BARCELONA + BILBAO ARCHITECTURE // SEPT 2020
PLANNED ITINERARY (Subject to change without notice)

BARCELONA 20TH SEPTEMBER
1st day // transfer + evening
Airport transfers from Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) to the hotel for the group.
Meeting with architect. Paseo de Gracia, showcase of Barcelona’s urbanism and Catalan modernism:
- Casa Fuster and the Diagonal (Domènech i Montaner), Rambla de Catalunya and Can Serra
La Pedrera- Casa Milà (Gaudí), interior visit)

Guided tours by Architects
A team of qualified architects will guide you during your visit, responding to your questions about architecture, history, art and design.
Gain an in-depth look at Barcelona’s and Bilbao’s vast, old, modern and contemporary heritage, with a focus on architecture and art by the hand of one of our architects.

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BARCELONA 21ST SEPTEMBER
2nd day // complete day
Meeting with architect. Paseo de Gracia, showcase of Barcelona’s urbanism and Catalan modernism:
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La Pedrera- Casa Milà (Gaudí), interior visit)

Tàpies Foundation (former Editorial Montaner i Simon, by Domènech i Montaner).

Night in Hotel Barcelona

"Illa de la Discordia": Batlló house (Gaudí) Amatller house (Puig i Cadafalch) Lleó-Morera house (, Domènech i Montaner).

- House of the Punxes,"Casa Terrades" (Puig i Cadafalch)
Transfer by private bus to the Casa Vicens house. Casa Vicens (1888, Gaudi. His first house) (interior visit).

Transfer to the Gothic quarter. Walking tour through the Gothic and Santa Caterina - Plaza de la Catedral - Els 4 Gats (Puig i Cadafach). - La Rambla and new Massana school (Carne Pinós).

Transfer by private bus to the Hospital Sant Pau. Visit Hospital Sant Pau. (Domènech i Montaner) (interior visit). Continue walking to Sagrada Familia by Gaudí (interior visit).
Night in Hotel Barcelona

BARCELONA 22ND SEPTEMBER
3rd day // complete day

Meeting with architect. Morning trip to Santa Coloma de Cervelló (30 minutes aprox).
Visit to Colonia Güell Crypt Church by Gaudí. (interior visit).

Return to Barcelona by private bus and stop to exterior of Pavellons Güell/Dragon Gate.

Continue through Diagonal and Visit to 22@ and the Forum.

Agbar Tower (Jean Nouvel), Disenny Hub (MBM), Encants Marquet (B720)

Cal’Aranyo - Pompeu Fabra, Media Pro (OAB-Ferrater), Electric Subcentral (Rahola), Can Tiana CMT Headquarters (Batlle i Roig).
Stop to explain Can Framis (BAAS-Jordi Badia), Social housing (SAAS-Moragas) and Media-TIC (Cloud 9-Enric Ruiz Geli). Explanation about "Superilla". This Superblock is a new model of mobility that restructures the typical urban road network.

Short Short Stop at Me hotel by Dominique Perrault + AIA - Parc of Poble nou by Jean Nouvel.

BARCELONA 23RD SEPTEMBER
4th day // Morning

Visit to las Arenas - old bullfighting ring by Alonso y Balaguer, Maria cristina avenue, magic font, MNAC, Caixaforum (Puig i cadafalch – isozaki)

Diagonal Mar Park (EMBT Miralles-Tagliabue) and residential towers.

Stop al Fórum, we will have a panoramic view of 00 Tower (Massip) Forum building (Herzog & de Meuron), Convention Centre - CCIBC (Josep Lluís Mateo) and Parc (FOA).

Night in Hotel Barcelona

Barcelona pavilion (Mies Van Der Rohe interior visit)
Telecommunications tower (Catatrava), Palau Sant Jordi (Isozaki) Stadium Lluis company, Fundació Miró museum – Sert interior visit, cable car from montjuic to
Barcelona’s port.

Barceloneta market and neighborhood,
Gas natural (EMBT) Biomedical research
( Brullet & Pineda) pineda, Fish –(Gehry )
Arts hotel and Mapfre (SOM), Olympic
village (MBM), Pergola icària (EMBT).

Private bus and interior visit to Park Güell
by Gaudí.
Night in Hotel Barcelona.

BARCELONA-BILBAO
24 TH SEPTEMBER
5th day // Transfer to Bilbao

Check out and transfer to Bilbao in private bus. Aprox 7-8 hours trip.
Stops in Zaragoza and La rioja to define (buildings of Zaha Hadid, Calatrava etc).
Night in Hotel Bilbao.

BILBAO 25 TH SEPTEMBER
6th day // full day

Meeting with architect for a full day guided tour to visit the Old Town of Bilbao, best known as “Casco Viejo”;
Unamuno, Santiago and Nueva (s. XIII-s.XIX) Squares. Arenal Pont, Arriaga Theatre (J.Rucoba), Kiosko Arenal and Train Station to Santander (FEVE -“La Concordia”).

The area includes Bilbao Underground Station Stations by Norman Foster, San Nicolas Church and Jardines de Albía (gardens).
After lunch the group will meet the architect. First visit will be the most impressive area of the “new Bilbao”: Abandoibarra.

Interior visit of Guggenheim Museum by Frank Gehry. Outside, Louise Borgoíse’s “Mum Spider” sculpture and “Puppy” sculpture by Jeff Koons will complete the visit.

Also, the walking tour guided by an architect will include the Townhall (Joaquin Rucoba - Extension (2010) IMB), Oteiza ’s Sculpture “Variante ovoide de desocupación de la esfera”, Campo Volantin and “Pasarela Zubizuri “ by Santiago Calatrava.
We will also see Isozaki residencial Towers. Another interesting stops are Hotel Sheraton by Legorreta, “Pasarela Pedro Arrupem “ bridge, Iberdrola Tower by Pelli and Deusto University by Rafael Moneo. Also, the “Paraninfo” of the UPV University by portuguese architect Alvaro Siza and Euskalduna (Congress Centre - Music Hall) by Soriano and Palacios. Night in Hotel Bilbao.

BILBAO 26 TH SEPTEMBER
7th day // full day

Meeting with architect for a full day guided tour. The grid of the “Ensanche” offers newer and well worth seeing buildings as the local government’s library (Vizcaya Foral Library by IMB), the Cultural Centre “La Alhondiga” by Philippe Starck (Azkuna Zentroa) ,Historical Archive of the Basque Country by ACXT and the Sanitary headquarters by Coll- Barreu.

After lunch transfer by private bus to Miribilla district. We will see Bilbao Arena by ACXT (whose prizes include the “Building of the Year 2011) and also houses, a large gym and swimming pool for local residents and the new policeman Station by Coll- Barreu. Also, Church of Miribilla by IMB Arquitectos. Visits by private bus to San Mames, Desert Plaza In Barakaldo by NO.MAD, Bizkaia Bridge, World Heritage UNESCO Site).

Night in Hotel Bilbao.

BILBAO 27 TH SEPTEMBER
8th day // Return
Airport transfers from hotel to Bilbao airport (by Calatrava)
Join the OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT PITT on a Unique Architecture Tour of Spain!
Saturday September 19, 2020 - Sunday September 27, 2020

Presented by AMBASSADOR TRAVEL SERVICE in Pittsburgh, and ARTCHITECOURS in Barcelona, Spain, the trip includes an 8 day/7 night* guided tour of Spanish architecture in the cities of Barcelona and Bilbao, Spain.

* Tour includes 4 tour days in Barcelona, travel day between cities, 2 tour days in Bilboa, and return day.

The trip will include full-day tours with expert architect guides* each day who are experienced and familiar with the many points of interest on the itinerary. The group will visit some of the most stunning architecture in Spain, such as Barcelona’s famous Sagrada Familia, and will include some renowned structural designs from Gaudi, Nouvel, and more!!

* An audio guide system is provided to ensure you will be able to hear the architect properly.

The price of the tour and airfare is $3,695 USD per person (double occupancy), and includes AIRFARE, tours, entrance fees, hotels, airport transfers, transportation between Barcelona and Bilbao, and hotel breakfast each morning.

• A $700 supplement will be added for guests requesting single occupancy.
• Tour does not include other meals not specified.
• Gratuities for guides, hotel staff or luggage porterage service are not included.
• Travel Insurance is recommended, and is available when making your reservation.

A $600 per person deposit is required at the time of reservation.

For a detailed itinerary of the tour or to make a reservation, contact Joe Brandt of Ambassador Travel Service (412) 518-7626 or via email at pittsburghtravelguy@gmail.com.

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES:

DAY 1 – Sunday, September 20, 2020
BARCELONA – Transfer from airport to hotel; Tour around Centre and important highlights with architect guide Featuring Paseo de Gracia, showcase of Barcelona’s urbanism and Catalan modernism. Includes entrances to Casa Milà- la Pedrera

DAY 2 – Monday, September 21, 2020
BARCELONA – Featuring Walking tour along the Diagonal; Gothic Quarter; Visit Hospital Sant Pau. (Domènech i Montaner)(interior visit); Sagrada Familia by Gaudí (interior visit). Includes entrances to Casa Vicens, Sant Pau, and Sagrada Familia

DAY 3 – Tuesday, September 22, 2020
BARCELONA – Featuring Morning trip to Santa Coloma de Cerveló; Visit to Colonia Güell Crypt Church by Gaudí (interior visit). Includes entrances to Colònia Güell Crypt and Disseny Hub

DAY 4 – Wednesday, September 23, 2020
BARCELONA – Featuring Visit to las Arenas; Bullfighting ring by Alonso y Balaguer; MNAC; Caixaforum. Includes entrances to Mies Pavilion, Miró Foundation, and Park Guell

DAY 5 – Thursday, September 24, 2020
TRAVEL FROM BARCELONA TO BILBAO – Private Bus to Bilbao, with shorts stops in Zaragoza and la Rioja.

DAY 6 – Friday, September 25, 2020
BILBAO – Featuring Old Town; Abandoibarreia; Interior visit of Guggenheim Museum. Includes entrances to Guggenheim Museum

DAY 7 – Saturday, September 26, 2020
BILBAO – Featuring Ensanche; La Alhondiga; Miribilla district. Includes entrances to Azkuna Zentrub, (private visit)

DAY 8 – Sunday, September 27, 2020
BILBAO TO PITTSBURGH – Transfer from hotel to airport.

* Detailed itinerary includes complete list of points of interest included in the tour each day.
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* Guided tours last approximately 8 hours each day and are led by expert architect guides.
* Hotel breakfast included each day of the tour.