

# Flavors of Portugal and Spain

Join Friends of WABE

## May 5-15, 2027



¡Hola y bom dia!



Join me and fellow friends of WABE Public Radio on an unforgettable journey through Portugal and Spain—a region that has long inspired my deep love of Flamenco, music, history and languages.

Together, we'll explore the history, cuisine, and vibrant spirit of ancient Iberia. Walk in the footsteps of artistic legends like Picasso and discover the enduring legacy of the Moors. Beyond the sights, we will experience the raw passion of live Flamenco and be moved by the soulful sounds of Fado. Enjoy private museum tours, savor unforgettable regional cuisine paired with mouthwatering local wines. Our tailor-made WABE journey concludes in Madrid, with an easy option to continue your adventure in Barcelona. I hope you'll come along and share this remarkable experience with me. Space is limited.

I hope to see you in Portugal and Spain in May 2027!

Laura Barbera  
Your WABE host



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## Your journey

3 Nights Lisbon

3 Nights Seville

2 Nights Granada

2 Nights Madrid



## Journey Highlights

Tour the top museums of Madrid ♦ An in-depth exploration of Lisbon ♦ Walking tours of Lisbon, Seville, Cordoba and Granada ♦ Magical castles of Sintra ♦ Roman temple of Evora Alcazar and Cathedral, Seville ♦ Barrio Santa Cruz, Seville ♦ Guitar concert and Flamenco show ♦ Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens, Granada ♦ Cathedral and Royal Chapel, Granada ♦ La Mezquita Mosque, Cordoba ♦ Medieval Jewish quarter and Synagogue, Cordoba ♦ Port, olive oil and wine tastings ♦ Travel with like-minded public media enthusiasts and supporters

## It's Included

- Travel with **WABE** host **Laura Barbera**
- Fully guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions hand-selected program director
- Airport transfers for arrival and on departure days included
- Enjoy private tours of the top museums of Madrid
- Ten nights of accommodation in central, hand-selected 4-star hotels
- All breakfasts plus 11 additional multi-course meals with regional wines included
- A traditional evening of Fado music in Lisbon
- A passionate flamenco performance in Seville
- All entrance fees to museums, palaces, concerts, and all activities listed in the itinerary
- Wine, port, sherry, and virgin olive oil tastings
- Historic walks of Lisbon, Cordoba, Seville, and Granada with local guides
- Transportation from Lisbon to Seville via private coach
- All gratuities for drivers, guides, and all those assisting group activities and meals

## Trip Facts

11 Days/ 10 Nights (land)

\$7,495 double occupancy per person

\$1,995 single supplement

Trip begins in Lisbon, Portugal: May 5, 2027

Trip ends in Madrid, Spain: May 15, 2027



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*Enjoy a lively flamenco concert in Seville*

“Spain is a land of light and shadow, of great extremes  
and deep passions.”

Dali

## Your WABE Custom Journey Begins...



**DAY 0 Tuesday, May 4th: Depart home country for lively Lisbon!** Please note that you will need to depart no later than May 4<sup>th</sup> to arrive in Portugal by May 5. If your schedule allows, we highly recommend arriving a day or two earlier. Lisbon offers so much to see and do, and arriving ahead of time gives you the opportunity to relax, acclimate, and ease into your adventure before it officially begins.

### **DAY 1 Wednesday, May 5th: Welcome to Portugal!**

*Bem vindo a Portugal* (Welcome to Portugal)! Plan to meet your WABE host, guide and fellow travelers this evening for a welcome orientation and dinner. *Sleep in Lisbon (D)*



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*Walk in the footsteps of the great explorers while in Portugal*

### **DAY 2 Thursday, May 6th: Discover Vibrant Lisbon**

After breakfast, we set out to explore Lisbon, beginning in the Belém district with an in-depth visit to the magnificent Jerónimos Monastery. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this masterpiece is one of the finest examples of Portugal's late Gothic Manueline architectural style. Nearby, we'll also view the iconic Tower of Belém, a monument honoring Portugal's great Age of Exploration.

We then continue with a walking tour through the narrow, winding streets of the Alfama District, where you'll gain insight into Lisbon's rich, layered, and multicultural history. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, L)*

### **DAY 3 Friday, May 7th: Excursion to Sintra and Fado**

Today we embark on a short journey to a village of fantasy castles nestled in lush green valleys and surrounded by exotic tropical plants. Portugal's kings and other wealthy aristocrats of the kingdom came to Sintra to build magnificent summer homes and stunning gardens to while away their time gazing at the shimmering Atlantic in the distance. Today Sintra is busy and bustling with visitors but remains a highlight worth the visit. Dinner together this evening will include a Portuguese traditional form of singing called *Fado*. *Sleep in Lisbon (B, D)*

**Dining in Iberia:** We have intentionally included all breakfasts, along with one additional multi-course meal each day. In keeping with local tradition in Iberia, this is typically a substantial, multi-course lunch. It's also worth noting that most restaurants do not open for dinner until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., so we recommend enjoying the many delicious variations of tapas in the evening.



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*Explore the culture and history of Spain*

**DAY 4 Saturday, May 8th: Évora and on to Seville**

After breakfast, we journey to the whitewashed city of Évora, home to the Roman Temple of Diana, the Gothic Igreja de São Francisco, and its striking Chapel of Bones. Set amid rolling cork and olive groves, Évora is also an ideal place to visit a traditional cork farm. After lunch, we continue on to Seville, the vibrant capital of Andalusia. Steeped in Roman, Moorish, and Golden Age history—and home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites within its old town—Seville will be our base for the next three nights. This evening, enjoy a group tapas dinner. *Sleep in Seville (B, L, D)*

**DAY 5 Sunday, May 9th: Seville & Barrio Santa Cruz**

Discover the soul of Seville on a guided walking tour through the enchanting Barrio Santa Cruz, the city's historic Jewish quarter. Wander its winding cobblestone lanes, hidden courtyards, and flower-filled plazas before arriving at the magnificent Seville Cathedral—the largest Gothic cathedral in the world—home to the tomb of Christopher Columbus and crowned by its iconic, climbable bell tower.

Enjoy an included multi-course group lunch, followed by a leisurely afternoon to explore at your own pace. *Sleep in Seville (B, L)*



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*Spend a day exploring the Alhambra of Granada*

**DAY 6 Monday, May 10th: The Royal Alcázar**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Royal Alcázar of Seville is Europe's oldest royal palace still in use. Originally built as an 11th-century Moorish fortress, it has evolved into a stunning complex of palaces and gardens showcasing centuries of architectural styles. After our guided visit, enjoy a multi-course lunch. The afternoon is yours to explore Seville's museums, shops, and charming cobbled streets at your own pace. This evening, delight in an included, colorful Flamenco performance.

Sleep in Seville (B, L)

**DAY 7 Tuesday, May 11th: Drive to Granada via Cordoba**

Today's drive takes us to Granada, with a stop along the way in Córdoba. Once a regional capital under both Roman and Moorish rule, Córdoba is home to one of the finest Islamic monuments in Europe—second only to Granada's Alhambra. The Mezquita is an exceptionally well-preserved 8th-century mosque and a true architectural masterpiece. After a short walking tour and guided visit to the Mezquita, you'll have free time to explore the lively maze of streets and enjoy an independent lunch at one of the many local restaurants.

We then continue to Granada. Time permitting, we'll visit the Royal Chapel upon arrival to see the tombs of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand before checking into our hotel. This evening, we'll head out again to enjoy dinner. *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*



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*Explore Don Quixote's windmills of Consuegra*

**DAY 8 Wednesday, May 12th: Explore Granada**

The highlight of Granada is the spectacular Alhambra palace and its surrounding gardens and splashing fountains. It's very easy to imagine yourself here, reclining on a fluffy divan with a servant feeding you grapes... We'll tour the complex with a local expert and leave time for a well-earned siesta this afternoon.

Dinner is in the Albaizin (old Moorish quarter). Be sure to find a viewpoint to see the Alhambra lit up at night. Sigh... *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*

**DAY 9 Thursday, May 13th: Granada to Madrid: In search of Don Quixote and Wines of Spain**

After breakfast, our coach travels north through rolling landscapes of endless olive groves en route to Madrid. Along the way, we stop to visit the iconic windmills of La Mancha—the very windmills that inspired *Don Quixote*, Spain's most influential literary work. Several of these historic mills are still in operation and open to visitors. Later in the afternoon, enjoy a feast paired with a wine tasting at a charming local winery. We arrive in Madrid in the early evening. *Sleep in Madrid (B, D)*



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*Enjoy a private tour of the Prado Museum*

**DAY 10 Friday, May 14th: Great Museums of Madrid – The Prado**

This morning we explore Madrid's artistic heart with a visit to the world-renowned Museo del Prado. Home to the finest collection of Spanish art, the museum highlights masterpieces of the Golden Age, including celebrated works by Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco. After, we will enjoy a multi-course farewell lunch together in central Madrid. The afternoon is free to explore on your own—perhaps the Reina Sofía, the Royal Palace, or the lively Plaza Mayor. Madrid's rich culture and history provide a memorable finale to our journey. *Sleep in Madrid (B, L)*

**DAY 11 Saturday, May 15th: Return Home with a Lifetime of Memories!**

Your WABE journey concludes after breakfast; however, you may wish to extend your stay and continue exploring Spain. Consider spending additional time in Madrid, perhaps visiting the renowned Reina Sofia Museum which boasts works by Picasso and Dali. Or take advantage of Spain's comfortable high-speed rail to continue to Barcelona. *Buen viaje!*

## Reservations & Questions

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*Visit lively markets while in Iberia!*

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### **Travel with Like-Minded Public Media Enthusiasts**

You'll travel alongside a warm community of like-minded friends who share a love of culture, curiosity, and public media –making every journey as enriching as it is enjoyable.

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**Reservations and Deposits:** A \$1,000 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$250 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

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