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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Discover Breathtaking Barcelona with Friendly Planet Travel's Latest Tour**

**JENKINTOWN, Pa.—October 17, 2012—**Beautiful weather; friendly people; and abundant sightseeing describe Barcelona, a cosmopolitan hotspot in Spain. Now, travelers can cross this vibrant destination off their bucket lists with the new and improved seven-day [Breathtaking Barcelona](#) tour from [Friendly Planet Travel](#), starting at just \$1,299.

“Barcelona has always been a popular year-round destination for travelers, which is why we are thrilled to once again be offering this package at a very affordable price,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “This exciting and colorful city offers something for everyone, including nine breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Sites, rich history, culture, entertainment, and shopping. Our package includes guided sightseeing of Barcelona, and its surrounding areas on optional excursions, as well as plenty of time at leisure for travelers to explore the city on their own.”

Friendly Planet Travel's seven-day Breathtaking Barcelona package includes round-trip airfare from [Newark](#), N.J. (EWR); fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; arrival and departure transfer with meeting and assistance; accommodations in a first-class hotel, including Barcelona city hotel tax; daily breakfast; and a panoramic city tour of Barcelona with a local guide.

After arriving in the sophisticated city of [Barcelona](#), travelers check-in to their centrally located four-star hotel, Evenia Rossello Hotel, which is a few blocks from several metro stops and the lovely Passeig de Gracia, the city's most elegant boulevard and one of the best shopping areas. Travelers enjoy a panoramic city tour, beginning with [Montjuïc Hill](#) and [Castell de Montjuïc](#) where travelers can admire the spectacular views of the city and Mediterranean Sea. Then, visit the Olympic Ring, where some of the 1992 Olympic Games were held, and stroll through the Old Port area and [Gothic Quarter](#). From there, head to the expansive [Placa de Catalunya](#) and [Passeig de Gracia](#), considered the most expensive street in Spain, lined with celebrated architecture, upscale shops and hotels.

The remainder of time in Barcelona is at leisure for travelers to explore the fascinating sites and nightlife of the city at their own pace. Several optional excursions are available, such as a visit to Barcelona's most famous monuments, including the [Cathedral of Sagrada Família](#) and [Park Güell](#); a paella dinner and flamenco show; a visit to [Girona](#) and Figueres, home town of Salvador Dali, and [the Dalí Museum](#), the largest surrealist structure in the world; or a half day tour to nearby Montserrat. An optional full day tour to [Collioure, France](#) and [Besalú, Spain](#) is also available for travelers interested in the rich archaeological heritage of these sites as well as the spectacular scenery of the [Garrotxa Nature Reserves](#) volcanic zone in the eastern [Pyrenees](#).

For travelers interested in taking advantage of the already-included international airfare, and exploring the capital city, an optional post-tour three-day extension to [Madrid](#) is also available for \$599. Fly to Madrid and stay at the centrally located, well reviewed four-star Hotel AC Carlton. Enjoy a city tour to the most famous sites, including Plaza de [España](#), [Casa de Campo](#), [Puerta del Sol](#), [Atocha](#), [Retiro Park](#), the [Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium](#), the [Gran Vía](#), Castilla, and [La Cibeles](#). Optional tours to Toledo, the city of museums that is overflowing with UNESCO World Heritage Sites, or Escorial, are available.

Friendly Planet's seven-day [Breathtaking Barcelona](#) tour is available on the departure dates of Nov. 24, Jan. 12, and Jan. 26 for \$1,299; Feb. 16 and Mar. 9 for \$1,399; Mar. 16 for \$1,449; Mar. 23 for \$1,499; and Mar. 30, Apr. 13 and Apr. 20 for \$1,599, if booked by Nov. 6.

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