Bokisch Wine Club Tour to Spain 2026
Questions and Answers

What are the dates of the trip?

- **Tour 1: Beyond Barcelona May 11-18, 2026**
- **Tour 2: Beyond Barcelona May 25-June 1, 2026**
- **Tour 3: Hidden Gems June 8-15, 2026**
- **7 nights/8 days, 24 guests per trip**

What is the price of the trip?

- **Tour 1 & 2:** 2026 price is $4,300 per person based on double room plus a $150 reservation fee = $4,450.
- **Tour 3:** 2026 price includes an additional fee of $450 to stay in the 5-star Relais & Chateau in the Priorat. Price is $4,750 + $150 reservation fee = $4,900 per person.
- Non-refundable reservation fee of $150 per person is due upon confirmation.
- Non-refundable deposit of 25% per person due October 1st.
- Balance is 75% per person due March 1st.
- We reserve the right to make any final adjustments of up to 5% to the price of the trip to meet the variance of the Euro/Dollar Exchange rate.
- A 3% credit card processing fee will be applied to deposits and final balance due but not to the reservation fee. To avoid credit card fees, payments may be made via Check or Cash.
- **What is the cancellation policy? (see below)**

What is Included in the Price of the Tour?

- Daily transportation with a professional luxury bus throughout the week
- Pick up and drop off from Barcelona at one designated meeting point
- Hotel for 7 nights at the 4-Star Miami Mar (all rooms come with a private terrace and view of the Mediterranean with an authentic Spanish style continental breakfast)
- Gourmet multi-course Catalan style mid-day wine tasting lunches
- Michelin Star Rated ultra-gourmet multiple course food and wine experience
- 2 nights private all-inclusive dinners (Welcome and Farwell Party)
- Private VIP Tours of wineries, catered lunches, Museum Entries, Tasting Fees, Monastery entrances, Boat tour of the Mediterranean, Mussel and Cava tasting, and incredible private history and cultural explanations by Markus Bokisch
- All taxes/gratuities for Hotel, Restaurants, Guides, Transportation

What is NOT included in the Tour?

- Airfare to/from Barcelona
- Accommodation while in Barcelona before/after tour
- Evening meals/tapas on the town
- After hours cocktails, snacks, souvenirs

- Travel insurance, medical insurance, mobile phone roaming charges

What about COVID-19 and Health Insurance

- **We highly recommend looking into private trip and health insurance in the event of an illness or last-minute change in plans.**
- If we feel it is necessary to postpone the tours due to an outbreak, we reserve the right to do so. In the event of a cancelled tour, you will receive a full refund.
- Covid-19 requirements/guidelines (if any) will be followed if necessary.
- If you contact Covid-19 on the trip, you will be required to isolate. We are unable to offer any refunds in the event of an illness.

What else should I know?

- In Spain the meal schedule is very different from California. The main meal of the day is in the late afternoon from 2-4 pm. It is a large, multi-course lunch including wine, dessert and coffee. We will provide granola bars and water on the bus. However, we cannot guarantee the snacks will accommodate any dietary restrictions.
- Dinner is around 9:00 pm. It is usually a lighter style meal such as tapas. Due to the large late lunches, and late evening dinners we are not including any organized dinners except for the Welcome and Farewell dinner. You can use this time to explore the town!
- You are on a gastronomic food and wine adventure! In Spain they eat a lot of fish, seafood, and cured meats. Our meals have been organized and selected from a pre-arranged menu. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate a substitution. However, we HIGHLY advise that you keep an open mind and let yourself be swept away with this amazing culinary adventure!!!
- Please review the itinerary carefully. There is so much we want to share with you! We are trying our best to include as much as possible while allowing for some more relaxing days. We advise that you try to arrive in Barcelona a few days early to adjust to jet lag so you are ready to enjoy every part of the trip!
- We reserve the right to make any adjustments to the itinerary as needed due to events beyond our control.
- Spain is an old country and they do not meet ADA compliant standards like the US. There are times when a considerable amount of walking over cobblestone roads, uneven ground and old stairways is required. Please consider whether you are physically able to be able to participate in the tour. We are unable to modify the trip for ADA compliance. ***You should be able to walk one mile.*** If you are unable to participate on any aspect of the trip, we suggest you reconsider whether this is the right trip for you. We want you to be able to enjoy it all! However, you may always choose to stay at the hotel.

Where should we stay in Barcelona and what airline do you recommend?

- Hotels: Believe it or not, we are not experts on Barcelona tourism! We usually stay outside of Barcelona in small towns. But there is so much to choose from!
- Flights: We recommend you fly in a few days early to get over jet lag. Level Airlines offers a non-stop economical flight from San Francisco to Barcelona. It can also be found in conjunction with Iberia Airlines.
- There is so much to do in Barcelona. We recommend you tag on 3 or 4 nights to enjoy this amazing city! **We highly recommend you reserve tickets in advance to visit the Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell, these will sell out in advance due to the increase in tourism**. Take time to walk the streets, enjoy a leisurely Spanish style lunch and plan to go out for Tapas at 9:00 or 10:00 pm to enjoy the night life!
- Barcelona Taxis are professional and easy to use to and from the Barcelona airport. There are apps such as Cabify that you can download. Uber is also starting to take off in Barcelona as well.

What is the refund or cancellation policy and other legalese I need to know about?

- Deposits and reservation fees are non-refundable. A deposit of 25% of the value of the tour is due by October 1st. Deposits may be sent in advance or credit cards will be processed and will be subject to a 3% credit card processing fee.
- **Payment balance in full must be received by March 1st. If, in the unfortunate event, you must cancel the trip, there will be an additional cancellation fee of 25% of the cost of the trip in addition to the non-refundable deposit for a total of 50%.**
- **Credit card payments of deposit and final balance due will incur a 3% processing fee.**
- We ask that you think carefully about your 100% commitment to the trip. Although we have a waiting list, if you are unable to attend in the last minute, it will be difficult for us to find someone to take your spot.
- It is your responsibility to have a valid passport.
- It is your responsibility to abide by any COVID-19 restrictions/guidelines or vaccination requirements.
- It is your responsibility to arrange for international flights.
- It is your responsibility to arrange for travel insurance and medical insurance.
- You agree that you are physically able and in good health to participate in this tour.
- You agree to sign a hold harmless agreement and release of liability.
- You agree to remain an active club member through the completion of the trip.

Other Travel Tips

- Make sure your **passport if valid for 6 months AFTER** your travel dates. The EU is starting to enforce this policy.
- Check to see if a **travel VISA** is required before the trip. The EU has been talking about enforcing this, even if you will be there for less than 90 days.
- Make copies of your passport, driver's license and credit cards to leave at home with someone and to keep in your suitcase in the event you lose your stuff.

- If you plan on renting a car, you are now required to have an **International Driver's License**. You can go on line and get one before you go for a small fee. This was something Markus and I experienced in 2024 and we spent hours at the car rental agency as he applied on line off his phone. It was a real hassle!
- **DO NOT bring dollars to exchange for Euros**! It is best to use your ATM card and pull cash that way. There are no banks to exchange dollars. You won't need very much cash. Almost every café/bar restaurant has the technology for paying by credit card.
- We recommend you download and use **What's App** for communicating with family and friends back home. We also use it on the trip to share photos and messages.