

FROM \$5,295 PP

TRIP START DATES

2022	2023
APR 16, 23, 30	APR 15, 22, 29
MAY 14, 28	MAY 13, 27
JUN 11, 25	JUN 10, 24
JUL 09, 23	JUL 08, 22
AUG 06, 20	AUG 05, 19
SEP 03, 17	SEP 02, 16, 30
OCT 01, 15	OCT 14



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PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

18 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES

23 MEALS

31 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

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.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. While others wait in line, you'll be exploring accompanied by a Local Expert, keen to share insights into this Moorish landmark.

Visit a Damascene workshop • Prado Museum with a local art historian.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Santiago de Compostela: Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert to visit the cathedral. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James, through parks and gardens.

Choose between two experiences in Seville.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Gijón: Meet Flor, a local of Gijón, for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that she has prepared just for you.

Welcome Dinner in Madrid • Celebration Dinner in Barcelona.

Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon • Wine in Rueda.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Seville Cathedral • Jerónimos Monastery • Fátima basilica • Santo Tomé church • Picos de Europa National Park • Holy Cave of Covadonga • Sagrada Família.

GRAND SPAIN & PORTUGAL

"You can't miss the evening horse and carriage ride through Seville – the bustling squares, illuminated buildings and aroma of orange blossoms is as traditional as a gondola ride in Venice."

– **Dom, Travel Director**



SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN



PAMPLONA



BARCELONA



DAY 1 WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

DAY 2 TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Meet a master Damascene artisan for insights into this unique craft.

Explore Toledo led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.' (B) (DW)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

DAY 3 THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Explore the incredible Alhambra Palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife, with your Local Expert.

Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the cathedral, the burial place of Columbus and walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive around the city and stop in a café for a refreshing beverage. (B)

Ayre Hotel Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 4 FREE TIME IN SEVILLE AND FLAMENCO

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish.

Visit Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance.

With free time for dinner, head to nearby Triana market for local tapas and sangria. (B)

DAY 5 ÉVORA AND ON TO LISBON

Relaxed Start. Continue to the lively university town of Évora.

Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 6 LISBON

Relaxed Start. Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém.

See the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower. Visit Jerónimos Monastery with a Local Expert. (B)

DAY 7 HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

In Fátima, visit the famed basilica.

Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. (B)

Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 8 ÁVILA AND MADRID

Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city.

Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert.

At a local restaurant, join your newfound friends for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

Melia Madrid Serrano/NH Collection Madrid Suecia.

DAY 9 MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Visit the Prado Museum with an art historian, housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others. (B)

DAY 10 THROUGH RUEDA TO SANTIAGO

Learn how wines are produced in Rueda and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape.

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 embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James. Alternatively, join a city tour with a Local Expert. (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 PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery.

Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while traveling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (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 Igueldo. (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 the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)

Kimpton Vividora Hotel, Barcelona.

DAY 17 BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDÍ

With your Local Expert, explore the Gothic Quarter, see Las Ramblas and head along the Passeig de Gràcia. Visit the Sagrada Família.

In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast to your travels during 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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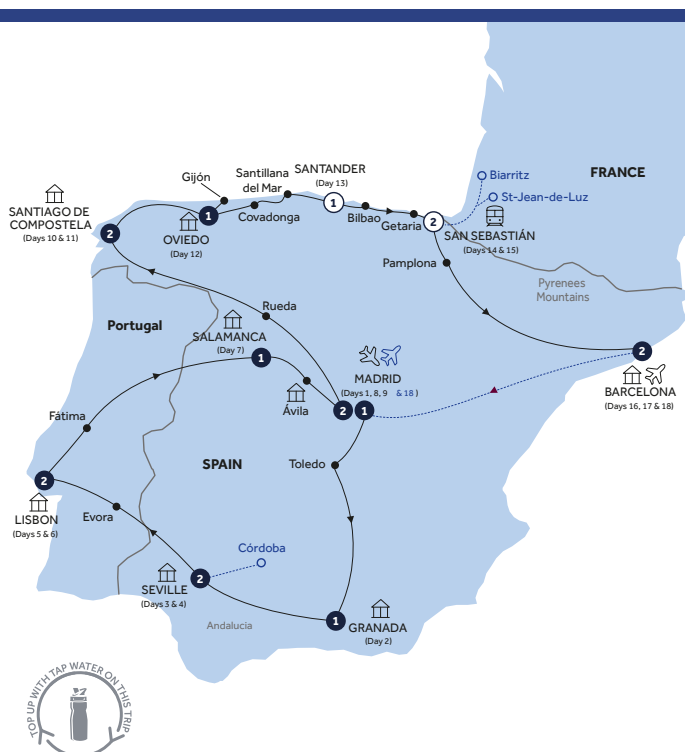
Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

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.



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