

Doha — Day Plan

Jun 1 arrival 6:30 PM → Jun 2 flight out 2 PM · ~19 hrs · Al Najada Hotel in Souq Waqif

🚇 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro** (Red/Green/Gold): last ~12:54 AM Sat-Thu, first ~5:21 AM. **Fri**: first 9:22 AM, last 12:54 AM.
- **Karwa taxi + Uber + Careem** 24/7 — only reliable late-night option outside metro corridor.
- **Ghost gap**: 1-5 AM. Plan a cab.

★ KNOWN FOR

Modern Arabia in 19 hours

- 🕌 Souq Waqif — restored 19th-c marketplace, lanterns + spice + falcons
- 🏛 Museum of Islamic Art — I.M. Pei's last great building, on its own peninsula
- 🐫 The richest country per capita on Earth — skyline is sci-fi at night

Mon Jun 1 · Arrival night

Land 6:30 PM · 106°F but sun sets ~7pm so relief

7:30 PM

Check in — Al Najada Doha ↗

Boutique hotel inside Souq Waqif. Drop bags. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:00 PM

Dinner — Parisa (Persian, Souq Waqif) ↗

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2 min walk from hotel. Tens of thousands of hand-set mirror tiles + hand-painted Persian myth walls — looks like nothing else they'll eat in on this trip. Chefs flown in from Iran. 📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

10:00 PM

Falcon Souq + souq lantern wander ↗

Falcon Souq evening hours 4-8 PM weekdays — check; even if shops shuttered, the hawks are still on perches and the alley is lit. Loop through gold souq corridor, spice stalls, Saqr Square. This is the night photo set piece — phones out. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:45 PM

Infinity Rooftop Lounge (Alwadi Hotel) ↗

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5 min walk (don't taxi to the Irish Pub — Infinity is better, closer, alcohol-licensed, open till 2 AM). 20th floor, views from souq lanterns out to West Bay skyscrapers. 📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

12:30 AM

Tea Time (24h karak stand, Souq Waqif) ↗

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If one of them isn't ready for bed: 24-hour karak (spiced milk tea) stand inside the souq, ~QAR 3 a cup. Sit on a low wall, watch the late-night Qatari shabab cruise past. Cheap, weird, real. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 AM

Back to hotel

Sleep — alarm 8:30 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:30 AM

Breakfast — Shay Al Shomous (Souq Waqif) ↗ \$

Skip hotel breakfast. 3 min walk. Shams's place — Qatari woman who pioneered women in F&B here, AJ profiled her. Order: balaleet (sweet vermicelli + egg), khobiz regag with cheese & honey, baid o tomate, karak. ~QAR 50 for two. [MORE +](#)

[📍 Open in Maps](#)

9:30 AM

Museum of Islamic Art (I.M. Pei) ↗

Opens 9 AM Tue. 8 min walk from hotel along Corniche — go EARLY before 105°F kicks in. Skip ticket queue with Discover Qatar pass online. 60 min: focused walk through the geometric atrium, the Iznik tiles room, Pei's rooftop water view of West Bay. [📍 Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

10:45 AM

MIA Park + Richard Serra "7" sculpture ↗

5 min walk from museum. Pei's building from the water side = the postcard shot. The 24m steel Serra at the spit-tip is open 24/7 — no entry fee. Quick photo loop, then back via Corniche path toward hotel (or grab a Karwa if heat is brutal). [📍 Open in Maps](#)

11:30 AM

Msheireb Downtown walk-through ↗

On the way back from MIA. Barahat Msheireb square has a retractable roof + outdoor A/C mist — pedestrian, cool, almost no tourists. Pop into Msheireb Museums (4 restored heritage houses, free, 30 min) — the slavery-history one is the underrated knockout. Skip if running tight. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

12:15 PM

Quick check-out + cold drink at hotel

Grab bags, settle bill, water bottles. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

Taxi to DOH airport (Karwa or Uber) ↗

20 min in light traffic, allow 30 min as buffer. Karwa from souq stand ~QAR 50 (\$14), Uber comparable. Have hotel concierge pre-book a Karwa the night before if you want zero friction.

Need to clear DOH security + business lounge by 1:30 PM for 2 PM flight

— Qatar wants biz pax 75 min prior. Don't push it past 12:45. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

QR151 • DOH → MAD

7:20 hr flight in Qatar business. Arrive Madrid 9:25 PM.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Heat warning:** 106-112°F mid-day. The whole plan is built around indoor/covered/night windows. Bring a 1L bottle each — souq stalls sell water for QAR 2.
- **Alcohol reality:** only hotel-licensed venues serve it. No bars outside hotels, no liquor stores for tourists. Infinity (Alwadi) + the Irish Pub (Best Western) are the two near the souq. Both card aggressively.
- **Tuesday closures:** NMoQ closed all day; Wednesday MIA would be closed (n/a for us). Falcon Souq shops shut 8 PM weekdays.
- **Dress:** shoulders + knees covered in the souq (Dani — light scarf). Smart-casual at Infinity (no shorts, no flip-flops for Eddie).
- **Skipped intentionally:** The Pearl Qatar (20 min taxi, mall vibe — not worth it for 19 hrs), Katara Cultural Village (15 min taxi, same reason), Lusail Boulevard (futurist eye-candy but 25 min and at night the heat finally drops at our hotel doorstep), NMoQ (Tuesday closed), desert dunes safari (eats half a day).
- **Cash:** QAR 200-300 covers all the cheap-eat / karak / taxi-tip moments. Cards work everywhere else.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in if energy / time):**
 - **Bin Jelmoood House (Msheireb Museums)** — Company House Bldg 1, Msheireb. The slavery-history museum tucked inside an old pearl-merchant's residence. Free, ~45 min, almost no tourists. The most photogenic + emotionally weighty room in the city. Tue 9 AM-5 PM. Hits on the Tue morning walk back from MIA.
 - **Falcon Hospital + Souq Waqif Falcon Clinic** — Souq Waqif perimeter, S side. The clinic adjoining the falcon souq treats actual hunting birds — you can walk in, see hooded falcons on perches getting checked, no fee. Open 8 AM-12 + 4-8 PM. Sensory off-grid Doha.
 - **Al Wakra Souq + heritage village** — 20 min cab S (still <1.5 hr rule). Restored pearl-diver village on the coast, lit at night, working oud + ittar (Arabic perfume) shops where you blend your own attar — **Aroma Perfume Workshop** does 30-min sessions, ~QAR 150 takeaway 12ml bottle. Cooler at night, near-zero crowds vs Souq Waqif.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically):**
 - **The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Doha — Couples Hammam Ritual** · Sheikh Suhaim Bin Hamad St, Msheireb. 90-min couples hammam in a private double-bed suite: black-soap scrub + rhassoul mud + 4-hand finish. **QAR 1,800 (~\$495) for two.** Open 10 AM-10 PM. The 9 AM Tue MIA slot could swap to a 10 AM 2-hour couples session here on arrival night if you don't club, then sleep hard — Msheireb is 8 min walk from Souq Waqif. Book: +974 4008 8888. **Why couple:** the most architecturally beautiful spa in the Gulf, private suite means no scarves/no rules — fully intimate.
 - **Private Pearl-Diving Dhow at Sunset** · Katara Beach or Souq Waqif marina. Charter a small wooden dhow (sailboat) just for the two of you, ~75 min cruise out past West Bay skyline at golden hour. Operators: **Dhow Cruise Qatar** +974 6688 0044 or **Sunset Doha** via GetYourGuide. **QAR 600-900 (~\$165-250) private boat for 2**, includes Arabic coffee + dates + dahab cushions to recline on. Departs 5:30 PM in June. The skyline lights up against the Gulf — single most photographable couple moment of Doha. Slot: skip Infinity Lounge Mon evening, do dhow instead, then dinner at Parisa as planned.
 - **Couples Oud + Attar Blending at Hadeya** (gold souq corridor inside Souq Waqif) — full hour, not the 30-min Al Wakra version. You each create a "signature scent" the other will wear for the rest of the trip. **QAR 250 (~\$70) for two** including 15ml bottles. Open 10 AM-12 PM + 4-10 PM, closed Friday morning. Sit in the back room over mint tea while the master blends to your skin chemistry. Tue Jun 2 11 AM is the natural window between MIA and check-out.
-  **Time Out Doha — Best Restaurants:** <https://www.timeoutdoha.com/restaurants> — no Eater coverage for this city; this is the next-best curated list.

Madrid — Day Plan

June 2-4, 2026 · WAKAFLATS 2, Chueca · built for late nights + slow mornings

🚇 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro:** 6:00 AM-1:30 AM daily (last train enters tunnel ~1:30).
- **Cercanías:** ~5:00 AM-midnight.
- **Búho night buses:** 27 lines from **Plaza de Cibeles**, 11:55 PM-5:50 AM.
- **Taxis + Cabify + Uber** 24/7. After 1:30 AM that is the default.

★ KNOWN FOR

Spain's capital of late nights, art, and ham

- 🍷 Tapas culture — eat at 10 PM, dance at 3 AM, locals not tourists
- 🎨 Prado + Reina Sofía + Thyssen — the "Golden Triangle" of art
- ⚽ Real Madrid + Bernabéu — the most decorated club in football

Tue, Jun 2 · Arrival night

Land 9:25 PM · dinner was on the plane · go play

9:25 PM

🚗 Land Barajas → Executive sedan pickup ↗

Transporte Coyoacan via Booking.com · driver tracks QR151 · meet at arrivals after customs · conf 564944706 · \$59.44 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 PM

Check in — WAKAFLATS 2 ↗

Calle de San Bartolomé 19 · drop bags, freshen up 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:15 PM

Museo Chicote ↗ (\$\$)

Art Deco cocktail bar on Gran Vía, est. 1931. Hemingway, Sinatra, Ava Gardner drank here. 8 min walk. Open until 3 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 AM

Salmon Guru ↗ (\$\$\$)

World's 50 Best Bar. 3 wildly designed rooms. Experimental cocktails. Open until 2:30 AM Tue/Wed. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 AM

Late-night taxi home

Madrid is safest major European city at this hour · Cabify or walk (20 min) 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

 Hammam Al Ándalus — Plaza Mayor branch ↗ (\$\$)

4.4★, 6,184 reviews. **Co-ed Arab baths in central Madrid.** 3 thermal pools (cold/warm/hot) + steam room + tea + aromas corner.

📍 Calle de Atocha 14, 28012 (Plaza Mayor branch — NOT the Puerta de Hierro location, which is 25 min cab out by the Castellana).

📍 Open in Maps [MORE +](#)

12:30 PM

 Mercado de San Antón — Chueca local market ↗ (\$)

5 min walk from Wakafats — Calle de Augusto Figueroa 24. 3-level Chueca market, Tue-Sat 10 AM-10 PM (Sun till midnight). Ground floor = fresh produce + fishmongers; **2nd floor = stall food**; rooftop = La Cocina de San Antón.

📍 Open in Maps [MORE +](#)

1:30 PM

 DIY La Latina tapas crawl (\$)

~\$30-60 total instead of \$190 for the Devour tour. Madrid invented the free tapa — order a caña (~€2-3 small beer) at any La Latina bar and most give you a free tapa with each drink. [MORE +](#)

📍 Open in Maps

4:30 PM

Santiago Bernabéu Tour ↗

⚠️ **Only Day 2 of the trip after ~6 hrs sleep.**

Tour itself is 1.5-2 hrs + 30 min metro each way = ~3 hr commitment. Skip without guilt if you're dragging.

If you skip: gain 3 hours back. 📍 Open in Maps [MORE +](#)

6:30 PM

Plaza Mayor + caña ↗

Not a forced item. If you went to Bernabéu, drift back via

L10 south

then switch toward the center, or taxi if tired. [Open local metro guide](#). If you skipped Bernabéu, start here earlier (5 PM-ish) and just sit on the arcade with a beer. 📍 Open in Maps [MORE +](#)

9:00 PM

Dinner

Keep it simple: neighborhood tapas or one of the nearby casual Chueca spots. No fancy locked dinner needed here. 📍 Open in Maps

12:30 AM

Nightcap tour (\$\$)

1862 Dry Bar (speakeasy in Malasaña palace) → Hemingway Cocktail Bar (hidden behind restaurant bathroom, open til 2 AM). Or go dance — Madrid clubs don't start filling until 1-2 AM. 📍 Open in Maps

Thu, Jun 4 · Morning only

Train 12:50 PM Atocha → Barcelona · must leave apt by 11:30

9:30 AM

Quick breakfast + pack

Can be as early/late as you want — just need to be out by 11:30 [📍 Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

[🐟 Mercado de Antón Martín — locals' market ↗](#) \$

If you want one more market hit before the train. Calle de Santa Isabel 5, **10 min walk south of Wakafats**. 65 stalls across 3 floors — the real-deal neighborhood market where residents do their daily shop. [📍 Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

11:00 AM

Easy wrap — back to apt

Pack, settle up. Do not overbook the last hours before the train. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

11:15 AM

Walk back / taxi, grab bags

Prado → apartment is 18 min walk or 7 min cab [📍 Open in Maps](#)

11:45 AM

[Metro L1 to Atocha Renfe ↗](#)

Line 1:

Gran Vía → Sol → Atocha Renfe (3 stops, ~10 min). [Open local metro guide](#). Or cab (~€10).

[📍 Open in Maps](#)

12:50 PM

[AVE 09725 → Barcelona Sants ↗](#)

Arrives 4:19 PM · Car 5, Seats 9A & 9B

BEFORE YOU GO

- **DIY tapas crawl** — no booking needed. Just walk into La Latina bars in the order listed. Save \$150+ vs the Devour tour.
- **Dinner plan:** keep Madrid casual. No fancy reservation needed.
- **Bernabéu Tour is OPTIONAL** — book the 4:30 PM Wed Jun 3 slot online (refundable up to 48h prior) so you can bail morning-of if you're toast from the Tue-night arrival. Tour + metro = ~3 hr commitment on Day 2 of the trip after ~6 hrs sleep.
- **Wed Jun 3 skip lane:** if the day feels stacked, the drop order is — (1) Bernabéu, (2) the 6:30 Plaza Mayor wander (or slide it earlier as an aperitivo). Hammam + tapas crawl + nightcap are the marquee moments, keep those. Temple of Debod was cut — Plaza Mayor handles the sunset vibe already.
- **Jet lag rule:** stay awake on arrival night, sleep hard after Madrid, and do not burn the day with long naps.
- **Skipped:** DiverXO (both no), El Retiro, Madrid in a Day VIP.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in if you have a 90-min window):**
 - **El Rastro flea market**  — Calle de la Ribera de Curtidores, La Latina. **SUNDAYS ONLY 9 AM-3 PM — doesn't hit this trip (Tue arrival → Thu departure)**, but if Wed slot opens up there's a daily mini-version of permanent antique galleries on Calle Mira el Río Alta + the Galerías Piquer (Ribera de Curtidores 29) — 50 vintage / antique dealers under one roof, open Mon-Sat 11-2 + 5-8.
 - **Museo del Romanticismo**  — C/ San Mateo 13, Chueca, 8 min walk from Wakaflats. Tiny 19th-c bourgeois townhouse frozen in time: pink salons, parlor pianos, a chapel, a garden café almost no tourists know about. €3, Tue-Sat 9:30-6:30. Slots cleanly in the Wed 11 AM hammam-aftermath window. Garden café is the photo: tiled walls, ivy, ~10 tables.
 - **Oteyza atelier**  — Calle Conde Duque 9, Malasaña. Spain's coolest contemporary tailor — sculptural capes, Goyaesque jackets, smoke-filled showroom with a back patio. Bespoke is >€2K but the ready-to-wear rack + the visit itself is worth it. Tue-Sat 11-2 + 5-8.
 - **Antigua Casa Talavera**  — C/ Isabel la Católica 2, near Plaza España. 1904 ceramic shop, hand-painted Spanish tiles + pitchers stacked floor-to-ceiling in 8m² of pure Instagram. The owners are 4th-generation. Cash + small bills. Mon-Fri 10-1:30 + 5-8.
 - **Caixa Forum Madrid + vertical garden**  — Paseo del Prado 36 (free entry, even if you skip the Prado). The Patrick Blanc living-wall outside is the photo; inside the rotating Asian/contemporary shows beat the Reina Sofía queue. Daily 10-8.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically):**
 - **Andrés Sardá flagship — Barrio de Salamanca lingerie**  · Calle de Velázquez 56, Salamanca. Spain's couture lingerie house since 1962 (worn at Cannes + Crazy Horse). Different vibe from Fifi Chachnil — more architectural, less rococo. **€90-220 per piece**, custom fittings free w/ appointment. Open Mon-Sat 10:30-2 + 4:30-8:30. Metro Velázquez L4 (~15 min from Wakaflats). **Why couple:** Dani picks, Eddie sits in the velvet armchair — same vibe as Eres in Paris, half the markup. Slot in Wed Jun 3 afternoon instead of Bernabéu.
 - **Vodevil Cabaret — Sala Albéniz**  · Calle de la Paz 11, Sol (5 min walk from Wakaflats). Madrid's serious burlesque house — Spanish + international acts, art-nudity registered with the city, not strip-club. Shows Wed-Sat 10 PM + 12 AM, ~90 min. **€35-45 pp ticket + €15 min bar**. Curated drag, neo-burlesque, aerial silks — no audience-pull-up bullshit. Book at vodevil.es. **Why couple:** if Crazy Horse is the Sportscar, this is the velvet jazz-club version — closer seats, eye-contact, hour-long acts.
 - **Bodega de los Secretos — private sommelier session in a 17th-c cellar**  · Calle de San Blas 4, Las Letras (12 min walk). Restaurant on top, but the move is the **"Wine Cellar Experience"**: 90 min in a private vaulted alcove with their head sommelier, 6 Spanish wines (Ribera, Rioja Reserva, Albariño, sherry flight, txakoli, single-vineyard Garnacha) + matched tapas. **€85 pp / €170 total**. Book

reserva@bodegadelossecretos.com. Candle-lit, vaulted stone, just the two of you and the somm. **Why couple:** the "honeymoon-level dinner that isn't a loud Michelin showpiece" lens. Slot: Wed Jun 3 9 PM — replace the casual Chueca dinner.

- 📌 **Eater Madrid — The 34 Best Restaurants:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-madrid-restaurants-38> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Barcelona — Day Plan

Arrive AVE 4:19 PM Jun 4 → Cruise embark Jun 6 afternoon · Hotel Praktik Rambla (Rambla de Catalunya 27) · Thu = DIY tapas crawl + bar crawl + Moog · Fri = brunch + Sagrada (1 PM pending) + speakeasy crawl

LAST TRAIN HOME

- **TMB Metro:** Sun-Thu 5 AM-midnight · **Fri until 2 AM** · **SAT 24h continuous.**
- **FGC:** ~5 AM-midnight Sun-Thu; 24h on Sat night and holiday eves.
- **Nitbus:** ~10:30 PM-5 AM, most lines hub at **Plaça de Catalunya.**
- Our nights are Thu Jun 4 (Moog → ends 5 AM, metro dead, cab/Nitbus N0) and Fri Jun 5 (speakeasies until 2 AM, metro alive both directions). Cab €8-12 to Praktik Rambla.

★ KNOWN FOR

Gaudí's city + Mediterranean tapas + electronic clubs

-  Sagrada Família + Park Güell + Casa Batlló — Gaudí's organic Modernisme
-  World's 50 Best — Disfrutar (#1), Sips (#3), Paradiso (#4) all here
-  Electronic music capital — Razzmatazz, Moog, Sónar festival home

Thu Jun 4 · Arrival + DIY Tapas Crawl + Bars + Moog

Train arrives 4:19 PM · one dinner stop + maybe one backup · then south to Raval bars + Moog

4:30 PM

Sants → Hotel Praktik Rambla ↗

Metro L3:

Sants Estació → Passeig de Gràcia (2 stops). [Open local metro map](#). 2 min walk to hotel. Drop bags fast.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

Quick rest + freshen up

~30-45 min, change clothes, hydrate. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:15 PM

DIY tapas crawl = dinner (\$\$)

Start at Vinitus

(open every day 11 AM-1 AM). Order pan con tomate, croquetas, patatas bravas, one seafood plate, and drinks.

If still hungry

, do a short second stop at

Ciudad Condal

(open every day 9 AM-1 AM) for only 1-2 more plates.

Cap it at 5-6 plates total

for both of you so the bill stays sane. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:00 PM

Back to hotel · clean up

Quick shower, change to dark club clothes. Hydrate hard. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 PM

Nevermind — rock dive bar ↗ (\$)

Carrer dels Tallers 68, Raval. ~6 min walk south of hotel. Rock/grunge/skate dive — €1 beer happy hour till 10 PM. Loud rock playlist, skate ramp in back, Tony Hawk vibes. Warm-up vibe before getting fancy.

Open Thu till 2:30 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 PM

Bar Marsella — absinthe ritual ↗ (\$\$)

Carrer de Sant Pau 65, Raval. ~8 min walk south of Nevermind. **Founded 1820 — Picasso, Hemingway, Dalí, Gaudí all drank here.** Order the absinthe ritual: ice water + sugar cube + tiny fork.

📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

12:00 AM

Moog — afterparty ↗ (\$\$)

Carrer de l'Arc del Teatre 3, Raval. ~5 min walk from Marsella. Tiny techno cave (~100 cap), dark Berlin vibes, raw underground. Open Thu 12-5 AM. Cover ~€10-15. **1.4 km from hotel = 15 min walk home at 3 AM.** RA: ra.co/clubs/2253. Lineup posts ~May 22 — recheck then. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 AM

⚠️ **HARD CAP — walk home**

Sagrada is 10:30 AM Friday (time-change DENIED).

Don't push past 2:30 AM or you miss the gate. 15 min walk from Moog → hotel along Carrer de l'Hospital → Plaça de Catalunya → Rambla de Catalunya. Alarm 8 AM hard.

8:00 AM

Alarm — quick coffee + light food

Sagrada is 10:30 AM (time-change request was DENIED — original time stands). Don't push past 2:30 AM Thu night or this morning is hell. [Open in Maps](#)

9:45 AM

Cab to Sagrada Família ↗

~15 min from hotel, ~€10. Arrive 15 min before entry.

Bring photo ID + have "Sagrada Família Oficial" app downloaded.

[Open in Maps](#)

10:30 AM

Sagrada Família — Basilica entry **BOOKED** ↗

Locator 98413953. Gaudí's masterpiece. 2 General + Towers, €72 total. Audioguide via the app.

[Open in Maps](#)

11:15 AM

Towers — Nativity facade **BOOKED** ↗

Same booking. Climb the older Nativity towers (Gaudí designed these — Passion towers are the modern ones).

12:30 PM

Lunch near Sagrada

Quick local lunch near the basilica — try Lluritu (plancha-grilled seafood) or any taberna on Carrer de Provença. [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

Cab to Born — El Xampanyet + Santa Caterina market ↗

Cava + tinned anchovies standing at **El Xampanyet** (Carrer de Montcada 22, 100-year institution). Then walk 3 min to **Santa Caterina market** (wavy roof, locals shop here, NOT Boqueria).

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4:00 PM

Nap at hotel

90 min hard nap before Aire spa. You earned it. [Open in Maps](#)

5:30 PM

Aire de Barcelona — thermal pools ↗

4.6★, 9,385 reviews. Cold/warm/hot pools + sauna + steam + salt-water floating pool. 90-min thermal session ~€72 pp (~€144 total) OR Love Experience w/ couples massage ~€300 total. Passeig de Picasso 22, Born. Open till 1 AM. [Open in Maps](#)

7:30 PM

Walk back to hotel + pre-pack for cruise

~12 min through Born. Pack EVERYTHING tonight — Sat morning is shower → cab → port, no thinking.

[Open in Maps](#)

9:30 PM

The Roof (Barcelona EDITION) ↗

Rooftop cocktails, Gothic Quarter/cathedral views at dusk. ~1.2 km / 15 min walk from hotel.

[Open in Maps](#)

10:30 PM

Paradiso ↗

World's 50 Best Bar #4. Hidden behind pastrami shop freezer door, El Born. Join virtual queue at 3 PM. ~10 min walk from The Roof. [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 PM

Monk ↗

Speakeasy hidden behind a fake supermarket in El Born. ~5 min walk from Paradiso. [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 AM

Sips ↗

#3 World's 50 Best Bars. Theatrical cocktail innovation. ~5 min walk from Monk. Cap off the night — bed by 2 AM.

Full-send alt: want a real club instead of the late nightcaps?  [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

Sat Jun 6 • Cruise day

Disembark hotel by 11 AM • Cruise boards 1-3 PM

9:30 AM

Breakfast (bags already packed Fri night)

 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 AM

Check out, store bags OR direct to port

Hotel can hold luggage OR take directly. ~7 km / 15 min cab to Terminal E, Moll Adossat.

11:00 AM

La Boqueria — named stalls only ↗ (\$-\$\$)

La Rambla 91, 10 min walk from hotel. Mon-Sat 8 AM-8:30 PM. **Don't wander — go straight to one of these counter spots:**

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Bar Pinotxo

— front-right entrance, marble counter w/ ~10 stools.  [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

12:30 PM

Cab to Terminal E, Moll Adossat ↗

~15 min, ~€15. DON'T take metro — port is far from stations.  [Open in Maps](#)

1:30 PM

Princess Cruise embark ↗

Room 17421 Upper Deck. Lunch on board once settled.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sagrada Família**  **BOOKED** — **10:30 AM Fri Jun 5 (original time, DENIED time-change)**. Locator 98413953. Towers 11:15 AM. **DOWNLOAD "Sagrada Família Oficial" app before arrival**. Photo ID required. Day is now: Sagrada AM → Born/Santa Caterina market PM → nap → Aire spa 5:30 PM → speakeasy crawl 9:30 PM+.
- **La Paella de Su** reservation pending confirmation email. **Open every day 1-5 PM + 7 PM-midnight**, 4.5★ 1,948 reviews. Pau Claris 118, ~5 min walk from hotel. Inbox watcher armed for lapaelladesu.com — Pushover alert when confirmation lands.
- **DIY tapas rule**: Vinitus first, Ciudad Condal only if still hungry, and **do not go past 5-6 plates total** for both of you.
- **Thursday geography** — all bars are south of hotel in Raval. Walk south through the Tallers/Sant Pau corridor: hotel → Nevermind (6 min) → Marsella (8 min) → Moog (5 min). 15 min walk back home from Moog. No cabs needed unless you're done early.
- **Marsella closes midnight Thursday** — narrow window, plan to be in by 11 PM at the latest.
- **Thursday afterparty venue picker** — Recheck Moog/Razz lineups ~May 22. **Default: Moog** (closer + walkable home). Razz only if a serious DJ is booked Thursday.
- **Hard cap 3 AM Thursday** for the Sagrada morning. Friday afternoon nap is mandatory.
- **Pre-pack Friday night before going out**. Saturday morning is shower → cab → port, no thinking required.
- **Park Güell is a CONFLICT** — skipped. If Dani wants solo hour, go morning Jun 5 before Sagrada.
- **Pickpocket alert**: Las Ramblas + at Sagrada — phone in zipped pocket, bag in front.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in if the Born / Raval windows breathe)**:
 - **Hospital de Sant Pau Recinte Modernista**  — C/ Sant Antoni Maria Claret 167. A WORKING-hospital-turned-Modernisme campus by Domènech i Montaner — 12 pavilions of tiled domes + stained glass, basically Sagrada-rival architecture with 1/10 the crowds. 10 min from Sagrada. €16, daily 9:30 AM-5 PM. **Far more photogenic + empty** than Park Güell. Fits as a Fri Jun 5 add-on right after Sagrada/Towers if you skip the cab-to-Born detour.
 - **Carrer del Bisbe gothic bridge + Plaça Sant Felip Neri**  — Barri Gòtic, 8 min walk from hotel. The neogothic enclosed bridge between Generalitat + Casa dels Canonges is the most-photographed alley in Barcelona at golden hour. 3 min on foot from there: Plaça Sant Felip Neri, a tiny peach-colored square with Civil-War bullet holes pocking the church wall + a single splashing fountain. Movie set quiet. Free.
 - **Le Swing vintage**  — Riera Baixa 13, Raval. Cult curated vintage couture — Dior, YSL, Pucci, ~€80-400 dresses, owned by Maria, in business 20+ yrs. Open Mon-Sat 11-2 + 5-8:30. Pairs with the Thu pre-Moog Raval walk-through OR a Fri afternoon detour. The block (Riera Baixa) is the Barcelona vintage block — 5 more shops on the same 80m.
 - **Frederic Marès Museum (sculpture museum)**  — Plaça de Sant Lu 5, Barri Gòtic. One-room-after-one-room of a sculptor's lifetime of weird collected objects: ladies' fans, tobacco pipes, scissors, dollhouses, ex-voto paintings. €4.40, free Sun PM + first Sun of month. The hidden inner courtyard café "**Cafè d'Estiu**"  (summer-only April-Sep, orange trees + stone fountain) is one of the most photogenic spots in the Gothic Quarter and almost no tourists find it.
 - **Bagués-Masriera jewelers**  — Passeig de Gràcia 41 (Casa Amatller ground floor). Modernisme jewelry workshop est. 1839, still making Art Nouveau enamel + gem pieces. Window-shop the dragonflies + nymphs even if not buying — they're each tiny sculptures. Mon-Sat 10:30-8.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically)**:

- **El Molino — burlesque + cabaret in Poble-sec ↗** · Carrer de Vila i Vilà 99 (12 min walk from hotel). The 1898 "Petit Moulin Rouge of Barcelona," restored 2010, now Catalonia's premier burlesque house. **"Maravillas en El Molino"** revue Thu-Sun 8 PM + 10 PM, ~80 min — French-style can-can + neo-burlesque + acrobats + live orchestra. **€39-65 pp**. Same lineage as Crazy Horse but Catalan/cheekier — performers come from Lido + Cirque. Book elmolinobcn.com. **Why couple:** velvet-booth seating + corseted MC = pure Eddie+Dani. Slot in Fri Jun 5 before The Roof / Paradiso (Roof can wait, Paradiso opens 11 PM).
- **Andrés Sardá Barcelona flagship ↗** · Passeig de Gràcia 84, Eixample (10 min walk from hotel). Spain's couture lingerie house — same atelier dressing Crazy Horse. Bigger range than the Madrid store. **€90-220 per piece, free fittings**. Open Mon-Sat 10-2 + 4-8. Pair with **Bagués-Masriera** across the street. **Why couple:** a slow Fri morning errand together before Sagrada — Dani picks something to wear for The Roof.
- **Vinitus Wine Cellar private tasting ↗** · Carrer del Consell de Cent 333, 1 block from hotel. The same Vinitus you already plan to tapas-crawl runs a private downstairs cellar — book the **"Catalan Cellar Experience"**: 90 min, 6 wines (cava brut nature, Priorat, Empordà white, Penedès, vermut artesanal, dessert wine) + chef pairings, just you two with the sommelier. **€75 pp / €150 for 2**. Reserve grupovinitus.com or +34 93 363 21 27. **Why couple:** if you skip Sips (loud + theatrical), this is the slow intimate cellar version — book BEFORE the Vinitus tapas crawl Thu.
- **El Palace Mayan Luxury Hammam ↗** · Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 668 (10 min walk). Cheaper alternative to Aire if Aire is sold out: 60-min couples treatment in a private hammam suite + double massage. **€220 total for 2**, open 10-9. **Why couple:** Aire saver — and the suites are private (no shared pool floor).
- 🗺️ **Eater Barcelona — Best Restaurants in Barcelona:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-barcelona-spain> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Cruise — Port Days

Princess Sun Princess · Room 17421 · Jun 6–13 · 8 nights

✓ ALL EXCURSIONS LOCKED

- ✓ **Day 2 · Mallorca** — Sóller Vintage Train + Tram DIY · ~€78 · *Dani buys May 31*
- ✓ **Day 3 · Marseille** — Aix-en-Provence Cheese & Wine (Princess) · \$179.95/pp · 11 AM–5 PM
- ✓ **Day 4 · Corsica** — Free DIY · market → Le Don Quichotte → Trottet Beach → San Carlu skybar
- ✓ **Day 5 · Genoa** — Golfo Paradiso Full Day · ~€21/pp at kiosk · 10 AM–6:30 PM
- ✓ **Day 6–7 · La Spezia** — DIY: Cinque Terre overnight + Florence
- ✓ **Day 8 · Civitavecchia** — Rome Hop-On Hop-Off with port transfer (BOOKED) · 7:45 AM meet–5:45 PM

Sat Jun 6 · Embark Barcelona

Board 11 AM–4 PM · Sail away 5:00 PM

11–4 PM

Board Sun Princess ↗

Room 17421 Upper Deck. Muster drill, explore ship, pool deck. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

Sail away from Barcelona

Top deck for skyline departure. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:00 PM

First night dinner ✓ **BOOKED** (\$\$)

Sabatini's / Crown Grill / The Catch by Curtis Stone — pre-booked via Princess MedallionClass app.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Port Brief — Palma de Mallorca

IN PORT

7:00 AM → 4:00 PM

COST

~€78 for two

EXCURSION

 [Sóller Train DIY](#)

BOOK AT

trendesoller.com

 **ALL-ABOARD**

3:30 PM

7:30 AM

Off ship → La Seu Cathedral ↗

Cab to Old Town (~10 min). Beat the crowds. Gothic masterpiece on the water.  [Open in Maps](#)

9:30 AM

Sóller Vintage Train — DIY Dani buys May 31

Cab or walk to

Plaça d'Espanya station ↗

(Carrer d'Eusebi Estada 1). Arrive 30 min early. Board 10:10 AM —

sit RIGHT side

for mountain views. 13 tunnels through Serra de Tramuntana. ~€32/pp return. Tram onward: buy onboard ~€7/pp.  [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

Sóller village + tram to Port de Sóller ↗

Orange juice, church square, tram down through orange groves. Lunch + swim at the port.

 [Open in Maps](#)

1:30 PM

Return tram → train back to Palma

Must arrive Palma by 3:00 PM. Check timetable at Sóller station before you leave.  [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Back on ship — ALL-ABOARD 3:30 PM · departs 4 PM

 [Open in Maps](#)

Port Brief — Marseille

IN PORT

10:00 AM → 8:00 PM

COST

\$179.95/pp · 6 hrs

EXCURSION

 **Aix Cheese & Wine (Princess)**

DEPARTS SHIP

11:00 AM · back 5 PM

 **ALL-ABOARD**

7:30 PM

10:00 AM

Off ship — Vieux Port morning ↗

Free shuttle to Joliette (~20 min). Coffee + croissant at a terrace café before the excursion.

 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

BOOKED — Aix-en-Provence Cheese & Wine (Princess) **BOOKED**

Departs ship 11 AM · 6 hrs. Cours Mirabeau walk → Mazarin District → St. Sauveur Cathedral → *hidden cellar*: Provence rosés +

Banon goat cheese

wrapped in chestnut leaves. \$179.95/pp.

 **Plan B:** if falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

5:00 PM

Back — free Marseille evening (3 hrs)

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5:30 PM

Bouillabaisse at Vieux Port **\$\$**

Chez Madie Les Galinettes ↗

(138 Quai du Port) — fish soup + rouille or full bouillabaisse ~€35 pp.  [Open in Maps](#)

6:30 PM

Pastis at Le Comptoir du Pastis → last shuttle back ↗

 [Open in Maps](#)

Port Brief — Ajaccio, Corsica

IN PORT

8:00 AM → 5:30 PM

LUNCH

✓ Le Don Quichotte · 1:00 PM

EXCURSION

🗺️ [Free DIY — Napoleon's city](#)

AFTERNOON

Trottel Beach + San Carlu skybar

⚠️ **ALL-ABOARD**

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

Maison Bonaparte ↗

Napoleon's birthplace — 5 min walk from pier. 45 min. Go early before tour groups arrive.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Marché Central — Place Foch (\$)

5 min from pier · Tue–Sun 7 AM–1 PM. Hit: shuck-on-spot oysters (€1-2) ·

U Stazzu ↗

charcuterie ·

Brocciu

cheese + chestnut honey ·

La Maison Mattei ↗

(1 Rue Cardinal Fesch) — free tastings of Cap Corse aperitif + Cédratine since 1872. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 PM

✓ **Lunch — Le Don Quichotte** (\$\$)

7 Rue des Halles · Reservation: +33 4 95 21 27 30 · @restaurant_donquichotte · table for 2, name Kaufman. Bouillabaisse · stuffed squid · cuttlefish stew with penne · 📍 [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

1:00 PM

Plage Saint-François (5 min from restaurant — skip the 20-min Trottel trek) — swim (free)

20 min walk along the seafront promenade. Much wider than Saint-François — bars, restaurants, volleyball, clear Corsican water. Relax until 3:30 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Hotel San Carlu Citadelle — Skybar (\$\$)

~15 min walk back toward the citadel. Brand new rooftop. Corsican rosé with the Citadel + entire Gulf of Ajaccio below. Leave by 4:30 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

4:45 PM

Back on board — ALL-ABOARD 5:00 PM · ship departs 5:30 PM

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Port Brief — Genova

IN PORT

8:00 AM → 8:00 PM

COST

€21/pp at kiosk — no booking needed

EXCURSION

✓ **Golfo Paradiso Full Day**

DEPARTS

Porto Antico 10:00 AM SHARP

⚠ **ALL-ABOARD**

7:30 PM

8:00 AM

Off ship — espresso + focaccia at Porto Antico ↗

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:30 AM

Head to Golfo Paradiso kiosk ↗

Calata Mandraccio, Porto Antico ↗

— near Aquarium entrance, ~5-10 min walk. Pay €21/pp = €42 at kiosk. No advance booking needed. Arrive early. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

🚤 **Golfo Paradiso Full Day** ✓ **BOOKED** **BOOKED**

Departs Porto Antico 10:00 AM • ~8.5 hrs • [golfoparadiso.it](#)

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Camogli ↗

— colorful stacked fishing village, swim off the rocks

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San Fruttuoso ↗

— tiny cove accessible only by boat, Doria Abbey on the water

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

💡 **Plan B:** if Golfo Paradiso Full Day falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

MORE +

6:30 PM

Back at Porto Antico — Vermentino + pasta on the waterfront ↗

Back on board by 7:30 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Thu Jun 11 · La Spezia — CINQUE TERRE

Arrive 7 AM · OVERNIGHT in port · no all-aboard · sleep on ship

Port Brief — La Spezia (Overnight)

IN PORT

7:00 AM Thu → 5:00 PM Fri

CINQUE TERRE CARD

~€18 at La Spezia Centrale

EXCURSION

 [DIY Cinque Terre \(train\)](#)

NIGHT PLAN

L'Osteria della Corte + Ponce

NO ALL-ABOARD THU — SHIP STAYS OVERNIGHT

Back by Fri 4:30 PM

8:00 AM

Off ship → Piazza Cavour fish market + espresso 

Mon-Sat 7:30 AM–1:30 PM. Focaccia €2 at Pasticceria Della Lunigiana on Via del Prione.

 [Open in Maps](#)

9:00 AM

Cinque Terre Express → Manarola ↗

Buy

Cinque Terre Card

at the station (~€18). ~10 min to Manarola.  [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Manarola — most photogenic village ↗

Cemetery climb for the iconic shot. Swim cove below.  [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 AM

Nessun Dorma early lunch 

Famous terrace. NO RESERVATIONS — arrive at opening ~11:30 AM.  [Open in Maps](#)

1:30 PM

Train to Vernazza ↗

Most beautiful village. Castle ruins, swim harbor.  [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Train to Monterosso al Mare +  fritto misto 

Il Pescato Cucinato ↗

— €8-9 paper cone: anchovies, calamari, gamberi. Beach + Aperol at Il Casello.  [Open in Maps](#)

7:00 PM

Rock-arch tunnel → hidden Fegina cove — golden hour swim ↗

Empties by 7 PM. Swim as sun drops behind Punta Mesco. Zero tourists.  [Open in Maps](#)

8:30 PM

Train back to La Spezia (~30 min) ↗

 [Open in Maps](#)

9:30 PM

 **Late dinner — L'Osteria della Corte** 

Reservation SENT — Via Napoli 86 (~€8 cab). MICHELIN-listed. 5-course tasting menu ~€60-70 pp.

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10:00 PM

 **Ponce — La Spezia's signature drink** 

Hot rum + espresso + lemon zest + sugar. Any bar on Via del Prione. The mandatory local move.

 [Open in Maps](#)

Port Brief — La Spezia Day 2

DEPARTURE

5:00 PM — DO NOT MISS

TRAIN BACK LATEST

3:30 PM from Florence SMN

EXCURSION

 [DIY Florence by Frecciarossa](#)

BOOK NOW

[trenitalia.com](#) + Uffizi skip-line

 **ALL-ABOARD**

4:30 PM (ship departs 5 PM)

6:30 AM

Quick breakfast on ship — move fast

 [Open in Maps](#)

8:15 AM

Frecciarossa → Florence Santa Maria Novella ↗

~2-2.5 hrs direct.

Book [trenitalia.com](#) now.

 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 AM

Duomo + Dome climb ↗

Free to enter cathedral. Dome climb if pre-booked (\$25, 463 steps).  [Open in Maps](#)

12:00 PM

Uffizi Gallery ↗

BOOK SKIP-THE-LINE NOW

— \$30, sells out weeks ahead. Botticelli's Birth of Venus. 1.5 hrs.  [Open in Maps](#)

1:45 PM

Lunch — [Incarne](#) or All'Antico Vinaio 

 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 PM

Ponte Vecchio + Piazza della Signoria + gelato ↗

 [Open in Maps](#)

2:55 PM

 **Wine Window — Buchetta del Vino Matteoni** 

Via della Scala 10 —

3 min from the train station.

Knock on tiny wooden door, glass of wine appears. €7-10.  [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

 LATEST SAFE TRAIN BACK to La Spezia

Must arrive La Spezia by 4:30 PM.

Ship departs 5 PM — DO NOT MISS.

Book in advance.

Port Brief — Civitavecchia (Disembark)

ARRIVE

6:00 AM

HOHO SHUTTLE

7:45 AM meet at port · bus to Rome

EXCURSION

✓ **Rome HoHo with port transfer**

FLIGHT

Wizz Air W46113 · FCO 6:45 PM

⚠ **LEAVE ROSCIOLI BY**

2:30 PM for FCO

BIG BUS ROME — 8 STOPS

- 1 Termini Station → next stop from loop
- 2 Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore
- 3 Colosseum ride past or quick stop
- 4 Circus Maximus
- 5 Piazza Venezia** **HOP OFF → Roscioli (15 min walk)**
- 6 Vatican / Castel Sant'Angelo** **YOU START HERE + drop bags**
- 7 Spanish Steps
- 8 Barberini / Trevi Fountain hop off 20 min

6:30 AM

Breakfast + final pack

Eat early — you need to be off the ship and at the meet point by 7:45 AM.

7:15 AM

Self-assist disembark — day bags with you

Walk-off with bags, no porter wait. Head to Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center inside the port.

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7:45 AM

✓ **Tour meet — Big Bus shuttle, Civitavecchia port** BOOKED · Edward Kaufman

Meet at Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center. Bags come on the bus to Rome.

Be at meet point by 7:30 AM

— they will leave on time.  [Open in Maps](#)

~9:30 AM

Arrive Rome — Piazza dei Tribunali (near Vatican) ↗

~1h45m drive from port. 10 min walk to Big Bus Stop 6 (Vatican / Castel Sant'Angelo).  [Open in Maps](#)

9:40 AM

Drop bags — Stow Your Bags near Castel Sant'Angelo ~€8/bag

Luggage storage between St. Peter's and Castel Sant'Angelo — 5 min walk from shuttle drop. Book in advance at stowyourbags.com.

No walking around Rome with bags all day.

Collect after Roscioli.  [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Board HoHo at Stop 6 (Vatican) — ride the loop ↗

Stay on → Stop 7 Spanish Steps → Stop 8 Trevi Fountain (hop off 20 min, toss a coin) → re-board → Stop 3 Colosseum (view from bus or quick hop) → Stop 5 Piazza Venezia — hop off. Buses run every 15-20 min; loop is ~90 min unbroken.  [Open in Maps](#)

~11:45 AM

Hop off Stop 5 — Piazza Venezia → walk to Roscioli ↗

15 min walk to Via dei Giubbonari 21. Or grab a quick taxi (€8). Roscioli holds the table until 12:35 PM.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

✓ **Roscioli Rome** (\$\$\$) · **Conf BYYRXAWA**

Rome's legendary salumeria + wine bar. Don't rush — you have until 2:30 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 PM

Taxi → pick up bags at Castel Sant'Angelo → FCO

~10 min taxi to bags · then ~35-40 min to FCO. Taxi flat rate ~€50-55 Castel Sant'Angelo → FCO. OR taxi to Termini (€10) + Leonardo Express (€14/pp, 35 min). 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:45 PM

✓ **Wizz Air W46113 · FCO → AGP · Conf VU8P9R**

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

TO DO + KEY REMINDERS

- 📍 **Book Stow Your Bags** near Castel Sant'Angelo for Jun 13 — stowyourbags.com
- 📍 **Cancel "Ajaccio on Foot" walking tour** on Princess app — doing market DIY
- 📍 **Book Frecciarossa** La Spezia ↔ Florence at trenitalia.com · Return MUST depart Florence by 3:30 PM
- 📍 **Book Uffizi skip-the-line** — uffizi.it · ~\$30 · sells out weeks ahead
- **Sóller train:** Dani buys May 31 at trendsoller.com · arrive station 30 min early · sit RIGHT side
- **Le Don Quichotte:** +33 4 95 21 27 30 · @restaurant_donquichotte · table for 2, Tue Jun 9, noon · reminder fires May 27
- **Golfo Paradiso Genoa:** No booking needed — pay €21/pp at Calata Mandraccio kiosk by 9:45 AM
- **Roscioli Rome:** Conf BYYRXAWA · 12:30 PM · leave by 2:30 PM for FCO
- **Cinque Terre Card** ~€18 — buy at La Spezia Centrale station on arrival
- 💎 **Dani hidden gems by port:**
 - **Mallorca:** Can Joan de s'Aigo (1700) — oldest café in Mallorca, ensaimadas + almond ice cream. 3 min from La Seu. Sun open 8 AM–9 PM.
 - **Marseille:** Maison Empereur — oldest hardware store in France, est. 1827. 10 min from Vieux Port.
 - **Ajaccio:** La Maison Mattei — free Corsican liqueur tastings since 1872. 1 Rue du Cardinal Fesch.
 - **Genoa:** Pietro Romanengo fu Stefano (Via Soziglia 74) — chocolate shop since 1780. Original Belle Époque interior.
 - **La Spezia:** Museo Tecnico Navale — WWII miniature submarine walk-through. €3.50.
- 🍷 **Couples extras:**
 - **Ship:** Sanctuary Collection cabana after Mallorca (~\$80-120). Crown Grill chef's table ~\$50/pp.
 - **Mallorca:** Hammam Al Ándalus Palma — €44/pp. hammamalandalus.com.
 - **Marseille:** Les Bains du Roi-René — €180 total, morning before 11 AM excursion.
- 🍷 **Florence wine windows:** Matteoni (Via della Scala 10, 3 min from station) · Strozzi (Piazza degli Strozzi 2) · BABAE (Via Santo Spirito 21r — Stanley Tucci's pick)

Rome — Day Layover

Disembark Civitavecchia AM · 6:45 PM flight to Malaga · ~8 hrs in Rome

LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro A/B**: first 5:30 AM; last Sun-Thu 11:30 PM, **Fri/Sat until 1:30 AM**.
- **Bus notturno** N1 (subs Metro A) + N2 (subs Metro B): midnight-5:30 AM, ~every 30 min.
- Not relevant our day — we leave Termini 5 PM for Leonardo Express to FCO. Backup if delayed: **fixed €50 taxi to FCO**, Wizz bag drop closes 6:05 PM.

★ KNOWN FOR

3,000 years of empire in 6 hours

-  Colosseum + Pantheon + Forum — the original Western civilization
-  Cacio e pepe + carbonara + supplì — Roman cuisine is the original Italian
-  Vatican + Sistine Chapel — center of the Catholic world (skip this trip)

6:30 AM

Breakfast + final pack on ship

Eat early. Tag main luggage NIGHT BEFORE so it travels with you on the shuttle.

7:15 AM

Self-assist disembark — walk-off with bags

Skip the porter queue. Head to Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center inside the port.

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7:45 AM

✓ Tour meet — Big Bus shuttle to Rome ↗ BOOKED • Edward Kaufman

Meet at Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center. Bags ride on the bus.

Be at meet point by 7:30 AM

— they will leave on time. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

~9:30 AM

Arrive Rome — Piazza dei Tribunali (near Vatican) ↗

~1h45m drive. 10 min walk to Big Bus Stop 6 (Vatican / Castel Sant'Angelo). NO Termini train — shuttle drops you straight in Rome. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:40 AM

📦 Drop bags — Stow Your Bags near Castel Sant'Angelo ↗ ~€8/bag

Storage between St. Peter's and Castel Sant'Angelo, 5 min from drop. Book in advance at [stowyourbags.com](#).

No walking around Rome with bags all day.

Pick up after Roscioli. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

🚌 Board HoHo at Stop 6 (Vatican) — ride the loop ↗

Stay on → Stop 7 Spanish Steps → Stop 8 Trevi (hop off 20 min, toss a coin) → re-board → Stop 3 Colosseum (view from bus or quick hop off) → Stop 5 Piazza Venezia, hop off. Buses every 15-20 min; full loop ~90 min unbroken. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

~11:45 AM

🌸 Campo de' Fiori market — pre-Roscioli walk-through ↗ \$

Sat Jun 13 = market day, 7 AM-2 PM. ⚠ Winds down hard by 1 PM — hit it before Roscioli (3 min walk from the restaurant).

Walk the central historic stalls (ignore the souvenir outer ring). 📍 [Open in Maps](#) MORE +

12:30 PM

Roscioli ✓ BOOKED ↗ \$\$

Cacio e pepe, supplì, carbonara. Conf

BYRXAWA

. €20pp late fee. Call +39 06 687 5287 if running >5 min late. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

💡 **Plan B:** if Roscioli falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

2:00 PM

Post-lunch wander — Navona → Pantheon → Sant'Ignazio ↗

Trevi already hit on the HoHo. Slow walk Campo → Piazza Navona → Pantheon → Sant'Ignazio (perspective ceiling, 4 min from Pantheon, free). 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Giolitti gelato + slow walk back toward Castel Sant'Angelo ↗ \$

Famous gelato near Pantheon, then 15 min walk west toward bag pickup. Or grab a taxi (€8).

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

4:15 PM

📦 Pick up bags — Stow Your Bags Castel Sant'Angelo ↗

Pre-paid claim. Cab queue right outside. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

4:30 PM

Taxi → FCO direct ↗ (€55 flat)

~35-40 min from Castel Sant'Angelo to FCO. Fixed-rate taxi €55 (more reliable than fighting Termini for the Leonardo Express with bags). Backup: cab to Termini (€10) + Leonardo Express (€14/pp, 35 min).

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:45 PM

W46113 • FCO → AGP

Wizz Air. Arrive Malaga 9:35 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

BEFORE YOU GO

-  **Big Bus shuttle BOOKED** — Edward Kaufman. Meet 7:45 AM at Largo della Pace Cruise Welcome Center inside Civitavecchia port. Be there by 7:30. Bags ride on the bus.
- **Tag main luggage NIGHT BEFORE** with the cabin self-assist tag so you can walk-off at 7:15 — no porter waiting.
- **Roscioli** is the anchor. Booked: conf BYYRXAWA, €20pp late fee. Call +39 06 687 5287 if running >5 min late.
- **Book Stow Your Bags** at Castel Sant'Angelo for Jun 13 — stowyourbags.com · ~€8/bag.
- **Skip the Colosseum** — view from the HoHo bus is enough; no time to queue.
- **FCO pickup target: 5:15 PM at the airport.** Wizz Air bag-drop closes 6:05 PM. €55 fixed-rate taxi Castel Sant'Angelo → FCO; allow 40 min Sat afternoon traffic.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in only if Roscioli runs short — 8 hrs is tight):**
 - **Museo Hendrik Christian Andersen ↗** — Via Pasquale Stanislao Mancini 20, north of the Centro Storico (15 min cab). A megalomaniacal Danish-American sculptor built his own villa-museum filled with 200 monumental nude statues meant for a never-built "world city of art." Free, Tue-Sun 9:30 AM-7:30 PM. **Almost no tourists ever come.** Single-room weirdness, exactly the Dani lens. Skippable for this 8-hr trip but flagged for a return visit.
 - **Bocca della Verità ↗** — Piazza della Bocca della Verità 18, in the portico of Santa Maria in Cosmedin church. The carved marble face that bites liars' hands off (Audrey Hepburn / Gregory Peck moment). Walk-up free, the line moves in 10 min, daily 9:30-6. On the path between Forum + Trastevere. Photo + walk away.
 - **Antico Caffè Greco ↗** — Via dei Condotti 86 (heart of the luxury shopping street). The oldest café in Rome (1760) — Casanova, Byron, Keats, Wagner, Goya all sat in these velvet booths. €15 cappuccino at a marble table is the play, not the standing-bar €1.50. Antique paintings + busts everywhere. Daily 9 AM-9 PM. 4 min walk from Trevi.
 - **Marvis toothpaste flagship + Profumum Roma ↗** — Via di Ripetta 248. Italy's cult Florence-made toothpaste brand (jasmine + ginger + amarelli liquorice flavors, €8 a tube) in its purple Art-Nouveau-styled flagship. Then 2 doors down: Profumum Roma, niche perfumer (€220 EDPs in heavy crystal bottles) — even smelling the testers is the experience.
 - **Tridente Vintage ↗** — Via del Governo Vecchio strip — Maga Morgana (#27), Le Gallinelle, Vintage Galleria — 1980s YSL/Pucci/Versace on a quiet pedestrian street between Navona + the river. Mon-Sat 11-8.
-  **Eater Rome — Best Restaurants in Rome:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-rome-italy> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Malaga — Day Plan

Land 9:35 PM Jun 13 → Fly to Marrakech 8:55 PM Jun 14 · MalagaHome apt

🚆 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro L1/L2:** 6:30 AM-11 PM Sun-Thu · **Fri/Sat until 1:30 AM.**
- **EMT day buses:** ~6:30 AM-11:30 PM.
- **Búho night buses** N1-N3: 11:30 PM-5 AM, every 30-70 min. N1 = Puerta Blanca ↔ El Palo.
- **Taxis 24/7** · airport ~€25 fixed at night.

★ KNOWN FOR

Costa del Sol gateway + Picasso's birthplace + tapas

- 🧑🏻 Caminito del Rey — "world's most dangerous walkway" (now safe), 100m above the gorge
- 🎨 Picasso born here — Museo Picasso Málaga is in his old neighborhood
- 🐟 Espetos de sardinas — sardines grilled on a stick over open fire on the beach

Sat Jun 13 · Late arrival

Take it easy · private transfer booked

9:35 PM

Land AGP · W46113 from Rome ↗

Wizz Air from FCO. Flight tracking enabled — driver knows if you're late.

10:00 PM

✅ Private transfer to MalagaHome BOOKED · Walatour

Ref 602654708 · Executive class · \$45.34 prepaid · meet driver in arrivals with name placard. ~20 min to Calle San Telmo 8. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:45 PM

Check in

Calle San Telmo 8. On-site contact +34 623 56 43 48. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 PM

Late tapas + drink \$\$

Option A — neighborhood: El Pimpi 5 min walk (touristy but late + reliable).

Option B — DANI'S MOVE, espeto on the beach: €15 cab to

Pedregalejo ↗

(10-12 min east).

Chiringuito El Tintero ↗

— Málaga's legendary auction-style beach restaurant, waiters yell out plates as they pass, you grab what you want, €2-8 per plate. MORE +

12:30 AM

Sleep

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:30 AM

Wake + breakfast

Eat before pickup. Bring water and a snack.

9:45 AM

Check out + drop bags

Leave bags at the apartment or use luggage storage around Centro Alameda before the tour. ⚠

Mercado de Atarazanas is CLOSED both days of this visit (Sat night arrival + Sun = market is Mon-Sat 9 AM-3 PM). [MORE +](#)

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:15 AM

Meet guide at Málaga Town Hall ↗

Ayuntamiento de Málaga, Av. de Cervantes 4. Guide arrives ~15 min early in Malaga South Experiences clothing. No public bathrooms nearby. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 AM

Full Day Tour to Caminito del Rey ↗

BOOKED. 2 adults. Malaga South Experiences. ~7 hours total. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:30 PM

Back in Málaga

Grab bags immediately and head straight toward AGP. No shower plan.

6:15 PM

Head to AGP ↗

Taxi is easiest. Airport is close to the center, usually ~20 min. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:55 PM

FR6287 · AGP → RAK

Ryanair. Arrive Marrakech 9:25 PM.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Booked:** Full Day Tour to Caminito del Rey from Malaga · Sun Jun 14, 2026 at 10:30 AM.
- **Meeting point:** Ayuntamiento de Málaga, Av. de Cervantes 4.
- **Plan:** Malaga is a simple Caminito base, then straight to the airport.
- **Comfort plan:** light clothes, wipes, deodorant, toothbrush, airport cleanup mode after the hike.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in if Sat night extends OR Sun morning gains time):**
 - **Centre Pompidou Málaga** ↗ — Pasaje Doctor Carrillo Casaux, Muelle Uno (port). The only Pompidou outside France — a glass cube rising from the marina, rotating modern art, kid-and-couple-sized at 1 hr. €9, daily except Tue, 9:30 AM-8 PM. 8 min walk from MalagaHome. Skipping if tight.
 - **Atarazanas covered market — even on a closed day** ↗ — C/ Atarazanas 10. **Mon-Sat 8 AM-3 PM, closed Sun.** Door-arch is a literal Moorish shipyard gateway (the "arsenal" from the 1300s) + a giant rose stained-glass window inside. Even if shut, walk past Saturday late night for the lit exterior shot. **If you arrived earlier Sat — Patio de los Naranjos around the corner is free + photogenic.**
 - **Antigua Casa de Guardia (1840)** ↗ — Alameda Principal 18, 3 min walk. Málaga's oldest tavern — sweet Pedro Ximénez wine drawn straight from 200-yr-old barrels lining the wall, written on the marble counter in chalk, ~€1.50 a glass. Locals only, standing room. Mon-Sat 10 AM-10 PM. **Perfect Sat night detour instead of El Pimpi** if Pedregalejo doesn't pan out — 6 min walk from MalagaHome.
 - **Museo de Vidrio y Cristal** ↗ — Pl. Santísimo Cristo de la Sangre 2. One-family private collection of 3,000 antique glass objects (Roman, Phoenician, Bohemian, Tiffany), set inside an 18th-c townhouse with original interior. €6, Tue-Sun 11-7. **Single-room hidden museum, Dani target.** 10 min walk from apt.
- 📺 **The Infatuation — Málaga:** <https://www.theinfatuation.com/malaga> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Marrakech — Day Plan

4 nights · Riad Palais Sebban in the Medina · 92°F days, sightsee morning/evening

OFFLINE-READY — MOROCCO

Before leaving Madrid: open Apple Maps → search "**Marrakech**" → tap the region card → "**Download**". Same for "**Essaouira**". ~250 MB each; works fully offline (search, routing, POI cards).

- **Riad pinned offline:** *Riad Palais Sebban*, Derb El Farnatchi, Medina Marrakech 40000. Drop a manual pin in Apple Maps now so you can route to it without signal.
- **Petit taxi (yellow) flat rates:** day ~30-50 MAD inside medina/Gueliz/Hivernage; night +50%. Insist on the meter or agree price before boarding.
- **Wifi / eSIM:** grab a **Maroc Telecom eSIM at RAK airport (~150 MAD / ~\$15)** for the week — instant data, no SIM swap. Backup: Airalo Morocco eSIM via app before landing.
- **Medina reality:** cars do NOT reach the riad — walk the last 5 min from the closest gate. Pre-arrange porter pickup for arrival.

GETTING AROUND AFTER DARK

- **No night buses.** ALSA city buses ~6 AM-9:30 PM only.
- **Petit taxis** (yellow, metered) — 24/7 but scarce after midnight outside Jemaa el-Fna / Gueliz / Hivernage. Night fare +50%.
- **Inside the medina cars do not reach the riad** — walk last 5 min from closest gate.
- Pre-arrange riad pickup for late arrivals. Careem works.

★ KNOWN FOR

The Red City — souks, riads, snake charmers, hammams

- 🍷 Djemaa el-Fna — UNESCO oral-heritage square: storytellers + food stalls + drum circles
- 🛍 Souks — leather (tanneries), spices, lanterns, rugs, argan oil
- 🧖 Hammam culture — Berber bathhouse ritual: steam → black soap → scrub → mint tea

10:30 PM

Riad transfer pickup

Pre-booked private car.  [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 PM

Check in at Riad Palais Sebban ↗

Drop bags. Quick shower + change if going out.  [Open in Maps](#)

CHILL

🏠 Option A: Stay in — mint tea on the rooftop (\$)

If you're wrecked from the Malaga + Ryanair day, just wind down on the riad rooftop with mint tea. Welcome to Morocco. Save energy for Mon's food tour + Tue's Agafay + clubs.

11:45 PM

🦋 Option B: Djemaa el-Fna NUMBERED FOOD STALLS at night (BEST first-night move + Dani-coded) (\$)

The square TRANSFORMS at night — ~100 numbered food stalls go up at sundown.

Dani's hit list:

Stall #14 (running since 1966, fried fish + calamari, ~30 MAD/plate). **Stall #1 "Aicha"** (family-run generations, brochettes + tajines). **Stall #3 "Mr."**  [Open in Maps](#)

► [Details](#)

12:30 AM

🍸 Option C: Theatro arrival night? (\$\$\$)

If you napped on the plane and feel ready for a club: Theatro opens 11:30 PM, runs til 5 AM. Sunday night = lighter crowd than Tue-Sat (peak nights). 12 min taxi from riad.  [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

Mon Jun 15 · Spa Day (Les Bains) + food tour

Hamмам afternoon · pool first · medina food walk evening

10:00 AM

Slow breakfast at riad

Coffee, mint tea, msemmen pancakes. No alarms. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

Bahia Palace ↗

19th-century royal residence. 10 min walk. ~70 MAD (\$7) at the door, walk-up. Keep it tight — spa pool time at 12:30! 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:00 PM

🚗 **Transport to Les Bains — ARRANGE THIS**

Vendor confirmed they do NOT provide pickup.

Options: (1) ask Riad Palais Sebban concierge to book a petit taxi (cheapest, ~30-50 MAD), (2) walk ~12-15 min from riad via Bab Laksour, OR (3) book a private transfer through riad. **MORE +**

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

🏊 **Arrive Les Bains EARLY — pool time before treatment ↗**

Vendor recommended: arrive 1 hr early to enjoy the pools.

Pool access only BEFORE treatment — once the hammam starts at 2 PM, no re-entry. Bring swimsuit; towel/robe/slippers provided. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

🧖 **Spa — Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples** **CONFIRMED** \$\$\$

Treatment 2:00-5:00 PM. €302 (3,100 MAD) total for 2. Hammam (1h) + Mud wrap (1h) + Massage (1h). NO henna available (vendor confirmed).

Cancel = 48 hrs prior, in writing only.

contact@lesbainsdemarrakech.com / WhatsApp +212 651 17 19 10 / Tél +212 524 38 14 28.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

💡 **Plan B:** if Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

5:00 PM

🚗 **Transport back to riad — JELLO mode**

Petit taxi or 12-min walk. You'll be wrecked in the best way. Hydrate aggressively. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:45 PM

Walk to food tour meeting point

Confirm location with the operator after booking. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:00 PM

Authentic Moroccan Food Tour \$\$

BOOKED — conf BK798268668129230. Evening medina food walk for 2 with local guide. ~3.5 hrs (back ~9:30 PM). 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM



Spa — Le Bain de Kasbah (couples hammam, ~1 hr) ⏰ CONFIRM WITH DANI

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Grab a light breakfast first, then walk down. ~550–750 MAD **per person** per the vendor → likely ~1,100–1,500 MAD (\$110–150) for two; confirm what Dani actually paid. Derb El Hammam, Kasbah, by the Saadian Tombs. +212 668 13 05 77 · lebaindekasbah@gmail.com. ~12–15 min walk or petit taxi.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 AM

Saadian Tombs ↗

Hidden 16th-century royal tombs in the kasbah. 10-min walk from the riad. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

Djemaa el-Fna by day ↗

Iconic square. Snake charmers, juice stalls. 10 min walk from Saadian. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 PM



Mechoui Alley lunch — Chez Lamine Hadj Mustapha

\$

The OG since 1965, just off north side of Djemaa el-Fna. Founder cooked for King Hassan II. **Order:** 250g mechoui (slow-roast lamb pulled from underground wood oven, ~60 MAD/\$6) + tangia marrakchia (clay-pot beef, ~80 MAD). 📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

3:00 PM

Pool / nap at riad

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

4:30 PM

Pickup for Agafay ↗

Pre-booked. Be ready 30 min before booking time. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

Agafay Camel Ride + Sunset Dinner + Fire Show

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BOOKED — conf 1388525187. 2 guests. Stony desert 30 min away. Camel ride at sunset, dinner under stars, fire/dance show. ~6 hrs (back ~11 PM). Free refund until Jun 15 5 PM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:30 PM

Quick change at riad → Theatro Marrakech ↗

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Es Saadi Resort. Marrakech's #1 club ("top 50 in the world"). Cover ~300 MAD (\$30) incl. 1 drink. Smart elegant dress. 12 min taxi. Open til 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 AM

Or Club 555

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If Theatro winding down, head to 555 Famous Club (Bd Mohamed VI, Agdal) — younger crowd, runs til 5 AM.

Wed Jun 17 · Souks + dinner + clubs (sleep in the car tomorrow)

Recovery morning → souks → dinner → Theatro

- 9:30 AM

Quick breakfast at riad
Mint tea + msemmen whenever you surface. Easy recovery morning after Theatro. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 11:00 AM

Free morning — pool or early souks
Hammam moved to Tue Jun 16, 10 AM. Ease into the day after Theatro, then head into the souks below. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 12:30 PM

Souks browse — kaftan / pashmina + SPICE CORNER for Dani ↗
Souk Semmarine (iron-trellis roof N of Djemaa) → fork RIGHT into **Souk Ableuh** = the **spice + olive corner**
. Mountains of multi-colored olives in plastic tubs, preserved lemons, capers, harissa by weight. [MORE](#)
+ 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 3:00 PM

Pool / nap at riad
Free afternoon (Mon spa replaced this slot). Save energy for tonight — Theatro till 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 6:30 PM

Quick change for the night
Smart elegant for Theatro. Dani: kaftan or fitted dress. Eddie: dark slacks + button-down. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 8:30 PM

Pre-club dinner — Nomad rooftop OR La Grande Table Marocaine \$\$\$
Light enough to dance after. La Grande Table is the 1-star option if going big. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 11:30 PM

🎵 Theatro Marrakech ↗ \$\$\$
Es Saadi Resort. "Top 50 clubs in the world." Cover ~300 MAD (\$30) incl. 1 drink. Smart elegant dress. 12 min taxi. Open til 5 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 2:00 AM

Or Club 555 (Agdal) \$\$\$
If Theatro winding down. Younger crowd, runs til 5 AM.
- 5:00 AM

Cab back to riad, crash
Sleep til 11 AM. Brunch. 12:30 PM transfer = sleep 3 more hrs in the car. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Thu Jun 18 · Lazy morning + transfer

Sleep in the car · 3-hr drive

- 11:00 AM

Late wakeup + slow brunch
Pack while the coffee brews. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 12:30 PM

Check out + private car to Essaouira
Pre-booked. ~3 hrs. Stops for argan oil cooperative + tea. SLEEP in the car. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)
- 3:30 PM

Arrive Essaouira
Continue to Riad Emotion. Easy first afternoon. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sleep-in logic:** after late nights, start mornings later; no full day blocks. Plane sleep counts as recovery credit.
- **Hammams (final plan):** **Mon Jun 15** — Les Bains de Marrakech "Signature 3" 3-hr couples  confirmed €302 total, hammam + mud wrap + massage. **Tue Jun 16, 10 AM** — Le Bain de Kasbah 1-hr local-style · +212 668 13 05 77 · lebaindekasbah@gmail.com · Derb El Hammam, Kasbah (by Saadian Tombs).  Confirm with Dani what was actually paid. NO transport from either, walk or petit taxi. NO henna at Les Bains.
- **Booked tours:** Authentic Moroccan Food Tour (Sun night), Agafay Camel + Dinner + Fire Show (Mon night).
- **Bath houses / spa:** 2 hammam visits planned — Mon afternoon (Les Bains) + Tue morning (Le Bain de Kasbah). Couples treatment recommended.
- **Skipped:** Jardin Majorelle, Koutoubia Mosque, Atlas Mountains day trip, O'Mulligan Irish Pub.
- Drink lots of water — Morocco gets to 95°F+. Always carry a bottle.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in around the souks / post-hammam windows):**
 - **Le Jardin Secret**  — Rue Mouassine 121, 8 min walk from Djemaa el-Fna. A 400-year-old riad-garden buried in the medina, restored 2016, two distinct courtyards (Exotic + Islamic) with channels of water + orange trees + a climbable tower for medina rooftop views. 80 MAD, daily 9:30-6. **Way calmer + more photogenic than Majorelle** (since Eddie's no on Majorelle, this is the substitute). Café inside.
 - **Maison de la Photographie**  — 46 Rue Souk Ahal Fassi, behind the Madrasa Ben Youssef. 3-floor riad displaying 4,500 vintage Moroccan photos (1870-1950) — Berber women, oasis caravans, Casablanca port at dawn. ROOFTOP CAFÉ has the best view in the medina + mint tea + couscous, 60 MAD entry. Daily 9:30-7. Tiny + barely on tourist radar.
 - **Topolina vintage / Norya Ayron / Max & Jan**  — souk fashion trio. Topolina (Rue Riad Zitoun el Kdim, near Bahia) = French-Moroccan vintage caftans + curated 1970s pieces, 800-2,500 MAD. Max & Jan (Rue Amesfah 14, Mouassine) = Belgian-Moroccan design house, mod kaftans + concept-store everything. Both insider's-Marrakech, almost no tour groups. Open daily 10-7.
 - **Henna by Mehdi (Henna Café)**  — 93 Arset Aouzal Rd, 6 min walk from Djemaa. Real plant henna by appointed artists (not the toxic black "henna" tout traps), set prices listed on a board, designs ~150-400 MAD, profits fund local literacy school. Daily 10-7 + reservations welcome. **The Dani-friendly henna play** — no scams.
-  **Sensual / couples extras (slot in opportunistically):**
 - **Royal Mansour — La Table rooftop cocktail + spa-courtyard peek**  · Rue Abou Abbas El Sebti, Hivernage. The most expensive hotel in Africa (HM the King's own — 53 private riads, gold-leaf hallways). You don't need to stay — just **book a 6 PM aperitivo** at La Table or the cigar bar. Cocktails 200-280 MAD (\$22-30); entry gets you the underground service-city hallways + silver-tiled spa courtyard (full day-pass to the spa pool 350 MAD/\$38, no treatment required). Smart elegant. **Why couple:** Marrakech's dress-up moment, the silver hammam-courtyard alone is the photo. **Slot:** Wed Jun 17 7 PM, then pre-club dinner, then Theatro.
 - **Selman Marrakech — Arabian horses golden hour + cocktail**  · Km 5, Route d'Amizmiz (15 min cab S of medina). Jacques Garcia-designed boutique hotel with a private stable of 12 pure-blood Arabian stallions visible through a glass wall from the pool bar. Book **"Horse + Apéro"**: stable-master shows you the horses at 6:30 PM golden hour (no riding), then poolside cocktails under olive trees. **~800 MAD (\$85) for two** incl. drinks. Email hospitality@selman-marrakech.com or +212 524 459 600. Garcia velvet + Arabian horses + Atlas backdrop. **Slot:** Mon Jun 15 — push the food tour to ~7:30 PM start, do Selman 5:30-7 PM right after Les Bains.

- **Le Jardin Secret — private after-hours hammam ↗** · Rue Mouassine 121, medina. The 17th-c restored riad-garden is tourist-during-day, but they run an evening "Privatisé" couples hammam in the basement: black-soap gommage + ghassoul wrap + double massage + tea on the moonlit roof, just the two of you in the entire palace 8-10 PM. **~1,800 MAD (\$195) for two, 2 hrs.** Book 48h ahead via info@lejardinsecretmarrakech.com or +212 524 39 00 40. **Why couple:** Les Bains is day-spa, this is night-spa — and you get a 17th-c riad to yourselves. Slot: Wed Jun 17 evening (instead of pre-club dinner — combine spa + dinner-at-Nomad into one move, then Teatro).
- **Henna Café — private courtyard appointment (already noted, expand) ↗** · skip the Djemaa tous entirely. Book the **"Bridal Henna for 2"**: 60-90 min upstairs courtyard, both arms/hands for Dani + a token line for Eddie, mint tea + msemen, ~400 MAD (\$45) for two. Eddie's "hours-long henna sit" wishlist item — done properly.
- **Riad Yima café + Hassan Hajjaj boutique ↗** — Derb Aârijane 52, near the Mellah. The Moroccan pop artist's actual atelier — recycled-can lampshades, tin-frame portraits, kaftan capsule lines, ~200-2,000 MAD. The café itself is the photo: zellij + technicolor cushions + Hajjaj's signature aesthetic. Daily 10-6. Mint tea ~30 MAD.
- 📅 **Time Out Marrakech — Best Restaurants:** <https://www.timeout.com/marrakech/restaurants/best-restaurants-in-marrakech> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Essaouira — Day Plan

3 nights · Riad Emotion in the Medina ·  Early check-in 12-1 PM approved · 69°F coastal breeze · CHILL

OFFLINE-READY — MOROCCO

Before leaving Madrid: open Apple Maps → search "**Essaouira**" → tap the region card → "**Download**". Same for "**Marrakech**". ~250 MB each; works fully offline (search, routing, POI cards).

- **Riad pinned offline:** *Riad Emotion*, 18 Rue Malek Ben El Morahal, Medina Essaouira 44000. Drop a manual pin in Apple Maps now so you can route to it without signal.
- **Petit taxi (blue/white) flat rates: 8 MAD day / 9 MAD night** anywhere in town — fixed, no haggling. Thin late at night + during prayer times: pre-book if Marrakech bus delays you.
- **Wifi / eSIM:** Maroc Telecom eSIM bought at RAK (~150 MAD) covers Essaouira too. Riad Emotion wifi works only in lobby — count on cellular outside.
- **Medina reality:** cars blocked inside the medina — Riad Emotion porter meets you at the drop point. Walk last leg.

GETTING AROUND AFTER DARK

- **No urban bus network.** ALSA/CTM/Supratours intercity only, daytime.
- **Petit taxis** (blue/white) — flat 8 MAD day / **9 MAD night anywhere in town.**
- Taxis thin late at night and during prayer times. Pre-book if Marrakech bus is delayed.
- Medina blocks cars — porter from Riad Emotion meets at the drop point.

DRINKING SPOTS — BY PRICE · DISTANCE FROM RIAD EMOTION

⚠ **Medina has NO off-license shops.** For bottles to bring back to the riad: petit-taxi to **Carrefour Market** (10 min ride, 8 MAD). Riad-Emotion lobby may serve wine — WhatsApp +212 5244-72309 to ask.

Spot	\$	Walk	Vibe
Carrefour Market (booze run) 	\$ beer 12-16 MAD/can	10 min taxi	Stock the riad
Triskala Café 	\$ beer 40, wine 60	4 min	Tiny back-alley, candlelit
Restaurant La Découverte 	\$ beer 40, wine 70	3 min	Local-feel, low-key
Mega Loft (live Gnaoua Fri/Sat) 	\$\$ drinks 80-150	5 min	4-floor rooftop, late
Taros Café rooftop 	\$\$ spritz 80, beer 50	4 min	Touristy but reliable
Salut Maroc rooftop 	\$\$ drinks 80-120	5 min	Live concerts Fri-Sun
Madada Mogador rooftop 	\$\$ cocktails 80-120	4 min	Smaller, better view

Heure Bleue Palais 5-star bar 📍

\$\$\$

spritz 150+, cocktails 180+

5 min

Polished, best view in town

No nightclubs in Essaouira — late-night = live music at Mega Loft/Taros/Salut Maroc until ~2 AM. For real clubbing, Theatro is back in Marrakech.

★ **KNOWN FOR**

Windswept Atlantic medina + Game of Thrones' Astapor

- 🐟 Port fish-grill stalls — pick your catch fresh off the boat, they grill it on the spot
- 🎵 Gnaoua music — annual June festival, but jam sessions happen year-round
- 🏰 Skala de la Ville — 18th-c sea ramparts + cannons (Orson Welles filmed Othello here)

1:30 PM

Drop bags at Riad Emotion ↗

18 Rue Malek Ben El Morahal. Just bags — eat first, check in properly after. Porter meets you at the drop point. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

🐟 STARVING LUNCH — Port Fish Grill ↗ (\$) · 6 min walk S

You arrive at 1:30 PM — port grills run til ~4 PM, you're in window. 6 min walk south from the riad to the blue-and-white shacks outside Skala du Port gate. Same place as Fri's planned big lunch, but Thu is the "shake out the drive" version. **Order light for two:** ½ kg sardines (~20 MAD/\$2) + 2 calamari (~30 MAD) + bread/salad/harissa (~20 MAD) = ~70 MAD (\$7) total. Saves the full feast for Fri.

📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

3:30 PM

Full check-in at Riad Emotion + freshen up

Walk back 6 min N. Now with a belly full of grilled fish. Shower off the drive.

4:30 PM

Skala de la Ville ↗ · 5 min walk W

18th-century sea ramparts & cannons. Sunset photo spot later. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:15 PM

Wander the medina · out the riad door

UNESCO old town. Smaller, easier than Marrakech. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:15 PM

🍹 Booze run — Carrefour Market Essaouira ↗ (\$) · 10 min taxi (NOT walkable)

~10 min petit-taxi (8 MAD) out to **Carrefour** on Av. Lalla Aïcha for beer/wine/spirits. **The medina has NO off-license shops** — only restaurants/bars. Cash, bring passport. Stock the riad for the rest of the stay.

📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

7:00 PM

🍹 Sunset spritz — Taros rooftop ↗ (\$\$) · 4 min walk SW

Walk-in. Place Moulay Hassan. Top of the food chain for first-night sunset views over the port + ramparts. Spritz ~80 MAD, beer ~50 MAD. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

7:30 PM

🐟 Wander-only Port d'Essaouira — recon for tomorrow's lunch (\$)

DON'T eat at the port at night

— grill stalls are MIDDAY only (~11 AM-4 PM, peak ~1 PM when boats land). Tonight: walk the port at golden hour for blue feluccas + gulls + auction wind-down. [MORE +](#)

9:30 PM

Salut Maroc ↗ (\$\$\$)

Riad rooftop with live concerts Fri-Sun. 5 min walk. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Slow breakfast at riad

Rooftop breakfast included.

11:30 AM

Essaouira Beach

Atlantic coastline, windsurfing visible. 5 min walk.

1:00 PM

Camel ride on the beachClassic Essaouira experience. Quick & cheap on the beach itself. [📍 Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

[🐟](#) **PORT D'ESSAOUIRA FISH-GRILL LUNCH — THE DANI MOVE** (\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)**This is THE meal of the Morocco leg.**Go ~12:30, boats land 11-1 PM, freshest catch + fewest tourists. **Location:** outside Skala du Port gate, blue-and-white wooden shacks between port + Bab Marrakech. ~30 stalls in a U.[📍 Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

2:30 PM

Beach walk-off, mint tea on the seafront (\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)

Mint tea + coffee anywhere on the seafront promenade. You'll be greasy, salty, and grinning.

4:00 PM

Hammam / spa — OPTIONAL (\$\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)You'll have already done **2 hammams in Marrakech** (Les Bains Mon + Le Bain de Kasbah Tue) — a 3rd might be overkill. If you want one anyway, options ranked by walking distance from RiadEmotion: [MORE +](#)

5:30 PM

[🍹](#) **Madada Mogador rooftop — sunset cocktails ↗** (\$\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)**WALK-IN OK** for cocktails. (Reserve only if you want dinner — phone +212 5247-47512.) Non-touristy rooftop overlooking the port — better view than Taros, smaller crowd. Cocktails 80-120 MAD. 4 min walk SW.

6:30 PM

[🍸](#) **Heure Bleue rooftop spritz ↗** (\$\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)**WALK-IN OK on weekdays** (Fri qualifies). Single most spectacular rooftop view in town — ocean + ramparts panorama from this 5-star hotel **in Essaouira**. Spritz menu from ~150 MAD (~€14). 5 min walk S to the gate called **Bab Marrakech** (that's the Essaouira medina gate that faces the road toward Marrakech — confusing name, but the hotel IS in Essaouira).

7:30 PM

Sunset on Skala — actual sunset 7:55 PM [📍 Open in Maps](#)

Arrive 7:30 for the build, stay through 8:10 for the afterglow. Best vantage in town.

8:30 PM

Dinner + drinks (\$\$) [📍 Open in Maps](#)**Mega Loft** walk-in OK for drinks, table reservation rec for Fri-night live Gnaoua band [📍](#) · **Taros** walk-in OK [📍](#) · **Salut Maroc** rooftop, live Fri-Sun, walk-in OK before 9 PM [📍](#)

10:00 AM

Breakfast at riad

Rooftop included.

11:00 AM

Big Dunes & Atlantic Coast Tour (\$\$)

2 hrs, \$63 pp. Highest-volume Essaouira tour. Decide today.

2:00 PM

Light lunch — Restaurant Essalam ↗ (\$\$)

Tagine or sardine sandwich at **Restaurant Essalam** (Pl. Moulay Hassan, 60 MAD tagine, where Souiri families eat). Cheap, plastic-tablecloth, not on TripAdvisor. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:45 PM

🌿 **NEW: Marché aux Grains — covered market** ↗ (\$)

Opposite the fish market — olive stalls, lemon mountains, raw butter, raw spices. Locals shouting prices. Dani's lens, missed by 90% of tourists. Mornings best (8 AM–noon) but Sat afternoon still has vendors.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

3:00 PM

🌿 **Medina Spice Square + La Joutia flea market** (\$)

Spice Square (Place Souk Jdid): covered hallways of spice mounds, herbal cures, Berber pharmacist potions. Buy: **custom-blended ras-el-hanout** (~40 MAD / 100g — Essaouira's blend has more cumin + ginger than Marrakech's), argan oil from co-op stamp only (50 MAD / 100ml), saffron threads. **La Joutia** (just W of Bab Doukkala, biggest on Sun morning but Sat afternoon still has stalls): town flea market — secondhand thuya-wood boxes, Berber silver, vintage tea trays. Auction every morning, browse Sat. Haggle 40–50% off opening. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

3:30 PM

Game of Thrones spots

Filmed as Astapor in S3. Walk the medina ramparts.

6:00 PM

Sunset cocktail (\$\$)

Taros 📍 or Salut Maroc 📍 or Heure Bleue rooftop 📍

8:30 PM

Last big dinner (\$\$)

Pick best seafood spot you saw earlier. Solid choices: **La Table by Madada** 📍, **Restaurant La Découverte** 📍, or **Triskala Café** 📍

11:00 PM

Mega Loft or Salut Maroc late (\$\$)Live music until ~2 AM. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:00 AM

Fishing port walk — blue boats, 6-min walk

Single best photo of the leg. 340 feluccas being cleaned after night catch, gulls overhead, no other tourists. Then Driss Pâtisserie for msemmen breakfast on the way back.

9:00 AM

Pack + check out

9:30 AM

Transfer Essaouira → RAK ⚠ EARLIER PICKUP

Pickup 9:30 NOT 10:30.

2.5-3 hr drive + Ryanair 60-min check-in close = at RAK 12:30-1 PM latest for 3:55 PM flight. Riad concierge or essaouiramarrakech.com €75-85.

NOT YET BOOKED — book this week.

 [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

At RAK airport — check in for Ryanair

Online check-in MUST be done before leaving riad or €55/pax fee. Weigh checked bags — 20 kg limit, after Morocco shopping.

3:55 PM

FR826 • RAK → TFS

Ryanair. Arrive Tenerife 5:45 PM.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sleep-in logic:** after late nights, start mornings later; no full day blocks. Plane sleep counts as recovery credit.
- 📅 **BOOK ESSAOUIRA → RAK TRANSFER NOW** — Ryanair flight is 3:55 PM **Sunday Jun 21**. Pickup **9:30 AM (not 10:30)** — 2.5-3 hr drive + Ryanair 60-min check-in close = must be at RAK 1 PM latest. Best operator: essaouiramarrakech.com €75-85 fixed.
- 🎵 **GNAOUA FESTIVAL ramp-up week** — festival proper Jun 25-27, but badge exchange runs Jun 18-21 at Pl. Moulay Hassan parking lot, meaning the city fills with musicians + warm-up sets ALL THREE NIGHTS you're there. Check Dar Souiri door board on arrival for concert listings.
- 🐾 **Beach ride alternative:** horse on the beach (Ranch de Diabat, ~€30 pp) beats the camel for photos and is gentler.
- **Cooking class:** Essaouira Cooking Class — fits Friday morning if interested.
- **Bath houses:** Essaouira hammams are gentler/cheaper than Marrakech. Try Hammam Mounia.
- Pack: light jacket! Atlantic breeze can drop temps to 60°F at night.
- Skipped: Asian Red Food (only Asian option, weak signal).
- 💎 **Dani hidden gems (slot in Fri/Sat afternoons):**
 - **Galerie Damgaard** — Av. Oqba Ibn Nafiaa, just inside Bab Marrakech. The single best gallery in Morocco for the Essaouira "Singular" school painters — Mohamed Tabal, Said Ouarzaz — naïf trance art tied to Gnaoua music. €30-500 originals, prints from €25. Free to walk in. Daily 10-1 + 4-7.
 - **Argan Oil Women's Co-op (Marjana / Tighanimine)** — Av. de l'Istiqlal cooperative storefronts inside the medina (verify cooperative-stamped bottles, NOT souk knock-offs). Watch the actual stone-crushing demo, smell raw vs roasted, ~80 MAD / 100 ml. Skip the highway co-ops on the road from Marrakech, go in-town. Daily 9-7.
 - **Bayt Dakira / Maison de la Mémoire Juive** — Mellah, near old synagogue. Restored 19th-c Jewish heritage house + Slat Attia synagogue (one of last functioning Atlantic-coast synagogues). 30 MAD, Tue-Sun 9-6. One-room museum, micro-history, no tour buses.
 - **L'Atelier Madada cooking school** — 7 bis Rue Youssef El Fassi. Half-day women-run cooking class — go to the port for fish at 9 AM, cook 4 dishes at the riad, eat on the rooftop. ~€55 pp, ~4 hrs. Booking: atelier-madada.com. **The Dani sensory dream** if Fri morning opens up (before port lunch).
 - **Thuya wood workshops on Rue de la Skala** — tiny family ateliers carving cedar + lemon + thuya into boxes, chess sets, perfume bottle stoppers. Watch the lathe + inlay work. Boxes €5-50, takes 30 min to choose. Daily 10-7. Rue de la Skala is also the most photogenic "blue alley" in Essaouira at 7 PM golden hour.
- 📌 **TripAdvisor — Top-rated Essaouira restaurants:** https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g293733-Essaouira_Marrakech_Safi.html — no Eater coverage for this city; this is the next-best curated list.

Tenerife — Day Plan

4 nights · Cleopatra Palace, Playa de las Américas · 79°F perfect · NOCHE DE SAN JUAN Jun 23

🚌 LAST BUS HOME

- **TITSA buses:** typically ~6 AM-10 PM, route-dependent.
- **Tram (Líneas 1/2, Santa Cruz ↔ La Laguna):** 6 AM-midnight Sun-Thu · **Fri/Sat 24h.** We are in Playa de las Américas, tram is north — not relevant for our nights.
- **Night bus 711** Santa Cruz ↔ airport ↔ Playa de las Américas: 22:00-05:30, every 60-90 min. **This IS our airport bus on Thu Jun 25 4 AM cab to TFN.**
- **Free Now app + Taxi Adeje +34 922 71 54 07.** Airport €30-40 cab.

★ KNOWN FOR

Volcanic Atlantic island — beach clubs, Mt. Teide, San Juan fire night

- 🌴 Siam Park — ranked #1 water park in the world, 14 years running
- 🌋 Mt. Teide — Spain's highest peak (12,200ft), volcano summit by cable car
- 🔥 Noche de San Juan (Jun 23) — midnight bonfires + ocean swim + DJs til dawn

Sun Jun 21 · Arrival

Land 5:45 PM

6:30 PM **Taxi to Cleopatra Palace ↗**
~30 min from TFS. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

7:30 PM **Check in + freshen up**
📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:00 PM **Sunset dinner on the Strip (\$\$)**
Light first night. Beachfront picks: **Hard Rock Cafe Tenerife** (reliable, terrace) 📍 · **Empire Beach Restaurant** (tapas + sunset) 📍 · or local-leaning **La Vaca Azul** (5-min taxi) 📍

11:00 PM **Veronicas Strip walk (\$)**
Main nightlife strip. Get the lay of the land. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Mon Jun 22 • Daytime fun + book El Rincón

Resort + water

10:00 AM

Hotel breakfast

 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

Costa Adeje Coastal Promenade ↗

10km paved seafront walk from your door. Stop at any beach.  [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 PM

Los Cristianos harbor lunch — Bar Restaurante El Cine (\$\$)

15-min walk down the promenade to Los Cristianos fishing harbour. **El Cine** (calle Juan Bariajo 8) — port-side, locals + savvy tourists, small focused menu of whatever landed that morning.

 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

3:00 PM

Yellow Submarine Safari (\$\$)

Tenerife's only real submarine. 30m underwater for 50 min. Puerto Colón ~10 min taxi.  [Open in Maps](#)

6:00 PM

Light & Music Fountain ↗

Free evening show. 5 min walk.  [Open in Maps](#)

9:00 PM

El Rincón de Juan Carlos (\$\$\$)

+ booked attempt. 2 Michelin stars. **Smart casual**. 14 min taxi to Royal Hideaway Corales.

 [Open in Maps](#)

Midnight

Drinks at Tibu (\$\$\$)

Upscale nightclub. International DJs. 5 min walk.  [Open in Maps](#)

Tue Jun 23 • NOCHE DE SAN JUAN

THE big party night of the year!

11:00 AM

Slow breakfast

Recover.  [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

Siam Park ↗ \$\$

World's #1 water park. Tower of Power slide, biggest wave pool in Europe. 5 min taxi, free shuttle.

 [Open in Maps](#)

5:30 PM

Back to hotel, change

Bring swimsuit + towel for tonight.  [Open in Maps](#)

7:30 PM

Light dinner \$

Don't go heavy — long night ahead.  [Open in Maps](#)

9:00 PM

Walk to Playa de Los Cristianos ↗

20 min along the promenade. Grab spot before bonfire lit at 9:30 PM.  [Open in Maps](#)

Midnight

NOCHE DE SAN JUAN ritual

Write wishes on paper, burn them. Jump bonfire 3x for luck. **SWIM in the ocean** at midnight (cleansing). Throw 3 coins backward into sea (3 wishes). DJs until 1:30 AM.  [Open in Maps](#)

1:30 AM

Walk back or party on

Verónicas after if energy.  [Open in Maps](#)

Wed Jun 24 · Recovery + clubs

Late start, post fire-night reset, big night

10:00 AM

Hangover breakfast

Heavy water, easy food. Don't stress. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

Aqua Club Termal — Costa Adeje ↗ (\$\$)

4.4★, 2,258 reviews. **Co-ed thermal recovery — full Budapest-style spa.** Sauna + Turkish steam + multiple jacuzzis + warm salt-water pool + lazy river. €40 entry pp (€80 total). 📍 [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

1:30 PM

La Caleta fishing village lunch — Dani-coded (\$\$)

15 min taxi from Aqua Club. **Dani's pick: La Vieja Restaurante** (institution 20+ yrs, harbour-view terrace). Order: **vieja a la espalda** (grilled parrotfish split open, ~€22 — the namesake fish), **pulpo frito** (fried octopus, €14), **lapas con mojo verde** (limpets with green sauce, €9), papas arrugadas con mojo. **Backup: Masía del Mar** — family-run, terraced over bobbing boats, "where locals go." **Skip Rosso Sul Mare** (Italian, not the point) and tourist-strip La Caleta places with photo menus. **Reservation recommended** for La Vieja: +34 922 711 548. ~€60-80 for 2 with wine. Swim the coves after. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

Pool time / nap

Reset before wine + clubs. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

7:30 PM

✂ Bodegas Monje CUT — light dinner instead (\$)

Cut Monje:

50-60 min EACH way to El Sauzal + €80 in taxis + evening = miss the El Teide+sea view that's the point. Will wreck Wed before the 4 AM TFN cab.

Replacement:

light tapas at El Cine (Los Cristianos) OR Mesón Castellano. **MORE +**

10:00 PM

Papagayo Beach Club (\$\$\$)

Beach party vibes & DJs. 5 min walk. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Midnight

Tramps Tenerife (\$\$)

Legendary nightclub on the Strip. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 AM

Monkey Beach Club (\$\$)

Beachfront cocktails & music if still going. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Thu Jun 25 · 4AM TAXI ⚠

Flight 7:10 AM from TFN (NORTH airport)

4:00 AM

TAXI to TFN ↗

TFN is 1 hr away — DON'T OVERSLEEP. Pre-book the night before. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 AM

At TFN

Check in. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

7:10 AM

VY3261 · TFN → BIO

Vueling. Arrive Bilbao 11:15 AM.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sleep-in logic:** after late nights, start mornings later; no full day blocks. Plane sleep counts as recovery credit.
- **SAN JUAN NIGHT:** bring towel, swimsuit, snacks, drinks, lighter. Arrive at Los Cristianos beach by 9 PM for spot near bonfire.
- **El Rincón de Juan Carlos** — booking still on waitlist for Jun 22 or 24. Smart casual attire. **Backups if waitlist fails: Donaire (1★, GF Victoria, 5-min taxi)** bookable on TheFork — best same-day-walk-in odds. **M.B by Berasategui (2★, Abama, 35-min taxi)** = match the star count. Skip Coyote Ugly / Palladium / Bobby's = stag/hen tourist traps.
- **BOOK NIGHT-BEFORE TAXI** for 4 AM Wednesday morning to TFN North airport.
- **Strip clubs:** Verónicas Strip has several adult venues. Most well-known is **Coyote Ugly Tenerife** and **Palladium** (cabaret-style). Discreet research advised.
- **Spa / Bathhouse: Aqua Club Termal in Costa Adeje** ↗ (10 min taxi) — co-ed multi-pool thermal + sauna + steam, €40 pp entry. Now slotted Wed Jun 24 11 AM-1 PM as fire-night recovery. Cleopatra's in-house Mare Nostrum spa is the lazy backup.
- 🍷 **Mercado Municipal Adeje (Mercadillo del Agricultor)** — **SKIPPED but noted:** Archajara, Adeje. Sat/Sun 8 AM-1:30 PM + Wed 3-7 PM. 35 stalls of local producers + fish stand. Doesn't fit the schedule (Wed afternoon = Aqua Club + La Caleta; Sat = arrival travel day). Mercado Nuestra Señora de África in Santa Cruz is the bigger one but 1hr north — skipped per no-far-daytrip rule.
- Skipped: Mount Teide, Masca, Whale Watching, Aqualand, Jungle Park (Eddie no on most).
- 💎 **Dani hidden gems (in or near Costa Adeje — no far day trips):**
 - **Cueva del Hielo + La Caleta old town** ↗ — Calle La Enramada area, La Caleta (15 min cab, where you're already lunching Wed Jun 24). Beyond the harbor restaurants there's a tiny lava-tube grotto + fishermen's cottages painted seafoam green-and-white, mostly empty by sunset. Combine with the La Vieja lunch slot — 20 min wander post-meal.
 - **Mercadillo del Agricultor de Adeje** ↗ — Archajara s/n, Adeje (15 min cab from hotel). Wed 3-7 PM + Sat-Sun 8 AM-1:30 PM. The actual local farmers' market — 35 small Canarian producers selling papas antiguas, mojos in repurposed bottles, gofio, queso fresco. **Fits Wed Jun 24 — slot between Aqua Club + La Caleta if energy permits** (3-7 PM window). NOT the Mercado Nuestra Señora África in Santa Cruz (which is 1 hr north).
 - **Pirámides de Güímar (ethnographic park)** ↗ — Calle Chacona s/n, Güímar (40 min cab — borderline at edge of the <1.5 hr rule; skip if tight). Thor Heyerdahl's controversial step-pyramids + an excellent botanical poison-plant garden + a museum on Canary–Polynesia connections. €18, daily 10-6. Skippable but very Dani-flagged (weird single-thesis museum).
 - **Las Vistas tide pools at low tide** ↗ — south end of Playa de las Vistas, 8 min walk from hotel. At the rock spit dividing Vistas + Cristianos beaches there are natural tide pools the locals slip into when the tide drops — check the LOW TIDE TIMES (tideschart.com/Tenerife) and time a 20-min visit. Free, completely off the cruise/tourist radar.
 - **Mirador de Archipenque** ↗ — Carretera General TF-454, Los Gigantes side (35 min cab — borderline). Glass-floor cliff viewpoint over the Los Gigantes sea cliffs (the tallest in Spain). Free, daytime. Pair with a Masca village photo stop if you ever do a north-side day, but probably skipping per the no-far-daytrips rule.
- 🕒 **Time Out Tenerife — Where to Eat:** <https://www.timeout.com/tenerife> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Bilbao — Day Plan

2 nights · BYPILLOW Bilbo · 72°F + 26% rain (pack jacket) · pintxos and Guggenheim

LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Metro L1/L2:** Sun-Thu 6 AM-11 PM · **Fri 6 AM-2 AM** · **SAT 24h continuous**.
- **Bilbobus:** ~5:15 AM-11 PM.
- **Gautxori night buses:** Fri 22:00-02:00, Sat 22:00-07:00 continuous. **Barik card mandatory** — no cash single fare.
- Our 2 nights are Thu Jun 25 (metro dies 11 PM, walk or cab) + Fri Jun 26 (metro 2 AM, Gautxori after).

★ KNOWN FOR

Basque industrial-turned-architectural icon + pintxos warm-up

-  Guggenheim Bilbao — Frank Gehry's titanium curves that put the city on the map
-  Pintxos on Calle Ledesma + Plaza Nueva — the warm-up for San Sebastián
-  Mercado de la Ribera — Europe's largest covered market, riverside

12:00 PM

Bus A3247 or cab to Casco Viejo ↗Bus €3 / cab €25. Walk to Quintana Kalea (by City Hall). 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 PM

Drop bags — BYPILLOW Bilbo

Room check-in from 2 PM (14:00); reception not 24/7, so store bags + explore if early. Confirm via Booking inbox or

+34 846 64 99 01. 5 Quintana Kalea, by City Hall. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:30 PM

** Mercado de la Ribera — Dani-mode stall map (\$)****Open Mon-Thu 8-2:30, Fri 8-2:30 + 5-8, Sat 8-3 — Thu arrival fits.** 3 min walk from apt. 10,000 m², Europe's largest covered food market. Two floors: ground floor = fish + butchers (the show), 1st floor = veg + pintxos gastrobar counters.📍 [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

3:30 PM

Casco Viejo wander ↗Historic old town & pintxos bars. Your neighborhood. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

5:30 PM

Funicular de Artxanda ↗Hilltop panoramic views. 15 min walk to base. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

8:00 PM

Pintxos crawl — Plaza Nueva + Casco Viejo (\$)**Specific bar order:**Bar Gatz (mushroom pintxo cult fave, C. del Santo 10) → Sorginzulo (kresala, fried bread + crab/hake mousse, Plaza Nueva 12) → Café Bar Bilbao (morunos pork skewers, 1911 tile, Plaza Nueva 6) → Calle Ledesma if energy stays. €3-5 per pintxo. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 PM

Txiriboga (\$\$)Bilbao cocktail stop in Casco Viejo area. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

1:00 AM

Gin Fizz (\$\$\$)Bilbao's best cocktail bar. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Fri Jun 26 · Guggenheim day

Museum + tour + late night

8:30 AM

Early breakfast + walk to Guggenheim ↗

Hotel coffee + something fast. June peak = 1hr line at noon, so we go at open. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Guggenheim Museum ▲ BOOK ONLINE WEEK-OF ↗

Titanium icon. Jeff Koons "Puppy" outside. 2 hrs.

Move from old 12 PM slot — June peak hits 1-hr line by 11:30.

Book the 10 AM slot at guggenheim-bilbao.eus. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 PM

Lunch — Mercado del Ensanche (locals' market in Abando) (\$)

C. Colón de Larreátegui 8, 10 min walk from Guggenheim. Open Mon-Fri 9-2:30 + 5-8, Sat 9-2:30 — Fri lunch fits. Smaller, way more local than Ribera — this is where Bilbao office workers actually buy lunch.

📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

5:00 PM

Bilbao Food Tour & Wine Pairing (\$\$)

3.5 hrs Viator (Basque Local). High-volume = book this week. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:30 PM

Late dinner

If tour didn't cover. Or just keep drinking pintxos. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Midnight

Late drinks — Sumerian Club OR Bihotz (\$\$)

Sumerian Club (Lersundi 8, 30 sec from Gin Fizz — close the Lersundi loop). OR Bihotz (Indautxu, sophisticated lounge, real-locals late move). Bilbao truly has no 4 AM scene — that's SS's job.

📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Sat Jun 27 · Train to San Sebastián

Out by noon

9:00 AM

Café Bar Bilbao coffee — Plaza Nueva 6 (\$)

1911 tile interior, opens 7:30 AM, real locals not tourists at that hour. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

9:30 AM

Cathedral of Santiago + Siete Calles loop ↗

5 min from Café Bar Bilbao. €5 entry, 20 min. Then loop Tendería → Belostikale → Sombrerería streets back to apt. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM

Walk to Bilbao Abando station ↗

10 min from apartment. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

12:00 PM

Euskotren / Renfe to Donostia ↗

~1.5 hrs.

1:30 PM

Arrive San Sebastián

See SS day plan. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Sleep-in logic:** after late nights, start mornings later; no full day blocks. Plane sleep counts as recovery credit.
- **Azurmendi (3 stars, both maybe):** 20 min taxi outside Bilbao. Need to commit + book NOW. Probably skip given timing.
- **Spa:** if rainy: Hotel Carlton spa or local hammam.
- No real "strip clubs" in Bilbao — Basque culture is more bars/pintxos focused.
- Skipped: Chef-led pintxos tour, Puppy sculpture (Eddie no — but you'll see it walking past Guggenheim anyway).
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in Fri PM around Guggenheim / Sat AM before train):**
 - **Azkuna Zentroa (Alhóndiga) — the see-through swimming pool ↗** — Pl. Arriquibar 4, Indautxu. Philippe Starck redesigned a 1909 wine warehouse into a culture center with 43 wildly different columns + a rooftop pool with a GLASS FLOOR you can stare up at from the atrium below. Free to wander the atrium, €5 to swim. 8 min walk from Guggenheim. Sat 9-10. **The photo nobody on cruise day shoots.**
 - **Museo Vasco / Museo Arqueológico ↗** — Plaza Miguel de Unamuno 4, Casco Viejo, 5 min from apartment. Ground-floor cloister with the carved "Mikeldi" stone idol (Iron Age zoomorph), free entry first Sat of month. Tiny one-floor museum, all Basque ethnographic — txalapartas, fishing nets, txapelas. €3, Tue-Sat 10-7, Sun 10-2. Skip the new bigger Euskal Museoa — this is the original.
 - **Lurrak vintage + Persuade vintage ↗** — Lurrak (C/ Lersundi 14, Indautxu) = small curated vintage Levi's + Lee + 70s leather, run by a former stylist. Persuade (C/ Bidebarrieta 14, Casco Viejo) = 80s/90s couture rack. Both Tue-Sat 11-2 + 5-8:30. Lurrak is literally on the bar-crawl Lersundi block.
 - **Pasealekua de Etxebarria + Mirador Etxebarria ↗** — 8 min uphill walk from Casco Viejo. Park with an old steel-mill chimney left standing on a hilltop + a wood-deck viewpoint of the whole Casco Viejo + Bilbao river bend. Free, 24/7. Sunset photo of all of Bilbao laid out — not the Artxanda funicular crowd. Pair with the Sat morning Cathedral loop.
 - **Casa Quintana / Bilboko Kafe Antzokia tile-tour ↗** — C/ San Vicente 2, Indautxu. The 1853 Quintana hardware store still has its original wood drawers + brass weighing scales + tile floor; it's now a frozen-in-time architectural shop. Then Bilboko Kafe Antzokia is the locals' Basque-language theater-café with concerts most nights — check the bulletin board for Thu/Fri shows ~€10-15. Free walk-in.
-  **Time Out Bilbao — Where to Eat + Drink:** <https://www.timeout.com/bilbao> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

San Sebastián — Day Plan

2 nights · Pensión Alemana on San Martín · World's most Michelin stars per capita

🚶 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Dbus day lines:** ~6 AM-22:30.
- **Búho night buses:** 9 lines, **weekends only (Fri/Sat)** + holiday eves, all hub at **Boulevard**, ~23:00-5 AM hourly.
- **Euskotren (Topo):** first 5:45 AM, last 22:45 weekday.
- Our nights are Sat Jun 27 (Berasategui ends late — Búho running) + Sun Jun 28 (no night bus, cab only). Radio Taxi Donosti +34 943 464 646.

★ KNOWN FOR

World's most Michelin stars per capita + La Concha + pintxos capital

- 🍷 11 Michelin stars in a city of 187,000 — Berasategui (3★), Arzak (2★), Akelaré (3★)
- 🍷 Pintxos in Parte Vieja — Basque tapas reinvented as 1-bite art
- 🏖️ La Concha — voted "best urban beach in Europe" repeatedly

📅 LOCAL PICKS

★ = newly added

🚶 **La Perla** (spa, La Concha) — **already BOOKED Sat 2:30 PM**. See Sat plan above.

★ 🍷 **La Mejillonera** — Portu Kalea 15, Parte Vieja. No-frills legend: tiger mussels (mejillones tigre) + patatas bravas with the famous secret sauce. Cheap, loud, shells on the floor. Open daily ~11:30-3 & 6-11. Perfect pre-crawl warm-up. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

★ 🍷 **Drinks (Parte Vieja):** Minuto y Medio · 1810 · The Hole — small Old Town bars to fold into the Sunday crawl. All walkable within the Parte Vieja.

★ 🌐 **Friends VIP Club** — Boulevard Zumardia 27. The spot your friend knew as "*Friends*" — rebranded 2025 under new management, same building. Late-night club: Fri ~12-4:30 AM, Sat 6 PM-6:30 AM, Sun till 6:30 AM; closed Mon-Wed. Lines up with the Sun-night nightcap slot. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

★ 🍏 **Sidrerías (cider houses, both closed Mondays):**

Petritegi — Astigarraga, ~6 km out. The big famous one (seats 400+), best bet for year-round txotx. Tue-Sun 1-3 & 8-9:30. +34 943 45 71 88. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

Saizar — Usurbil, ~10 km out. Huge txuleton; ~€2 bus from Old Town. Tue-Sun. +34 943 37 39 95. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

⚠️ Full barrel txotx season is Jan-Apr (into May). Late June = à la carte cider-house menu, not the barrel ritual — call ahead. Each is a dinner-sized commitment + a cab/bus out of town; doesn't fit the current 2-night plan unless you swap something.

1:45 PM

10 min walk to Pensión Alemana ↗

San Martín 53, 1 block from La Concha beach. ✓

Confirmed 12-13 check-in window (subject to availability)**Reception: 10:30-14:30 / 16:30-21:30**— we arrive at 1:55 PM, inside window. Ring buzzer. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

2:30 PM

 La Perla Talasoterapia ✓ BOOKED + La Concha Beach (\$\$)✓ **BOOKED — Sat Jun 27, 14:30 (2:30 PM), 2 spots.**

Code

20260627001040114300730054. Service: Circuito Talasoterapia (Puesta en Forma). **Pricing per la-perla.net:** €25-54 pp depending on duration (2-hr €25 / 3-hr ~€38 / 5-hr €54). 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

💡 **Plan B:** if La Perla Talasoterapia + La Concha Beach falls through, scan the "Before You Go" list at the bottom for a nearby substitute in the same category — or open Apple Maps and search nearby.

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5:00 PM

Wander Parte Vieja ↗Old Town stroll. Pre-game for pintxos. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

6:30 PM

Quick pintxo at Bar Aralar — DON'T fill up (\$)

Just enough to soak up the spa drinks. Michelin tasting at 8:45 is 15+ courses.

8:45 PM

 Martín Berasategui (3★) ✓ CONFIRMED (\$\$\$)✓ **CONFIRMED — Sat Jun 27, 8:45 PM, table for 2.**Note on file: *Tasting Menu for 2, celebrating our 33-day European trip. €395 pp tasting (2 menu options, both €395). 15 min taxi to Lasarte-Oria (C/ Loidi 4).* ⚠**Sun/Mon/Tue closed — Sat is the ONLY Michelin night this trip.**Sat dinner service 8:30-9:30 PM seating; our 8:45 is inside it. 3-hour, ~16-course marathon. Restaurant +34 943 366 471. 📍 [Open in Maps](#) [MORE +](#)

11:45 PM

Museo del Whisky nightcap (\$\$)3,400+ bottles. ONE drink, then bed — Sun starts at 11 AM Monte Urgull hike. 📍 [Open in Maps](#)

10:00 AM

Slow breakfast at hotel

Coffee + something light — hike + big lunch incoming. [Open in Maps](#)

10:30 AM

** Mercado de la Bretxa walk-through (Sun lonja stalls) (\$)**

Plaza de la Bretxa, edge of Parte Vieja. Mon-Sat 8-2:30; Sun many stalls closed BUT lonja (fish) + bakers open ~9-1. Use this as the Monte Urgull warm-up — Bretxa sits 4 min walk from the Urgull trailhead.

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11:00 AM

** Monte Urgull hike ↗****The big hill before lunch.**

12 min walk to entry at Plaza de Zuloaga (Parte Vieja), then ~30 min uphill via paved switchbacks. ~120 m climb, sneakers fine. Top: Sacred Heart statue, castle ruins, 360° city + bay view. Free. Down by 12:15 PM. [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

Lunch at La Cuchara de San Telmo (\$\$)**Right at the base of Monte Urgull**

in Parte Vieja — perfect post-hike payoff. Open Sun (12:30-3:30 PM). Cult hot pintxos: braised veal cheek in red wine, foie gras, octopus. €4-7 per pintxo, eat 4-5 + drinks = €30-40 pp. **MORE +**

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2:00 PM

Old Town Pintxos & Wine Tour (\$\$)

~3 hr Viator tour — guided pintxos + wine through Parte Vieja. Treat lunch as your warm-up; the tour is round 2. [Open in Maps](#)

5:30 PM

Zurriola Beach ↗

Walk off the food. Surfing + sunset spot. Different vibe from La Concha. [Open in Maps](#)

7:00 PM

 SUNDAY Pintxos Crawl — Parte Vieja (6 stops, all Sun-open) \$\$



START 7:00 SHARP.

Three stops (Goiz-Argi, La Cuchara, La Viña) only open at 7 PM, and

La Cuchara + La Viña both CLOSE at 11 PM

— move briskly to land the cheesecake finish in time.

Néstor + Borda Berri are CLOSED Sundays

— not on this route. All 6 within a 5-min walk; one or two pintxos + a drink each, standing. ~€80-100 for two.

Order (verified Sun Jun 28 hours):

- 1. Goiz-Argi** (7:00 opener — Sun 6:30-10:30 PM) — legendary grilled prawn brochette (brocheta de gambas) + grilled baby squid.
- 2. Casa Urola** (Sun 7-11:15 PM) — heartier stop (Néstor's replacement): scallop, grilled fish, txuleta.
- 3. La Cuchara de San Telmo** (Sun 7-11 PM) — foie gras, slow-cooked pig's ear, octopus. Cult cooked-to-order.
- 4. Atari Gastroleku** (Sun 12:30-11 PM) — beef cheek + txuleton, outdoor tables facing the basilica.
- 5. Gandarías** (Sun 11 AM-12 AM) — sirloin (solomillo) pintxo + spider-crab stuffed pepper. The flexible late one.
- 6. La Viña** (Sun 7-11 PM — be here by 10:30) — FINISH: one slice of the original Basque burnt cheesecake + a glass of red. Grab a slice to go for La Concha tomorrow. MORE +

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11:00 PM

GU OR Bataplan nightclub \$\$\$

GU = bay-view nightclub till 5 AM. Backup if dead:

Bataplan

(Concha-side, 8 min west, 40-year institution).

2:00 AM

Arraun OR La Gintoneria — cap the night \$\$

Arraun = creative cocktails, intimate. La Gintoneria = 100+ gins in balloon glasses.  [Open in Maps](#)

11:00 AM



Galparsoro Okindegia + Bretxa cheese run (\$)

Walnut croissant + cortado at **Galparsoro Okindegia** (C. Mayor 6). Then 5 min walk to **Mercado de la Bretxa** (open Mon 8-2:30 — Sun was closed, Mon is the real shop day).



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12:00 PM



Optional — Pasaia/Pasajes port grills (fishermen's lunch) (\$)

15 min taxi (€18) OR Lurraldebus E09 from Plaza Gipuzkoa to Pasai San Pedro — Donostia's actual working fishing port. Where SS fishermen eat, not tourists. **Casa Cámara** (San Juan side, lift-up live lobster tank straight from the harbor, €40-60 pp) or budget pick **Txulotxo** (boat-to-grill bonito + besugo, €25-30 pp). Open in Maps **MORE +**

2:00 PM

Quick lunch (if skipped Pasaia) — Bar Txepetxa anchovy pintxos (\$)

C. Pescadería 5 in Parte Vieja. 9 different anchovy preparations, €2.50 each. Last Basque bite. Backup: Atari Gastroteka next door. Open in Maps

2:45 PM

Euskotren to Hendaye ↗

~35 min from Donostia-San Sebastián.

3:30 PM

At Hendaye station

4:08 PM

TGV 8544 → Paris Montparnasse ↗

1ère Classe, Car 12, Seats 240 & 243. Arrive Paris 9:00 PM.

BEFORE YOU GO

-  **Michelin LOCKED & CONFIRMED: Berasategui (3★) — Sat Jun 27, 8:45 PM, table for 2 ↗** (off the waiting list). Note on file: Tasting Menu for 2, celebrating the 33-day trip. €395 pp. Closed Sun/Mon/Tue. Arzak, Akelañe, Kokotxa, Mirador de Ulia, Amelia all closed Sun in late June — Sat is the only Michelin night. Fallback only if plans change: eMe Be Garrote (Berasategui's casual 1★, open Sun, in town).
-  **SUNDAY PINTXOS CRAWL (Jun 28, 7:00 PM sharp) — Sun-open bars only:** Goiz-Argi (prawn brochette) → Casa Urola (steak/scallop) → La Cuchara de San Telmo (foie/octopus) → Atari Gastroleku (beef cheek) → Gandarías (sirloin) → La Viña (burnt cheesecake, closes 11 PM — be there by 10:30).  **Bar Néstor + Borda Berri are CLOSED Sundays** — do NOT route to them on the 28th. (Néstor's tortilla/txuleton + Borda Berri are a weekday/Sat lunch thing only — but Sat is the Berasategui day.)
- **Berasategui wine tip (Eddie = reds only):** skip the set pairing (≈7 glasses, leans white/sweet to match seafood). Tell the somm "bold reds, Cabernet style, €60-100/bottle, price before you open it." Rioja Gran Reserva / Ribera del Duero = the Silver Oak lane.
- **Molly Malone Irish Pub** = literally 2 doors from your hotel. Quick beer anytime.
- **Spa:** La Perla (BOOKED Sat 2:30 PM) handles the spa need. Hotel María Cristina is the luxe backup.
- **Mon last morning:** Galparsoro Okindegia (C. Mayor 6) for walnut croissant + cortado, then Mercado de la Bretxa for vacuum-sealed Idiazabal cheese for the Paris picnic.
- Skipped: La Viña as a meal (Eddie no — but cheesecake stop only is on the Sunday crawl), Mugaritz, Restaurante Chino Mandarin.
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot in Sun morning / Mon AM before train):**
 - **Tabakalera (former tobacco factory, now contemporary art) ↗** — Plaza de las Cigarreras 1, 10 min walk from Parte Vieja. Massive 1913 factory converted to a free contemporary art center + rooftop terrace with view over Donostia rooftops to the bay. Free entry to all 6 floors of galleries + rooftop. Tue–Sun 11–9. **Slip in pre-train Mon Jun 29** (1 hr enough). The cinema downstairs (Sala 1) shows arthouse films + the bookshop is one of the best in Spain.
 - **Hidden Igeldo funicular + amusement park ↗** — Plaza Funicular, Igeldo. The 1912 funicular climbs Monte Igeldo (the OTHER hill, west bay end — Monte Urgull is east). €3.75 RT, daily 11–8. At the top: a creaky 1910s amusement park with a wooden "Rio Misterioso" boat ride + a Ferris wheel hanging directly over the cliff. Free to walk around. **The best aerial view of La Concha** — Hemingway said so. Skipped per current plan (Urgull is the chosen hike) but flag it as a sunset alt if Urgull rains out.
 - **Mercado de San Martín — 2nd floor pintxos counters ↗** — C/ de Urbieta 9, central SS, 6 min walk from hotel. The locals' market — way less crowded than Bretxa, with a full upstairs gastronomic floor. **Bar Pulpo ↗** (counter, octopus everything €4-12), **El Rincón de Antonio ↗** (Idiazabal flights + sidra). 30-min market sit-down lunch on the Sun, after the Urgull descent — if you skip La Cuchara crowd.
 - **Museo San Telmo — old convent + the giant Sert wall paintings ↗** — Plaza Zuloaga 1, base of Monte Urgull (LITERALLY where the hike starts). A restored 16th-c Dominican convent — 11 monumental José María Sert sepia murals in the old church space depicting Basque history. €6, free Tue. Tue–Sun 10–8. Quick 45-min visit = combines with the Urgull hike start. **One of the most-photographed interiors in Spain and almost nobody knows it.**
 - **Casa Munoa engraving + perfume cellar ↗** — C/ San Marcial 33. The Munoa family have been engraving silver and stationery in SS for 4 generations (1862). Tiny shop with original tools + custom monograms + a small bespoke perfume bar in the back (€80-180 takeaway bottles, sit-down sniff session by appt). M–F 10–2 + 4:30–8.
-  **The Infatuation — San Sebastián:** <https://www.theinfatuation.com/san-sebastian> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.

Paris — Day Plan

3 nights · Paris Marais Arev (9 Rue des Gravilliers, 75003) · Repeat city — luxe, sexy, bistros. NO Eiffel, NO Brussels, NO 5 AM clubs.

🚆 LAST TRAIN HOME

- **Métro** (L1-14): first 5:30 AM · last ~1:15 AM Sun-Thu · **~2:15 AM Fri/Sat + holiday eves**. L14 + L1 (automated) run latest.
- **RER**: 4:30/5:00 AM-1:15 AM, varies by line.
- **Noctilien night buses**: 32 lines, 11:45 PM-6 AM. Hubs at Châtelet, Gare de Lyon, Saint-Lazare, Montparnasse, Gare de l'Est. 15-30 min inner / hourly outer.
- **Taxis + Uber + Bolt + Free Now** 24/7. CDG night cab ~€55-70 (fixed-fare zone).

★ KNOWN FOR

Repeat city — Marais markets, cabaret, hammam, no monuments

- 🍞 Bakery + bistro culture — best food density per square mile on Earth
- 🏠 Le Marais — fashion + lingerie + concept stores + Jewish heritage
- 🎭 Cabaret heritage — Crazy Horse, Moulin Rouge, Paradis Latin

Mon Jun 29 · Arrival night (chill)

TGV arrives Montparnasse 9 PM

9:30 PM	Metro M6 + M4 to Étienne Marcel (or cab €15) → 9 Rue des Gravilliers ↗ 5 min walk from Étienne Marcel. Cab is faster with luggage (~25 min). 📍 Open in Maps
10:15 PM	Check in Paris Marais Arev ↗ ✅ Onnik confirmed late arrival 9-10 PM. Codes + entry info arrive at Eddie's Booking email 24h prior (Jun 28) — check inbox before TGV departs Hendaye. 9 Rue des Gravilliers, 75003. Self-check-in. 📍 Open in Maps
10:45 PM	Late dinner — YouJia Chinese or Le Marais Restaurant (\$) 2-5 min walk. Light arrival meal, no fuss. 📍 Open in Maps
Midnight	Candelaria (speakeasy) (\$\$) 52 Rue de Saintonge, 7 min walk. Iconic Marais speakeasy hidden behind a tiny taqueria. Open till 2 AM. ONE drink to mark arrival, then bed. 📍 Open in Maps
1:30 AM	Bed — banking sleep for Wed Crazy Horse night 📍 Open in Maps

9:30 AM

 Marché d'Aligre — the chefs' market (DANI MAIN EVENT) (\$)

Place d'Aligre, 75012. Tue-Fri 9-1 + 4-7:30, Sat-Sun 9-1:30, **CLOSED MON.** Tue Jun 30 = the day. 12 min Métro (Line 8 → Ledru-Rollin). Three markets in one block: outdoor produce + flea market on the square, plus the covered **Marché Beauvau** with the real food action.  [Open in Maps](#) 

11:00 AM

 Café culture back in Marais — Rue des Archives ↗

Métro back, croissant + café crème on a terrace before Atelier des Lumières.  [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 PM

 Atelier des Lumières (immersive projected-art warehouse) (\$\$)

€18 pp, ~1 hr. 38 Rue Saint-Maur, 75011 (Métro Saint-Maur, 12 min ride). Walk into a former foundry, paintings projected on every wall + floor. Exactly your vibe. **Verify the current exhibit at atelier-lumieres.com** — shows rotate, may need to swap if dark.  [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 PM

Late lunch — Le Chef Thaï (\$)

2 min walk from apartment. Light food (oysters at Aligre already covered the market lunch slot).

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3:30 PM

 Hammam des Bains du Marais (co-ed couples spa) (\$\$)

14 Rue Saint-Fiacre, 5 min walk. 4.1★, 1,969 reviews. Co-ed sauna + Turkish bath + ice room. Open Tue 11 AM-9 PM. Couples package available.  [Open in Maps](#)

7:00 PM

 Little Red Door (cocktails) (\$\$\$)

60 Rue Charlot, 6 min walk. World's 50 Best Bars regular. Pre-dinner only — 1-2 drinks.  [Open in Maps](#)

8:30 PM

 Dinner — Frenchie Bar à Vins (the pick) (\$\$)

6 Rue du Nil, 75002 — Greg Marchand's wine bar, directly across the street from the 1-star Frenchie. Same kitchen and sourcing, **walk-in only, no reservations**, small plates + a knockout wine list, ~\$80-120 pp.  [Open in Maps](#) 

11:00 PM

 Bar Hemingway (Ritz Paris) OR home (\$\$\$)

15 Place Vendôme, 15-min cab. €30 cocktails. Open till 1 AM Tue. Skip if exhausted.  [Open in Maps](#)

12:30 AM

Cab home, bed — saving fuel for Wed [Open in Maps](#)

Wed Jul 1 • Last day — Marais + Crazy Horse (anchor night)

Cabaret → one club nightcap → short sleep before the flight.

11:00 AM

Marché des Enfants Rouges — stall map (DANI HOME MARKET) (\$)

39 Rue de Bretagne, 75003. Tue-Sat 8:30-8:30, Sun 8:30-5, CLOSED MON. Wed Jul 1 = open. 7 min walk from apt. Paris's oldest covered market (1615) — touristy yes, but the food stalls slap.

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2:00 PM

Marais shopping wander (lingerie / fashion / vintage)

Le Marais = best shopping in Paris. Try: Merci concept store (111 Bd Beaumarchais), Eres or Fifi Chachnil for Dani's lingerie, Sézane (1 Rue du Vieux Colombier), Comme des Garçons (54 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré if going west). 2-3 hours.  [Open in Maps](#)

5:00 PM

Back to apartment — rest, shower, dress for Crazy Horse

Strict elegant dress code — jacket or collared shirt for Eddie, cocktail dress for Dani. No sportswear or sneakers; they turn people away.  [Open in Maps](#)

7:00 PM

Cab Marais → George V, 8th (~20-25 min, ~€20)

Crazy Horse + Ginger sit across town from the Marais, so leave a buffer — aim to arrive ~7:30 for the 8 PM show. Pre-pack BEFORE you go so flight morning is just coffee + cab.  [Open in Maps](#)

8:00 PM

Crazy Horse — "Totally Crazy!" show **BOOK AHEAD** (\$\$\$)

12 Avenue George V, 75008. Avant-garde, tightly choreographed light-and-body revue, ~75-90 min, adults-only (16+), no photos inside. A half-bottle of champagne each is included in the Ginger package. Show wraps ~9:30.  [Open in Maps](#)

9:45 PM

Dinner — Ginger (the Crazy Horse partner) (\$\$\$)

Refined Southeast Asian — Vietnam / Cambodia / Laos — a stone's throw from the cabaret. ~\$220 pp / ~\$445 for two, champagne included, ~3-hr package, free cancellation up to 24 h. Set menu: think tuna tartare, sauteed black-Angus beef with sesame & snow peas, lemongrass chicken, ginger desserts; veg / gluten-free on request, wine included.  [Open in Maps](#) **MORE +**

11:15 PM

Cab George V → Panic Room (~20-25 min, ~€25)

From the 8th back across to 101 Rue Amelot in the 11th — a longer hop than from the Marais, so budget the time.  [Open in Maps](#)

11:45 PM

Panic Room — last-night send-off (\$\$)

101 Rue Amelot, 75011 (11th, edge of the Marais). Electro cocktail bar upstairs — zinc bar, creative cocktails + charcuterie — with a vaulted basement "Lightroom" mini-club (LED starry ceiling) for house/techno. **Wed hours 7 PM-2 AM**; the 5 AM nights are Fri/Sat, so the 2 AM close is a built-in cutoff. ~10 min home from here.  [Open in Maps](#)

2:00 AM

Cab home to the Marais (~10 min, €12) — bed by ~2:30 AM

Short night, but it's a lie-flat business flight home — bank the sleep on the plane. Everything's already packed.  [Open in Maps](#)

Thu Jul 2 • Fly home

11:20 AM CDG → IAH (AF0098 business)

- 6:30 AM

Alarm — ~4 hrs after Panic Room. Coffee + final pack-check, then sleep on the plane.

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- 7:00 AM

Quick breakfast at apartment, final pack

 [Open in Maps](#)
- 7:30 AM

 **Cab to CDG (~45-60 min, €56 fixed Right Bank rate) ↗**

Arrive ~8:30-9 AM. Business-class check-in is faster.  [Open in Maps](#)
- 11:20 AM

✈ AF0098 • CDG → IAH

Air France business. Arrive Houston 2:45 PM. Sleep on the plane.

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Eiffel Tower dropped** — already done on prior Paris trip.
- **Brussels day trip dropped** — was a maybe, removed for breathing room.
- **Wed finale = Crazy Horse → Panic Room** — "Totally Crazy!" show + dinner at Ginger (the Crazy Horse partner restaurant), then the Panic Room basement club till its 2 AM Wed close, home by ~2:30. Pre-pack before you leave for George V.
- **Anchor experiences:** Hammam des Bains du Marais (Tue), Atelier des Lumières (Tue), Crazy Horse dinner-show (Wed). Three real things, three real nights.
- **Dinner backup picks:** Le Chef Thaï (2 min), Le Marais Restaurant (5 min, daily till midnight), Chez Janou (Place des Vosges), Frenchie (Rue du Nil — book ahead), **Frenchie Bar à Vins (6 Rue du Nil — across street from main, WALK-IN ONLY, same chef, easiest backup if Frenchie main misses).**
- **If energy spikes:** Bar Hemingway Ritz (Tue late), American Bar Le Marais (any night).
- **Cabs everywhere** — Marais central, hotel 4 min from Étienne Marcel + 6 min from République. €8-15 to most things.
-  **Markets (Dani lens):** Aligre on Tue Jun 30 9:30 AM (chefs' market + oyster bar Sur les Quais), Enfants Rouges on Wed Jul 1 11 AM (Moroccan + Alain Miam Miam + L'Estaminet wine bar). **Marché Bastille** (Bd Richard-Lenoir, Paris's biggest open-air market, Thu + Sun 7-2:30 only) — DOES NOT FIT this trip: you arrive Mon night, leave Thu 7:30 AM. Skipping unless you swap the CDG cab to 9 AM and bus stomach-first thru Bastille at 7 AM Thu (not recommended — flight day stress).
-  **Dani hidden gems (slot into the Tue + Wed Marais wanders):**
 - **Musée de la Vie Romantique ↗** — 16 Rue Chaptal, 9e (15 min metro from hotel). George Sand's love letters + portraits in a cobblestone-courtyard mansion at the foot of Montmartre. The hidden walled garden + tea-room café (Rose Bakery-style salon) is the photo — 30 outdoor tables under wisteria. Free entry, café drinks €5-12. Tue-Sun 10-6. **Wed Jul 1 11 AM Marais wander can absorb a 1-hr detour here** before the Enfants Rouges 11 AM market.
 - **Deyrolle taxidermy + Cabinet of Curiosities ↗** — 46 Rue du Bac, 7e (Left Bank, 12 min metro). 1831 natural-history shop above a garden store: lions, polar bears, butterfly wall, beetles. The 2008 fire restored it but kept the vibe. €0 to wander the showroom, anything's for sale. Mon 10-1 + 2-7, Tue-Sat 10-7. Pure Dani sensory weirdness.
 - **Astier de Villatte ceramics + Maison Empereur of Paris ↗** — Astier de Villatte (173 Rue Saint-Honoré, 1er): hand-thrown irregular cream-glazed plates + Diptyque-style candles in a tile-floored 1730 shop, 4-generation ceramicists. Plates €60-200. Mon-Sat 11-7:30. Walk-only window-stop while heading toward the Louvre area.
 - **Marché aux Puces de Saint-Ouen — only Mon morning closes ↗** — Rue des Rosiers, Saint-Ouen (Métro Porte de Clignancourt, 25 min). The world's largest flea market, 2,500 dealers across 7 sub-markets. **Marché Paul Bert + Marché Serpette ↗** = the design-press 20th-c modernist + couture sections (vintage Dior, Hermès silk scarves €40-200, Le Corbusier chairs). **OPEN Sat-Mon ONLY 9-6. Drop Tue Jun 30 hammam to swap in Puces?** Aligre's at 9:30, Puces closed Tue — won't work for this trip. Flag for next Paris visit. Skip cleanly.
 - **Cire Trudon candle flagship ↗** — 78 Rue de Seine, 6e (Left Bank, can pair with Deyrolle). Royal candle-maker since 1643 (Louis XIV ordered from them). The Cynos + Ernesto scented candles are €95 a pop but the shop itself is a perfumed wood-and-mirror jewel box. Mon-Sat 11-7:30.
 - **Diptyque + Buly 1803 on Rue Bonaparte ↗** — Buly 1803 (6 Rue Bonaparte) is an 1803 apothecary revived in tiled rooms — water-based perfumes (sniff 12 testers free), Crete-thyme handsoap, gold-lettered toothpaste, scrolls for monogramming bottles. Plus Diptyque flagship across the street. Mon-Sat 10-7.

- **Pigalle / SoPi vintage row — Kilo Shop + Episode + Pretty Box ↗** — Rue du Faubourg Montmartre 9e (or Marais branch at 12 Rue de Turbigo, 3e — 5 min from hotel). Sold-by-the-kilo curated vintage, the most fun browse-with-friends play. ~€80 a kilo. Daily 11-8.
- 📖 **Eater Paris — Best Restaurants in Paris:** <https://www.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-paris-france> — bookmark for late-night "where should we eat" decisions.