Spanish tradition, in a local restaurant. B/D

## Day 4 Monday, March 25, 2024 Madrid | Valencia

Check out and depart from Madrid to Valencia with a lunch stop en route. On arrival, get settled into your hotel. Spend the evening in the historic Old Town of the city and enjoy dinner at a traditional Valencian paella restaurant. This dish is a mixture of rice, meat, beans and is a speciality of the region. B/D

## Day 5 Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Valencia

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Valencia, a city which has a rich musical heritage and is one of the great wind-band capitals of Europe. The city hosts an annual International Wind Band Festival each summer with bands participating from around the world. See the Palau de la Musica and Valencia's stunning modern architecture. In the afternoon, collaborate with students from a local music conservatory and then share a concert in the evening. After the concert, celebrate with a shared meal with your new Spanish friends! B/D

## Day 6 Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Valencia | Barcelona

Depart from Valencia for Barcelona. Upon arrival, make a stop on Mont Juic for spectacular views over the port and city of Barcelona. Get lunch on the pedestrian street of Las Ramblas and then check into your hotel. Enjoy dinner on your own with friends tonight. B

## Day 7 Thursday, March 28, 2024 Barcelona

Meet your local guide for a guided tour of Barcelona including a visit to the Sagrada Familia; Gaudi's masterpiece of architecture with an exterior visit. Visit again the elegant tree-lined Las Ramblas where you can have lunch in the massive Boqueria. Possible evening concert in Pallafols. Return to Barcelona in the late evening. B/D

## Day 8 Friday, March 29, 2024 Barcelona

Breakfast then begin the day in the Gothic Quarter with a guided tour of the Palau de Musica concert hall. The afternoon is free to visit the Picasso Museum, do some souvenir shopping in the Gothic Quarter or perhaps hit the beach. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at the glitzy El Cangrejo Loco. B/D

## Day 9 Saturday, March 30, 2024 Return to USA

Return on Delta/KLM/Air France from Barcelona to Minneapolis with connections bringing with you memories to last a lifetime.

# TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Spain
- Professional tour managers on each coach
- 7-nights hotel in twin/triple occupancy
- Breakfast daily at hotels
- 6-evening group dinners (1 dinner on your own)
- Flamenco dinner show in Madrid
- Sightseeing as listed in the tour itinerary
- Admissions as required for sightseeing program
- Guided city tours of Madrid, Toledo, Valencia, Barcelona
- Arrangement of 3-concerts with local promotion
- Rental and transport of percussion instruments
- Online registration and individual billing
- Use of radio headsets during sightseeing
- Option to pay by debit/credit card (3% service fee)
- Gratuities to tour managers | drivers | local guides
- Travel Insured International Student Protection Plan
- Complete set of travel documents

# TOUR FINANCES

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- \$300 Tour deposit due January 15, 2023
- \$600 Payment #2 due March 15, 2023
- \$600 Payment #3 due May 15, 2023
- \$600 Payment #4 due September 15, 2023
- \$600 Payment #5 due November 15, 2023
- Final Balance due January 30, 2024

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 90 or more days prior to departure = Full refund
- 89 to 60 days prior = 75% of payments refunded
- 59 to 30 days prior = 50% of payments refunded
- 29 to 0 days prior = No refunds (100% penalty)

All debit / credit card charges will have a 3% service fee added at the time the charge is processed. Your best value is to pay by check. FHS fundraising will be credited to your account once funds are received by GrandTours.

You may wish to consider the purchase of additional travel insurance protection that includes cancel-for-any-reason (CFAR) coverage. Travel insurance options are outlined in detail on the tour registration website.

