

# Spain & Portugal!



~May 19-30, 2022~

“Granada is so moving that it stimulates and melts all of the senses.”

– Henri Matisse



*Iberia...*the name alone evokes images of flaming red Flamenco dresses, dark eyes peeking over a lacy fan, bullfighters in pink satin trousers, graceful Moorish architecture and white-washed villages.

After our journey to Spain in the fall of 2019, my fellow travelers and I needed little convincing to return to the gorgeous and endlessly fascinating country of Spain...and to throw in a little Lisbon for fun! Join me, **Suzanne Bona of Sunday Baroque**, for another eleven-day adventure to savor the flavors of Lisbon, Portugal and the south of Spain. This cultural experience will include tastings of culinary specialties and wine, spectacular architectural and historical tours, a Flamenco performance, prancing horses and Fado singing. The journey concludes in Madrid, where you can easily continue your travels or fly straight home. *Space is limited.*



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## Your Journey

4 Nights Lisbon  
4 Nights Sevilla  
2 Nights Granada  
1 Night Madrid airport hotel



## Journey Highlights

Walking tours of Lisbon, Sevilla, Cordoba and Granada ♦ Magical castles of Sintra ♦ Roman temple of Evora ♦ Alcazar and Cathedral, Sevilla ♦ Barrio Santa Cruz, Sevilla ♦ 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

## It's Included

- Travel with **Suzanne Bona** of *Sunday Baroque*
- Fully guided by **Cesar Escuin**
- Classical music concert, Fado evening, guitar concert, flamenco performance
- All entrance fees to museums, palaces, concerts, and all activities listed in itinerary
- Wine, sherry and olive oil tastings
- Historic walks of Lisbon, Cordoba, Sevilla and Granada with local guides
- A visit to an Andalusian horse farm in Jerez
- 11 nights of accommodation in superior 3 or 4-star hotels
- Transportation from Lisbon to Sevilla via private coach
- All breakfasts plus 10 additional meals (*with regional wines at dinner*)
- All gratuities for drivers, guides and all those assisting group activities and meals

## Trip Facts

12 Days/ 11 Nights

\$4,995 PP double occupancy (land) based on a minimum of 14 guests.

\$1,195 Single Supplement *\*waived if a roommate match is confirmed.*

Trip officially begins in Lisbon on May 19, 2022 (Guests must depart the USA on May 18 in order to arrive on May 19). Trip ends in Madrid on May 30, 2022.

\*Risk Free: new! Your reservation deposit is 100% refundable until February 8, 2022!

**Not Included:** International airline tickets & trip Insurance. And, items not mentioned in your tailor-made itinerary.

## Ways to Save: \$300

Earthbound and Sunday Baroque travel alumni save \$100 ♦ Reserve before February 15, 2022 and save \$100 ♦ Pay final balance by check and save \$100

**Risk Reservations & Deposits:** A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Deposits are 100% refundable until February 8, 2022.



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## Your Journey Begins...

**DAY 0: Wednesday, May 18 - Depart home country for lively Lisbon!** Remember, you will need to depart no later than today to arrive in Portugal by May 19.

**DAY 1: Thursday, May 19 - Welcome to Portugal!**

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

**DAY 2: Friday, May 20 - Discover Vibrant Lisbon and Classical Concert**

After breakfast we set out to discover Lisbon. Our journey begins in the Belém district with an in-depth tour of the Jerónimos Monastery. This is one of the most prominent examples of Portuguese late Gothic Manueline style of architecture. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will also see the Tower of Belém which is dedicated to the great Portuguese explorers. Then take a walking tour through the narrow streets of the Alfama District, to learn about Lisbon's long, multicultural history. We'll have an included classical music concert tonight (TBA). *Sleep in Lisbon (B, L)*



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**DAY 3: Saturday, May 21 - Excursion to Sintra and an Evening of 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)*

**DAY 5: Sunday, May 22 - Wine tasting and a Day in the Countryside**

Nestled in rolling vineyards between the breathtakingly beautiful Atlantic coastline and the vibrant capital of Lisbon, Quinta de Sant'Ana winery is a place to experience authentic Portugal. This afternoon you'll enjoy a special wine tasting and lunch.

Return to Lisbon in the afternoon.

*Sleep in Lisbon (B, L)*



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**DAY 5: Monday, May 23 - Drive to Sevilla via the Roman city of Évora**

We depart after breakfast for whitewashed Évora, famous for the Roman Temple of Évora, also called the Temple of Diana and the massive Gothic 12<sup>th</sup> century cathedral Igreja de de São Francisco, which sports baroque architecture and the skeleton-adorned Chapel of Bones. In the afternoon, seeing as Évora is nestled among vast fields of cork and olive trees, we'll also visit a cork farm and perhaps, we may even taste some olive oil!

Then we are off to Spain! Sevilla is the capital of Andalusia and the fourth largest city in Spain. There are three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in just the two square miles of its old town. Founded as a Roman city, it fell under Muslim control in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Ferdinand Magellan famously departed from Sevilla on his first circumnavigation of the Earth and the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Sevilla saw a brilliant flowering of the city's culture. We'll have time for many of the highlights during our four night stay here. Enjoy a group dinner tonight. *Sleep in Sevilla (B, D)*

**DAY 6: Tuesday, May 24 - Sevilla - Barrio Santa Cruz**

Enjoy a lovely day exploring the Barrio Santa Cruz with a local expert. This, possibly the most beloved of Sevilla neighborhoods, is filled with wrought-iron cancelas (gates), courtyards with Andalusian tiled fountains, art galleries, restaurants, cafes, tabernas, flowerpots of geraniums, and winding narrow alleyways. Named after a Christian saint, Santa Cruz is the former ghetto of Sevilla's Jews and is the single most colorful part of the city. Another highlight is the world's largest Gothic church, with Columbus' tomb, treasury, and climbable tower. Enjoy an included group lunch and a free evening. *Sleep in Sevilla (B, L)*



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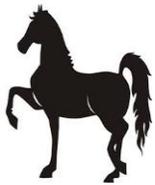
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### **DAY 7: Wednesday, May 25 - Alcazar of Sevilla**

We'll visit the magnificent Alcazar today and also have some free time for independent exploration. Experienced travelers know that to truly experience a place, you have to venture beyond the churches and museums. If you want to truly savor the flavor of Sevilla, consider joining the evening Paseo, where you'll see the entire citizenry, young and old, come out to stroll arm in arm, stopping occasionally to flirt, chat, pretend to ignore or openly admire each other as they slowly pass by. The other quintessential experience in Sevilla is Flamenco: that sultry, flamboyant and passionate form of expressive dance that makes the pulse race. We'll attend a performance together, but you may also want to go independently, as each show varies. *Sleep in Sevilla (B, L)*

### **DAY 8: Thursday, May 26 - The Royal Andalusian Riding School**



Embark on a day excursion to Jerez de la Frontera where we'll take time to admire the Royal Andalusian horses. These horses are majestic creatures, and we'll learn about their deep connection to local culture. We'll also make a visit to a bodega for a tasting of the famous sherry (the name of which is an Anglicization of the word Jerez). Enjoy a light meal at the winery before heading back to Seville. Tapas anyone? *Sleep in Sevilla (B, L)*

### **DAY 9: Friday, May 27 - Drive to Granada via Cordoba**

The drive today will take us to Granada, but first we make a stop in Cordoba. Once a regional capital, first during Roman times and then for the Moors, Cordoba boasts the best Islamic sight next to Granada's Alhambra: the Mesquita, an extremely well-preserved 8<sup>th</sup> century mosque. After a short walking tour and visit of the Mesquita, you'll have time to wander the bustling maze of streets where you'll find plenty of little restaurants for an independent lunch. Then it's back on the bus for Granada! Time-permitting, we'll see the Royal Chapel upon arrival, where we'll view the tombs of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, then check in to our hotel and step out again for dinner. *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*



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**DAY 10: Saturday, May 28 - Explore Granada and a Guitar concert**

The sight in 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. Tonight, we'll enjoy a guitar concert and a Farewell Dinner in the Albaizin (old Moorish quarter). Be sure to find a view point to see the Alhambra lit up at night. Sigh... *Sleep in Granada (B, D)*

**DAY 11: Sunday, May 29 - Granada to Madrid**

The coach will make its way to Madrid today, where we'll stop en route for an independent lunch. We've included an airport hotel for your convenience, from which you can transfer on your own to the airport in the morning, or continue on to parts unknown. *Sleep near Madrid airport (B)*

**DAY 12: Monday, May 30 - Madrid - Fly Home**

The hotel provides a convenient airport shuttle for those of you returning home today. We wish you happy and safe travels! *Buen viaje!*

- Itinerary Subject to Change -



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## Meet Your Host Suzanne!



**Suzanne Bona** is the host and executive producer of Sunday Baroque, a syndicated weekly radio show of Baroque and early music. She originated the program in 1987 on WSHU Public Radio in her hometown of Fairfield, CT. Sunday Baroque has been distributed nationally since 1998, and is currently heard by more than a quarter million listeners every week on approximately 230 public radio stations and networks across the United States.

Suzanne is also a classically trained flutist who earned a Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Connecticut. She continues to perform frequently as a soloist and chamber musician, and has especially enjoyed collaborating with some of her musically talented public radio colleagues in performances for listeners across the country, including in Cincinnati, OH, West Lafayette, IN, Phoenix, AZ, Sacramento, CA, Moscow, ID, and Seattle, WA, across Connecticut and on Long Island, NY, and twice as a guest soloist in Guam.

When she is not making radio, playing her flute, or traveling, Suzanne's hobbies include reading, running, cooking, baking, and working on improving her Spanish language skills. She is also passionate about the cause of literacy; she was a longtime volunteer tutor and board member for her local Literacy Council, and served as a community advisory board member for a children's literacy initiative. Suzanne is a devoted public radio nerd who has not had a television in her home for decades.

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## Reservations and Questions!

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## Know Before You Go!

**Physical requirements:** In order to make the most of your custom journey and join all included activities, you should be able to walk at a moderate pace, independently, for one to three miles, often over uneven cobblestones. You should also feel comfortable standing for an extended period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. Naturally, you may always choose to bow out of an activity and enjoy the sites while sipping a tea or coffee in a café. You can also hire a taxi, pedicab or horse-drawn carriage at your own expense to get you to the next attraction. Remember, you'll also need to be able to maneuver your luggage through the airport. Some museums may not have an elevator, so you'll need to climb a few stairs in order to participate.

**Dress:** In general, we suggest “casually smart” dress and a good pair of walking shoes. You may leave your formal attire and family jewels at home. If attending classical concerts, men may wish to bring nice slacks and a blazer. Women will feel more comfortable in slacks or a casual dress or skirt. Over the years, we have noted that Europeans and North Americans are dressing less formally for classical events.

**Risk Free Reservations:** A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of sign up. Fully refundable until February 8, 2022.

**Travel Insurance:** Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

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