FROM \$5,495 PP

2022 2023



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© REGIONAL JOURNEY ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

18 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
24 MEALS
25 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Seville: The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students of the foundation, learn some basic flamenco steps, and then feel the passion as they perform an emotional show.

Learn about the women's movement in Madrid.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

Visit Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens with a Local Expert.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Choose between two experiences in Seville and Madrid.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona • Paella cooking demonstration and Highlight Dinner in Valencia • Highlight Dinner in Madrid • Dine with a local in Gijon • Celebration dinner in Barcelona.

Taste wine in Rueda.

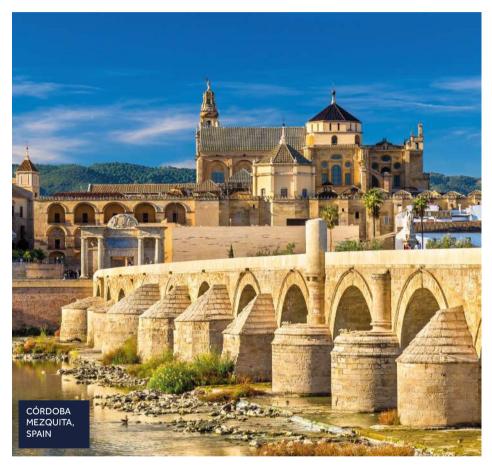
TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the Sagrada Família • Córdoba's Mezquita • Picos de Europa National Park and the holy cave of Covadonga • Monte Iguelo in San Sebastián.

SPANISH HERITAGE

"I love to teach guests the first ever basque phrase I learnt from my father at the age of six, 'Torri ona gausa ba, exambiardia.' This translates as 'come here, I want to tell you something'."

- Lola, Travel Director









GIJON

DAY 1 WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Join your Travel Director and fellow travelers at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

NH Collection Constanza / Hilton Barcelona.

DAY 2 BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Relaxed Start. With your Local Expert, see the Gothic Quarter, Las Ramblas and head along the Passeig de Gràcia.

Travel through the Eixample district to visit the Sagrada Família. (B)

DAY 3 ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

Relaxed Start. Stop at Peñíscola to see the sealapped castle.

Continue to Valencia.

Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration.

Later, indulge in the delicious flavors of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner.

(B) (DW)

Barceló Valencia.

DAY 4 EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish.

Overlooking Granada stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite 13th century palace and stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife. (B) (DW)

Meliá Granada.

DAY 5 A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

Your journey continues to Seville. (B)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 6 SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Relaxed Start. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the cathedral, burial place of Christopher Columbus, and walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views and stop in a café for a refreshing beverage.

Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B)

DAY 7 MOORISH CÓRDOBA

In Córdoba, meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built within. (B)

Meliá Madrid Serrano.

DAY 8 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Explore Madrid with Insight Choice. Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on a neighborhood walking tour, led by female pillars of the community and focused on the history of the women's movement in Spain. Alternatively, sightsee with your Local Expert as they guide you through the Spanish capital's most historic neighborhoods.

Visit the magnificent Prado Museum with an art historian to admire masterpieces by Goya, Velazquez and many others. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Join your newfound friends at a local restaurant for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

DAY 9 FREE TIME IN MADRID

Relaxed Start. Your last day in Madrid is at leisure. (B)

DAY 10 THROUGH RUEDA TO SANTIAGO

Learn how wines are produced in Rueda and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape during a wine tasting session.

Travel on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (DW)

NH Collection Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 11 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Relaxed Start. Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a scenic walk on the Way of St. James.(B)

DAY 12 THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Relaxed Start. Travel along the Green Coast of Asturias.

In Gijón, meet Flor, who will invite you to join her for lunch in her home.

In Oviedo, visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II with a Local Expert. (B) (LW)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes.

DAY 13 SANTANDER

 $\mbox{\sc Head}$ into Picos de Europa to visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while traveling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. (B)

Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 14 BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Relaxed Start. Admire the architecture of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.
Continue to San Sebastián and join your Local Expert for a walk through the Old Quarter, admiring the views from up high at Monte Iqueldo. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 15 THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. (B)

DAY 16 PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to Pamplona and Barcelona. (B)

Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

DAY 17 BARCELONA AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day completely at leisure.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant for your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

DAY 18 DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



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KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

1 Central Hotels + Nights

1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

O Optional Place Visited

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.

