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Launch of AVE Madrid-Barcelona on February 20th, 2008 : 621 kms in 2:38 at a speed of 300 kms per hour

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After the launch of the Spanish high speed train on last December 22nd connecting Madrid with Valladolid at a 300 km speed in 56 minutes, the Catalan city will be linked to Madrid two months later in 2:38 only through 621 kms, so competing with the "airlift" Madrid-Barcelona.

Around fifty trains will be circulating daily on this new route and CWL's Spanish subsidiary, chosen by RENFE in last October, will provide the onboard catering service as well as the associated logistics management.

An offer of services, both original and creative catering based on ethical and environmental principles will be provided to the travellers for the duration of their journey. A full service will also be offered all day long to the passengers of the all-inclusive Club and Preferente Classes.



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