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Treasures of Spain and Portugal End Barcelona



# Your itinerary





#### Day 1 | Hola Madrid



Kick-start your epic encounter with Spain and Portugal in Europe's highest capital city, Madrid. Spend your day rambling along tree-lined boulevards and peoplewatching in the city's lively squares before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of Madrid's most iconic sites.

Meals: Welcome Reception Hotel: Barceló Imagine

#### Day 2 | Admire the Sights of Toledo and Madrid



We journey south for an excursion to the hilltop city of Toledo, where we'll join our Local Specialist for a walking tour. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to El Greco's most famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz', and visit the former synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca. This afternoon, join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Spanish capital, which includes views of the Royal Palace, the former residence of the Spanish royal family and the Cibeles Fountain.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Barceló Imagine

# **Optional Experiences:**

**Dinner and Discovery in Downtown Madrid** - Join us this evening as we scratch beneath the surface of some lesserknown aspects of Madrid's city centre. Then, we'll settle in for dinner, along with musical entertainment and finish up with a spin around some of the wonderful squares and fountains of magical Madrid. Adult: 61.00 EUR

#### Day 3 | Journey to Segovia and Zamora



Venture to Segovia and see the Roman Aqueduct, by far the most impressive Roman structure in Spain delivering drinking water across its impressive 160 arches to the people of Segovia in ancient times. View the Alcázar of Segovia and the city's medieval and Moorish architecture. Travel to the city of Zamora in the Castilla y León region. Your orientation tour includes views of the cathedral and the Church of Mary Magdalene. Later this evening, why not follow your nose to a cosy local spot and relax with tapas and some refreshingly fruity sangria to toast the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: NH Palacio del Duero

# Day 4 | A Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela



Travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you'll join a Local Specialist, who will share insights into the 'Way of Saint James' and explain why thousands of people attempt the life-changing pilgrimage annually. Visit the vast Cathedral, reputed to be the final resting place of Saint James the Great, and the Praza do Obradoiro, a square dominated by four architectural styles.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Eurostars Gran

Day 5 | Journey to Scenic Porto



Embark on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist today in Porto. Wander past Baroque churches and along the winding lanes that tumble down towards the Douro. See the remarkable bridges that span the river, the medieval Ribeira Quarter and the city port. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace with its splendid Arabian Hall inspired by Granada's Alhambra, before you Dive Into Culture and the centuries-old tradition of local Port production at a tasting in a Port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto. Check in to your impressive Stays With Stories hotel, the Neya Porto, built from the ruins of a convent founded in 1533. Discover the fascinating history of the Convento Madre Deus de Monchique turned hotel while admiring the magnificent Douro River views.

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** Neya

#### **Optional Experiences:**

**Douro Cruise and Dinner** - Enjoy a glass of port and a relaxing and leisurely cruise along the Douro River. You'll have a chance to see two medieval "world heritage" cities plus six impressive bridges, one of them the famous UNESCOlisted Eiffel bridge. Afterwards, sayour a typical meal next to the river in the Medieval Ribeira Quarter. Adult: **60.00 EUR** 

# Day 6 | Onwards to Fátima and Lisbon



Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of a celebrated religious miracle. We arrive in colourful Lisbon later – our home for the next two nights. This evening perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the heartwrenching, melancholic sounds of the fado.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: VIP Grand

### **Optional Experiences:**

Portuguese Fado Evening Of Music & Song With Dinner - Fado is the expressive national song of Portugal, often called the soul of their identity. Tonight, we'll visit one of the famed local fado houses for an unforgettable performance and savour a typical Portuguese meal, with drinks included. Adult: **67.00 EUR** 

\*Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

### Day 7 | Discover Lisbon's Treasures



Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today, paying tribute to the brave men who set off from these shores to discover a new world. We'll see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus, and Belém Tower when we join a Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon. We'll Dive Into Culture at the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery, an exquisite testament to 16<sup>th</sup>-century Manueline architecture and art. Join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: VIP Grand

# **Optional Experiences:**

The Golden Triangle: Sintra, Cascais & The Estoril Coast - We'll venture outside Lisbon with our Local Specialist today. After passing through the fashionable resort of Estoril, we'll explore the picturesque fishing village of Cascais, with its beautiful array of mansions and exclusive residences. To complete the Golden Triangle, we'll visit one of the impressive Royal Palaces of Portugal.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Gourmet Dinner, Parliament, Exclusive Estrela and Evening Orientation - Your opportunity to view the exclusive district of Estrela, its park, basilica and the Portuguese Parliament, on the way to a delicious gourmet dinner. You'll finish the evening with a drive along the banks of the mighty River Tagus.

Adult: **55.00 EUR** 

Seafood Dinner By The Tagus River - Take a ferry across the mighty Tagus River and enjoy typical Portuguese seafood and fish specialities at a local restaurant. After dinner, we'll cross the impressive suspension bridge for a

sweeping view over the Portuguese capital. Local crab will usually be available on the menu for a €7.00 supplement. Adult: **58.00 EUR** 

\*On occasion the ferry may not be available and we will travel over the bridge both ways.

#### Day 8 | On to Seville

We travel east through Portugal's picturesque rural landscapes of the Alentejo – the country's cork capital and cross into Spain, journeying through the province of Huelva, renowned for its Jabugo ham, before arriving in Seville. This evening, explore the fine art of olive oil production at a Be My Guest experience and Connect With Locals over a memorable dinner at an olive oil farm.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

### Day 9 | Explore Spectacular Seville



The charisma of Seville is unmistakable. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the city. View the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower, see the tiled fountains, pavilions and lush palms in the Maria Luisa Park and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Later, we'll stroll through the historic Jewish Quarter before visiting the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

#### **Optional Experiences:**

The Moorish Alcazar and Plaza América - Today, with our Local Specialist, we'll visit the elegant 14th-century Moorish Alcazar, set in its own beautiful gardens. The gardens were recently used as the setting for the Water Gardens of Dorne in the Game Of Thrones series. We'll also journey to the famous exhibition site of Plaza América - a must for any visitor to Seville.

Adult: **46.00 EUR** 

\*This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

In Seville, your Travel Director will offer you either two different Optional Experiences where you will enjoy a flamenco show and tapas dinner respectively, or a single Optional Experience that combines a flamenco show and dinner. Please see details below:

Discover The Origin Of Tapas & Evening In Old Seville - Join us for a dinner of mouth-watering tapas-style specialties. You'll get the chance to taste different flavours and wines and dine like a local in the charming old quarter of Seville.

Adult: **53.00 EUR** 

Flamenco: Experience the Best Show in Town - Discover the passion, rhythm and magic of an Andalusian flamenco show with us this evening. We've organised tickets to the best show in town, where you'll experience 90 minutes of memorable entertainment with an included drink.

Adult: **40.00 EUR** 

Flamenco, the Best Show in Town With a Three-Course Dinner - This evening you'll discover the magic, rhythm and passion of flamenco, while being served a three-course dinner of Andalusian specialties with drinks included. We've organised tickets to the best show in town. You won't soon forget this incredibly memorable ninety-minute experience.

Adult: **69.00 EUR** 

# Day 10 | Off to Granada



Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today as we visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. A fine example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra complex was built during the 14<sup>th</sup> century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the other palaces by a covered walkway across the ravine, and admire the intricate design and detail around every turn.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace

#### **Optional Experiences:**

Albaicín And The Royal Chapel - With our Local Specialist, we'll enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the Albaicín UNESCO World Heritage Site – a maze of narrow streets and Moorish splendour. You'll get to explore the Catholic Monarchs' tombs and some of their treasures at the Royal Chapel, and wander through the picturesque Alcaicería quarter.

Adult: **37.00 EUR** 

#### Day 11 | Onwards to Valencia



This morning, we travel via the Mora Pass to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains where you will see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged in the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area. We travel to Valencia, where we'll stay overnight to view the Bullring and admire the beautiful facade of the Modernist Estacion del Norte Train Station and the Serrano Tower. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation and stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences, a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science, designed by Santiago Calatrava. There's also time to Dive Into Culture and enjoy the local horchata drink, made from the little-known chufa, or tiger nut, which is only found in Valencia. You'll get to savour this refreshing sweet treat, a favourite with the locals, at a charming Valencia horchatería.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Silken Puerta

#### **Optional Experiences:**

Valencia's Golden Age, a Leisurely Walking Tour - Valencia has a well-preserved medieval centre which our Local Specialist will bring alive as they take us back to the city's heyday, from Roman and Gothic times into the Golden Age, when Valencia was Spain's most important city. We'll take a leisurely stroll through the medieval streets and also visit Lonja, an exquisite late gothic building, UNESCO-listed since 1996.

Adult: 29.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Valencia Dinner and Discovery** - We'll delve into the country's third-largest city to enjoy its Mediterranean verve. Vibrant and modern, Valencia still retains much of its past, going back to its Roman foundation 2,000 years ago. The iconic dish "Paella" originated here and tonight we'll learn about its traditions and enjoy this singular Spanish fare during a typical meal in one of the city's most emblematic restaurants. Adult: 53.00 EUR

### Day 12 | See the Sights of Barcelona



Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea', to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, 'El Cid'. We continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudí architecture. Join a Local Specialist and see the unfinished La Sagrada Família then explore the Plaça de Catalunya and pay tribute to Christopher Columbus at the monument that bears his name.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Apolo affiliated by Meliá

#### **Optional Experiences:**

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Catalonian Dinner and the Dancing Fountains - Join us for drinks and a Catalonian meal in the bustling city of Barcelona. After dinner, we'll take you to see the spectacle of the famous Dancing Fountains, which were built for the 1929 World's Fair and are one of the wonders of the modern world. As the fountains do not operate every day, on occasion we will admire several of Barcelona's iconic beautifully-illuminated buildings instead. Adult: **59.00 EUR** 

Gothic Quarter and Dinner - Work up an appetite with a walking tour of the old Gothic Quarter, where Barcelona was born. Meander through the beautiful medieval streets and century-old architecture with your Local Specialist. Then we'll take you to the Port Vell Waterfront, now a vibrant marina in the old harbour, where you'll enjoy Mediterranean food in one of our favourite local eateries.

Adult: 65.00 EUR

#### Day 13 | Barcelona Your Way



Embrace the charm of Barcelona, ramble through El Born for delicious tapas or consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna affectionately known in Catalonia as La Moreneta - or spend the rest of the day exploring the city's enchanting barrios. This evening, we join our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner **Hotel:** Apolo affiliated by Meliá

### **Optional Experiences:**

Mystical Montserrat - Today, with our Local Specialist, take a drive to the enchanting and mystical mountain of Montserrat, with its breathtaking views and spectacular scenery. While there, visit the Benedictine monastery to view the famed Black Madonna. At the daily farmer's market, perhaps sample and purchase their homemade cheeses, honeys, and other local specialties.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

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### **Day 14 | Journey Home**



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Meals: Breakfast