



Spain, a land of jeweled Moorish palaces, sun-drenched beaches, terraced vineyards, sleepy fishing villages, primeval corridas (bullfights) and sensuous flamenco has become the sophisticated playground of Europe, and a premier destination of art, music and literature lovers. The vitality and excitement of today's Spain have made it popular worldwide.

Spanish cultural life has been reinvigorated, particularly in the years since the death of General Franco. The performing arts, once restricted by lack of facilities, have received major investments including new venues, regional arts centers and new symphony orchestras. The country has produced many remarkable opera singers, including Montserrat Caballé, Alfredo Kraus, Plácido Domingo and José Carreras. Spain now boasts some of the world's greatest opera houses and concert halls.

Spain's music is the embodiment of rich cultural influences from church (Gregorian plainchant reached its pinnacle in Spain), Moorish culture, and Spain's diverse groups such as Catalans, Basques, Galleggos in the northeast to the quintessentially Spanish in Castile or Andalusia. Composers like Manuel de Falla, Isaac Albeniz, Fernando Sor, Tomás Luis de Victoria, Gabriel Balart, Oscar Espla and others have left their definite mark on the world canon of music literature.

"I have come to trust and truly enjoy working with all of the wonderful people at MCI that are dedicated and passionate about their work. Once again thank you and your incredible staff at MCI for all of the great tours. I know all of the participants of the tour will cherish the wonderful memories for years to come."

Rocky Lee, Artistic Director South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra







The MCI Difference

Music Celebrations International (MCI) provides customized tours (stateside & abroad), festivals, collaborations, world-class clinicians, premier venues, and so many exciting possibilities to explore for your ensemble!

Partnering with MCI will provide you and your ensemble with:

- 30+ years of experience
- The best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the industry who have produced over 2,000 concert tours to Europe
- Dedicated Concert Managers who coordinate all the venues and promotion so you can focus on the music!
- Offices and personnel throughout Europe
- Staff comprised of musicians, music educators, and travel industry experts

"MCI does a tremendous job of making sure that each and every single member of a tour has a wonderfully successful time on their tour. This attention to detail and making everything right is truly what separates Music Celebrations International from all other tour companies. Thank you again to you and your incredible staff for making such a tremendous difference in the lives of Hinsdale Central's students and families."

Jeffrey Wirtz, Orchestra Director Hinsdale Central High School

"Hotels were all outstanding!! Our Tour Manager was the best we have ever had in Europe, and the city guides were wonderful!! You guys have some great contacts there. Spain was one of those places that I had never realized had so much history and beauty. The Music Celebrations team out did themselves again!"

Frank Lestina, Orchestra Director Vernon Hills High School









## sample performance itineraries in Spain



Tour 1 - 5 Nights / 7 Days 5 nights in Barcelona with excursions to Montserrat, Tarragona, and Salou



Tour 4 - 7 Nights / 9 Days 3 nights in Barcelona, 2 nights in Valencia, 2 nights in Madrid



Tour 2 - 6 Nights / 8 Days 6 nights in Madrid with excursions to Aranjuez, Toledo, El Escorial, Avila, and Segovia



Tour 5 - 8 Nights / 10 Days
3 nights in Barcelona, 3 nights in Arles,
2 nights in Aix-en-Provence



**Tour 3 - 7 Nights / 9 Days** 2 nights in Toledo, 2 nights in Seville, 1 night in Granada, 2 nights in Madrid

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