

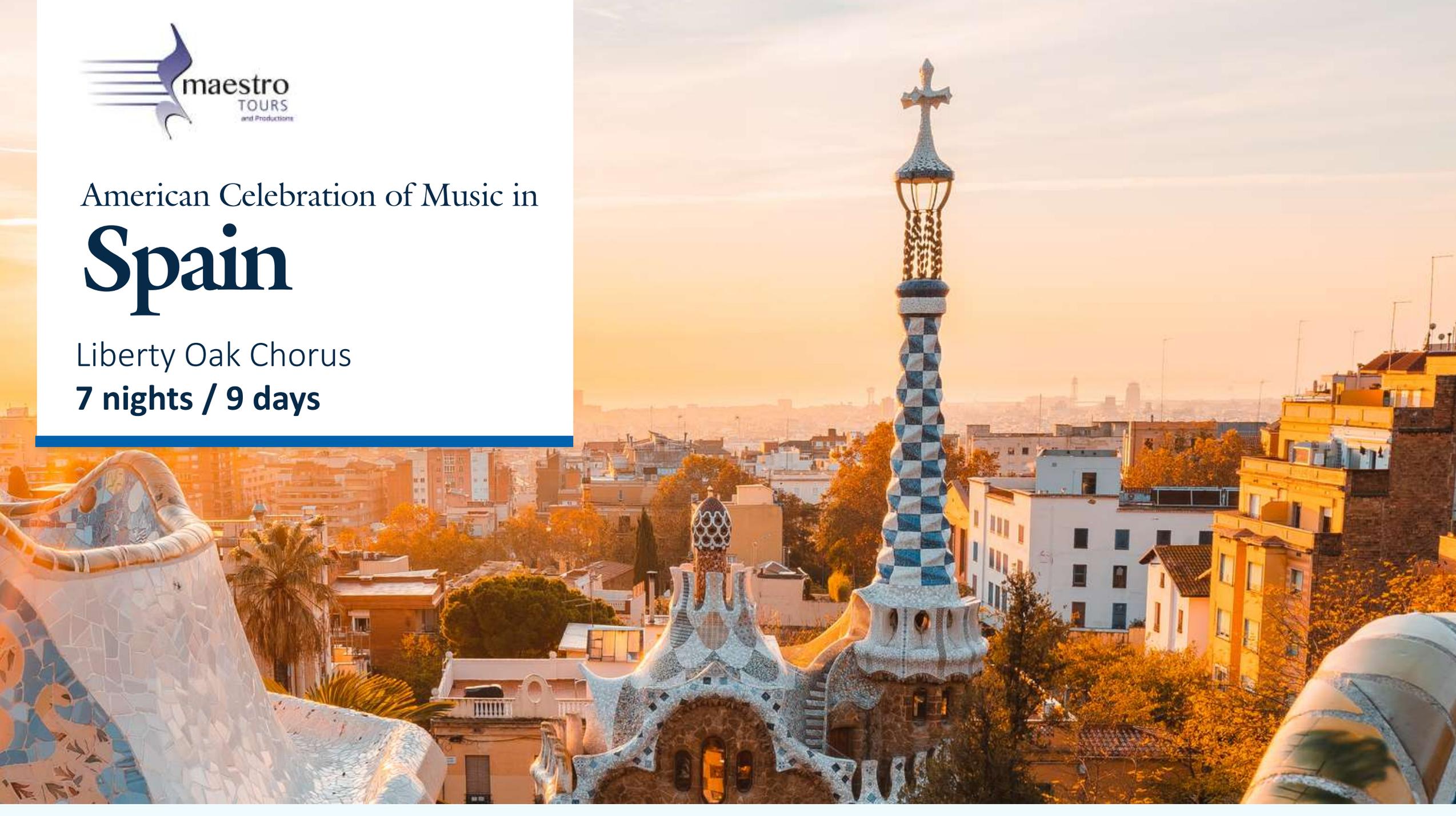


American Celebration of Music in

Spain

Liberty Oak Chorus

7 nights / 9 days



Day One:

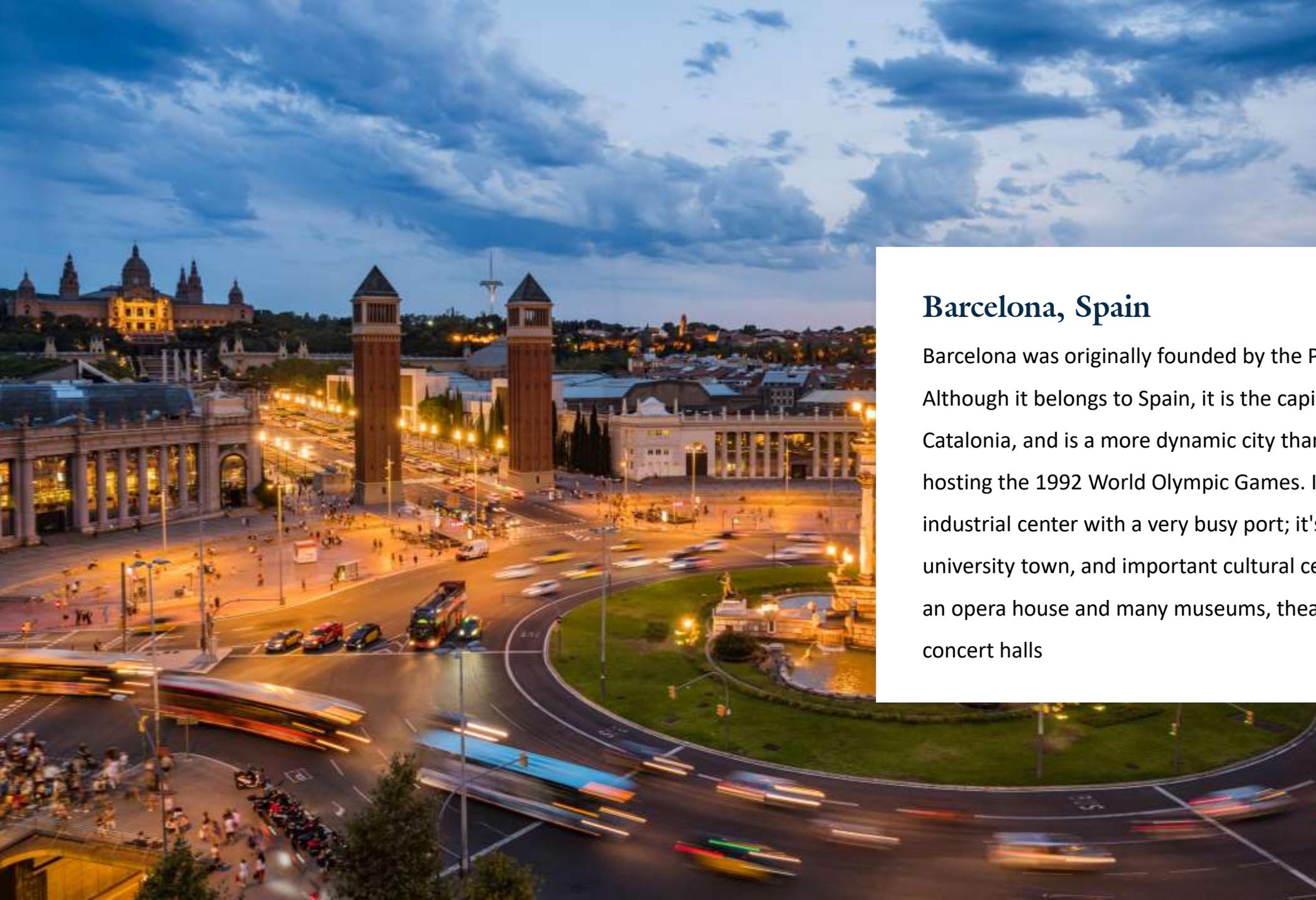


- Depart from Newark (EWR) via scheduled air service to Barcelona, Spain

Day Two:



- Morning arrival in Barcelona
- Meet your full-time local Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via panoramic tour of Barcelona's highlights including the Gothic Quarter, Plaça del Rei, Roman City, Plaça Reial, Port Vell, etc
- Lunch, on own
- Enjoy some afternoon free time at leisure
- Late afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening Welcome Dinner included and overnight



Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona was originally founded by the Phoenicians. Although it belongs to Spain, it is the capital of Catalonia, and is a more dynamic city than ever, hosting the 1992 World Olympic Games. It is a large industrial center with a very busy port; it's also a university town, and important cultural center with an opera house and many museums, theaters and concert halls

Day Three:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- A morning guided tour includes the Eixample Quarter, location of many of Barcelona's best Modernista buildings. Travel down the Passeig de Gràcia, a luxurious street adorned with elegant wrought iron street lamps which contains the finest examples of Modernist architecture in Barcelona. Then visit La Sagrada Familia, Europe's most unconventional church, yet uncompleted
- ***Liberty Oak Chorus short mid-day recital in La Sagrada Familia***
- Lunch, on own
- Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure to enjoy and explore Barcelona
- Evening dinner included and overnight

Recital

La Sagrada Familia

Perhaps the most famous Barcelona landmark of all, La Sagrada Familia is one of Gaudi's most famous works. It has been under construction since 1882 and has no expected date for completion. Given the commission by the conservative society, Gaudi saw its completion as his holy mission and spent 43 years on La Sagrada Familia before his death. The church welcomes choral ensembles with sacred repertoire for Mass participation and recitals.



Day Four:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning sightseeing to Montserrat to visit the monastery. The monastery, with its church and the various subsidiary buildings, is a little city on its own. The monastery complex proper is reached by way of the Plaza de la Cruz (Catalan Plaça de la Creu), which is flanked by a restaurant, souvenir shops, a post office, payphones and a bureau de change. Hear Escolania, one of Europe's oldest boys choir sing the 11am Mass in the monastery
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon guided tour to Montjuïc (the Mountain of the Jews) for a great view overlooking the city. Visit the Poble Espanyol (Spanish village), built for the 1929 exhibition to illustrate regional styles in Spanish architecture
- ***Liberty Oak Chorus evening concert in the Church of Sant Pere de les Puelles in Barcelona as part of the American Celebration of Music in Spain***
- Evening dinner included and overnight

Performance

Sant Pere de les Puelles

Founded in the tenth century, this church was originally built as a monastery and was completed in the Gothic style. It has since been rebuilt several times, the most significant being after damage from the Spanish War of Independence in 1808. The original structure stood here for around 1,000 years. The church is located in a neighborhood named after it, in the old city of Barcelona and welcomes choral and instrumental ensembles.



Day Five:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Transfer to Tarragona. Sightseeing in Tarragona includes visits to the, stunning Archeological Promenade and Amphitheatre. Also see the Roman Mosaics. Set in a cliff over the beach, this ancient amphitheatre was the site where gladiators and wild beasts fought until death for the amusement of the crowds
- Lunch, on own
- Continue to Valencia for some afternoon free-time at leisure and overnight
- Dinner included and overnight in Valencia



Valencia, Spain

Valencia, lies close to the Mediterranean on the right bank of the Río Turia. Described in an ancient saying as "a piece of heaven fallen to earth," Valencia is a typically southern town with its bustling streets and the brightly colored azulejo domes of its many churches. The climate is unusually mild and predominantly dry. During the Civil War, in 1936-37, it was the seat of the Republican government, and it was the last Republican stronghold to fall to Franco on March 30, 1939, two days after Madrid

Day Six:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning sightseeing includes entrance to the Palacio de la Generalidad and Lonja (Silk Exchange). Northwest of the Cathedral, in Calle de Caballeros, stands the Palacio de la Generalidad, built between 1510 and 1579 to house the parliament of the kingdom of Valencia and now occupied by the Diputación Provincial
- Lunch, on own
- Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure to enjoy and explore Valencia
- ***Liberty Oak Chorus evening concert in the Teatro Ateneo Mercantil in Valencia as part of the American Celebration of Music in Spain***
- Evening dinner included and overnight

Performance

Teatro Ateneo Mercantil

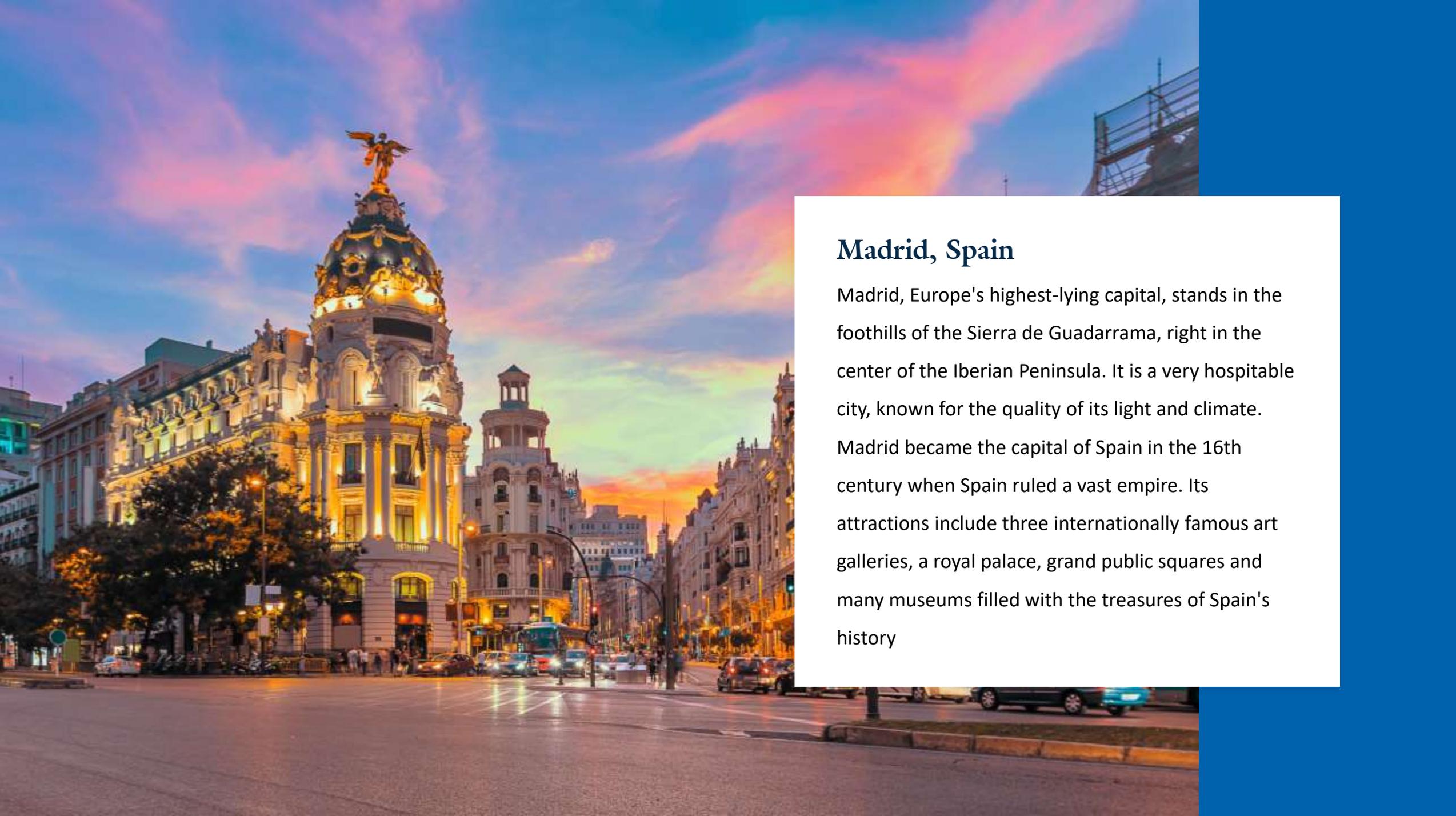
A cultural institution in Valencia, the Ateneo Mercantil was founded in 1879 to meet the cultural and training needs of commercial employees. Since that time, it has established itself as one of the benchmark institutions of Valencian civil society in cultural, commercial and leisure matters.



Day Seven:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning transfer to Madrid
- Lunch on own
- A guided tour of Madrid includes seeing Plaza Mayor (site of tournaments, bullfights and Inquisition trials), Plaza de España, Retiro Park, Royal Palace and entrance to the Prado Museum which hosts one of the finest art collections in the world including important Spanish paintings, classical statues purchased from Italy, medieval religious treasures and even some Romanesque frescoes
- Enjoy some afternoon free time at leisure
- Evening dinner included and overnight



Madrid, Spain

Madrid, Europe's highest-lying capital, stands in the foothills of the Sierra de Guadarrama, right in the center of the Iberian Peninsula. It is a very hospitable city, known for the quality of its light and climate.

Madrid became the capital of Spain in the 16th century when Spain ruled a vast empire. Its attractions include three internationally famous art galleries, a royal palace, grand public squares and many museums filled with the treasures of Spain's history

Day Eight:



- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Enjoy morning free-time at leisure in Madrid or additional sightseeing with your Tour Manager (I.E. Anton Marrtin Market, the Debod – Spain’s only Egyptian Temple, the romantic El Capricho Park, Madid’s City Hall with the stunning vista point, the Círculo de Bellas Artes, the CaixaForum Art Triangle, Cerro del Tio Pio – with the best view of Madrid, etc.)
- Lunch, on own
- Enjoy your afternoon free at leisure to enjoy and explore Madrid
- Farewell dinner included

Day Eight:



- ***Liberty Oak Chorus evening concert in the Centro Cultural Antonio Machado in Madrid as part of the American Celebration of Music Concert Series in Spain***
- No visit to Madrid would be complete without an evening dessert at Chocolatería San Ginés – the world-famous “home of the churro” (Churro’s are from Spain) and enjoy a traditional chocolate con churro ((hot chocolate and churro), paid for on the spot by each traveler (group bookings are not accepted/pre-paid not accepted) – which have been served here in the traditional format, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, continuously since 1894. This is one of the most popular desert/churro spots in all of Spain and is constantly buzzing with locals, families, tourists, and visitors of all kinds!
- Return to your hotel for overnight



Performance

Centro Cultural Antonio Machado

The Centro Cultural Antonio Machado in Madrid is a vibrant cultural hub that pays homage to the renowned Spanish poet Antonio Machado. Located in the heart of the city, this cultural center serves as a dynamic space for artistic expression, literary events, and educational activities. With its diverse range of activities, it contributes significantly to Madrid's cultural scene, fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the arts.



Day Nine:



- Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Transfer to Madrid's airport for return flight
- Arrive home to the USA, the same day as departure from Madrid

Thank You!

Maestro Tours looks forward to providing your ensemble with a truly memorable musical and cultural experience of a lifetime!

