

SPAIN & PORTUGAL DELUXE TOUR

July 17-27, 2022

Highlights: Madrid, Granada, the Alhambra, Seville, Portuguese Riviera, Lisbon, Fatima, Oporto & much more

**Price per person based on 2 to a room \$3195.00
Single \$650.00 additional**

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DAY 1- Depart Home for Madrid. Meals (D) Meals and inflight entertainment.

DAY 2- Arrive Madrid & Prado Musuem

Late afternoon we will have a 2 hour guided tour of the Prado Museum. Follow your guide through some of the gallery's most spectacular halls and discover works of art that have shaped the history of art like "Las Meninas" by Velazquez, "The Third of May 1808" by Goya or El Greco's "El Desnuda" and Rubens "Las Tres Gracias".

Welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight – Madrid – Petit Palace Plaza Espana or similar – MEALS - Breakfast

DAY 3- Tour of Madrid

This morning we depart our hotel and tour the city of Madrid. We explore the different time periods and how they affected Madrid culture. There are 7 or 8, the medieval, the renaissance, the baroque and the neoclassic, the romantic and the moders. You will see important buildings, avenues and squares with an expert official guide who will explain about the monuments, from the old bourbons quarters.

We will ride first class rail from Madrid to Granada..

Overnight –Granada– MEALS – Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 4 – Granada the Alhambra and Alcaiceria market.

Discover the legacy of Spain's powerful Nasrid dynasty on a private tour of the UNESCO-listed Alhambra citadel and Generalife gardens in Granada. From Moorish sultans to Catholic kings, hear stories from the centuries of rulers who occupied this stunning royal complex and adjacent gardens while an official guide reveals the secrets behind their multicultural history and design.

The Alcaicería **market** is the Grand Bazaar of **Granada** and the original **Moorish silk market**.

The original Alcaicería was built in the 15th century and included a series of streets between Plaza Nueva and Plaza Bib-Rambla, full of Arabic silk stalls, spices and other valuable items.

Overnight –Granada MEALS – Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 5 - Seville

Depart for Seville upon arrival a guided tour. Hear about the city's role in Roman times, its conquest by the Moors in 712 AD, and its contribution to the discovery of the New World. Admire Maria Luisa Park, the Golden Tower on the Guadalquivir River, and the university that used to be the tobacco factory of Carmen fame. Also visit the magnificent CASA DE PILATOS, a mixture of Moorish and Roman architecture with a splendid collection of Roman sculptures. Then, stroll through the narrow lanes of the charming SANTA CRUZ QUARTER. Tonight, for a truly Andalusian night out, at a Traditional Flamenco show and dinner.

Overnight - Seville – Hotel Fernando III or similar. MEALS – Breakfast and dinner show.

DAY 6 - Seville – Fatima

Depart Seville for Fatima enroute enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, mix with the pilgrims at the country's hallowed national shrine, Fatima's SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

Overnight – Fatima – Santa Maria or similar MEALS - Breakfast and lunch.

DAY 7 - Nazaré – Alcobaça – Obidos

Stop in medieval Obidos and go back in time as you pass the main gate in the impressive perimeter wall and walk along the narrow streets. Continue to Alcobaça to visit the CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA MONASTERY, built in the 12th century for 999 Cistercian monks. See the elaborate tombs of King Pedro I and his Castilian lover, Inês de Castro. The fishing harbor of Nazaré is the perfect place for a leisurely lunch break

Overnight – Fatima – MEALS - Breakfast

DAY 8 - Tomar–Conimbriga–Oporto

Visit the hilltop CONVENT OF CHRIST with its famous Manueline Window. Farther north, the ROMAN RUINS OF CONIMBRIGA are eloquent testimony to centuries of Roman influence. Tour the excavations, admire the well-preserved mosaics, and visit the excellent MUSEUM. Forest on your way to Oporto, Portugal's second-largest city. Sightseeing with a Local Guide includes a panoramic drive to the mouth of the Douro River, the soaring cathedral, the richly decorated CHURCH OF SAO FRANCISCO, and the STOCK EXCHANGE with its contemporary ARABIAN HALL, inspired by Granada's Alhambra.

Overnight – Oporto – Eurostars Heriosism or similar - MEALS – Breakfast & lunch

DAY 9 - Sintra & Cascais on the Portuguese Riviera

This morning off to Sintra – once a favored summer retreats for Portugal's monarchs and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – for a visit to the 14th-century Royal Palace of Sintra, a highlight of every Portugal tour, and time to explore on your own. Continue to the fishing village of Cascais, its bay dotted with brightly colored boats, before returning to Lisbon to spend the rest of the day and evening as you please.

Overnight – Cascais - Oitavos Beach Resort or similar – MEALS - Breakfast

DAY 10 - Lisbon Tour of City

Enjoy a tour of Lisbon featuring Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, capped off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches. Time free for lunch then enjoy a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter; step back in time as you explore this residential neighborhood which is considered a village within a city; stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets, tiny squares, past beautiful churches and whitewashed houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers; then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Your afternoon is at leisure in Cascais to relax on the beach, walk the promenade, or sit in an outdoor café

Overnight – Cascais - Oitavos Beach Resort
MEALS – Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 11- FLIGHT HOME -MEALS - Lunch

*Comparable hotels may be substituted if necessary.

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