

Highlights of Spain and Portugal

13 Days

2 Countries

18 Meals

A round-trip featuring all the highlights of Spain and Portugal. Spend time in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima, join a family on their stud farm in the Alentejo and explore the icons left behind by Catholic kings and Moorish sultans.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Córdoba, Seville, Évora, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Valencia, Cádiz and Salamanca
- **Visit** the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Cathedral of Évora, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the Shrine at Fátima, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and the Church of Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo
- **View** the Hanging Houses of Cuenca, the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and the Cave Houses of Guadix

● Start ● End ● Overnight ● Sightseeing

Pastéis de Nata, Portuguese Treats

Your holiday

Day

- 1 Welcome to Madrid** Embrace *la buena vida* and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city's glorious sights. **(WR)** **Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding**
- 2 Journey to Cuenca and Valencia** Witness the dramatic honey-coloured cliff-top hanging houses of Cuenca during your first stop today, before continuing your journey to Valencia. An orientation drive will include views of the 14th-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. **(B)** **Hotel: Silken Puerta**
- 3 Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada** We travel through the Sierra Nevada's bound for Guadix, where we'll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surroundings. Next, we'll drive through the jagged Mora Pass to Granada. **(B, RD)** **Hotel: Catalonia**
- 4 Onwards to Córdoba and Seville** Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your *Local Specialist* for a visit to the Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains. We leave Granada behind for Córdoba where we'll join a *Local Specialist* to visit the mesmerising Mosque of the Caliphs. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Meliá Lebreros** Access to sites within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.
- 5 Uncover the Secrets of Seville** Seville takes centre stage today. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a *Local Specialist*, then stroll through the imposing Plaza de España in María Luisa Park and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience *flamenco* performance. **(B)**
- 6 Admire the Sights of Jerez and Cádiz** We indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we *Dive Into Culture* and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are our next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launchpad to the 'New World'. **(B, 🍷)**



Sherry tasting in Jerez. Warm your heart with the sweet and fiery flavours of sherry, traditionally made in this part of southern Spain since the time of the Romans and Moors. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

- 7 Venture to Évora** Leaving the zesty scents of Seville behind, we head to the golden landscapes of the Alentejo, where the Brito Paes family await our arrival for a special *Connect With Locals* lunch on their traditional stud ranch, which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18th century. Enjoy a *Be My Guest* experience in the home of their ancestor before continuing to Évora for a guided sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist* of its cathedral, Roman temple and Chapel of Bones. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B, BMG, D, 🍷)** **Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas**
- 8 On to Lively Lisbon** We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we'll join a *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour. A particular highlight of this afternoon is an opportunity to *Dive Into Culture* at the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery, an exquisite testament to 16th-century Manueline architecture and art. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Olisippo Marquês de Sá**
- 9 Lisbon Your Way** Wander through Old Town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. **(B)**
- 10 Pilgrimage to Fátima and on to Salamanca** Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, a site of celebrated religious miracles. We leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden-hued façades and ancient university heritage, where we will visit its 18th-century Plaza Mayor. **(B)** **Hotel: Gran Corona Sol**
- 11 Continue to Toledo and Madrid** See the walled city of Ávila, the city of Saint Teresa of Ávila. We arrive in the cliff-top city of Toledo and join a *Local Specialist* for a guided walk through its streets. We'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz' and the former Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca. Later, *Dive Into Culture* and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this evening, our home for the next two nights. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Ayre Gran Colón**
- 12 Explore Fiery Madrid** This morning, we join a *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where we'll see the Royal Palace and the Cibeles Fountain. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your own terms. This evening marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD)**
- 13 Adiós Madrid** For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Your holiday planner

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2023

Jan	08 [■] 29 [■]	Jul	02 09 16 23
Feb	05 [■] 12 [■] 19 [■]		30 ⁺
Mar	05 [■] 12 [■] 19 [■]	Aug	06 13 20 27
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■ These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.

★ **Festive Meals:** Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season.

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