



Lisbon to Madrid
Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024

*Trip Itinerary in partnership with
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Day 1: Friday, May 24

Lisbon

Welcome to Lisbon – a light schedule as we get settled!

- **Check in will be open from Thursday May 23 at 3pm** for those who will arrive the day before or the morning of the 24th.
- **Afternoon Program: Visit Arco Lisboa.** A contemporary art fair featuring 80 galleries from all over the world. Click [here](#) to preview the galleries we will see.
- **Evening Program: Welcome Drink.** After a celebratory toast at the hotel to kick off our adventure together, the rest of the evening is yours to simply rest and relax in our wonderful hotel or to explore Lisbon's town center. We can help with reservations – a list of restaurants will be provided.





Our Hotel in Lisbon *The Lapa Palace*

The stunning **Lapa Palace Hotel** is situated in the heart of Lisbon, on a very prestigious area of embassies and consulates. Every room and suite in the Palace has a different style; you will find Art deco, Colonial, Algarvian and Neo-Classic styles. The **Lapa Palace Hotel** is part of the Luxury hotels selection, *The Leading Hotels Of The World*, a privilege only achieved worldwide by 375 hotels spread across 75 countries. Click [here](#) to tour the hotel and its many amenities.



Day 2: Saturday, May 25 Lisbon

Art and Azulejos Today!

- **Morning Program:** Back to **ARCO-Lisboa** for a private tour and **lunch** in the VIP Lounge.
- **Afternoon Program:** Visit **The National Tile Museum**. A must-see to learn about this most famous Portuguese industry. The museum houses a splendid collection of decorative tiles dating from the 15th century to the present. Click [here](#) to access their website.
- **Evening Program: Group Dinner** at a traditional Portuguese restaurant enjoying the delicious food and wines from the region.





Day 3: Sunday, May 26 Lisbon

A day of Museums and lunch by the sea!

- **Morning Program:** We will have a private visit to the **studio of renowned Portuguese artists Joana Vasconcelos**. Joana Vasconcelos creates colorful, large-scale installations which often envelop everyday things – decorative objects, laptops, pianos – in crocheted or knitted material. Through such works, Vasconcelos tests the boundaries between the domestic environment and public space, the mass-produced and the handcrafted. Read about Joana Vanconcelos [here](#).
- **Lunch by the sea** in the lovely [Belem](#) area where we will enjoy Portugal’s amazing selection of fresh fish and seafood.
- **Afternoon Program:** Guided tour of the **Berardo Collection Museum**. The Berardo Museum has one of the world's most acclaimed modern art collections, amassed by Jose Berardo, one of the world’s leading art collectors. Click [here](#) to access the website.
- **Evening Program:** Free Evening – Restaurant recommendations and reservations help will be provided.



Day 4: Monday, May 27

Lisbon

The famous Gulbenkian Museum and Free Afternoon

- **Morning Program:** We will visit the amazing **Calouste Gulbenkian Museum** showcasing a private collection of more than 6000 pieces dating from antiquities to the early the 20th Century. Click this [link](#) to view the collection.
- **Afternoon Program:** Free afternoon for lunch and shopping in Lisbon. Some options to explore ahead of time: [Chiado](#), [Liberade Avenue](#) and [Principe Real](#).
- **Evening Program: Group Dinner** in one of Lisbon's excellent restaurants near the city center.





Day 5: Tuesday, May 28 Lisbon –Evora – Caceres – *On the Road to Madrid!*

- **Morning Program:** Travel to the medieval town of **Evora**, declared by UNESCO to be a World Heritage City. Nestled in Portugal's agrarian heartland of Alentejo, Evora charms travelers with its off-the-beaten-path appeal and historic heritage. In the center of it all sits the ancient Roman Temple of Evora, and down the road stands the huge Gothic Cathedral of Evora. Beyond the historic sites, Evora also boasts fantastic food and wine from nearby vineyards. Read about Evora [here](#).
- **Lunch:** The **Palacio de Cadaval** is known for its architectural grandeur and embodiment of Portuguese culture. Located in front of the Roman Temple, the Palace is a singular example of the country's architectural heritage, resulting from a unique combination of Mudéjar, Gothic and Manueline styles. It also houses the well-known restaurant **Cavlarica** where we will have our **group lunch**. Read more about the palace [here](#) and about the restaurant [here](#).
- **Late Afternoon Program:** Travel to [Caceres](#), declared a World Heritage City by UNESCO in 1986 because of the city's blend of Roman, Moorish Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Thirty towers from the Islamic period still stand in Cáceres, of which the Torre del Bujaco is the most famous.
- **Evening Program:** **Group dinner** at our hotel in the outskirts of Caceres.





Our Hotel in Caceres *Palacio Arenales & Spa*

- We will stay at the **Palacio Arenales & Spa** in the outskirts of Caceres. After a long day on the road, and busy city days, this hotel will give us a chance to rest and relax before heading to Madrid. Click [here](#) to tour the hotel online. We will have dinner at **Las Corchuelas**, the lovely hotel restaurant.



Day 6: Wednesday, May 29 Cáceres -Trujillo - Madrid

Contemporary art in medieval cities along our way to Madrid



- **Morning Program:** Guided tour of the **Contemporary Art Museum Helga de Alvear** . Click this [link](#) for more information. **Lunch** in town before departing for Trujillo.
- **Afternoon Program:** Travel to the beautiful ancient town of **Trujillo** where we will stop for a coffee and stroll in the town center. Read about Trujillo [here](#). We will continue to **Madrid** for arrival in the late afternoon
- **Evening Program:** Welcome to **Madrid Cocktail Reception** for the group – Dinner is on your own, but we will provide recommendations and help with reservations.

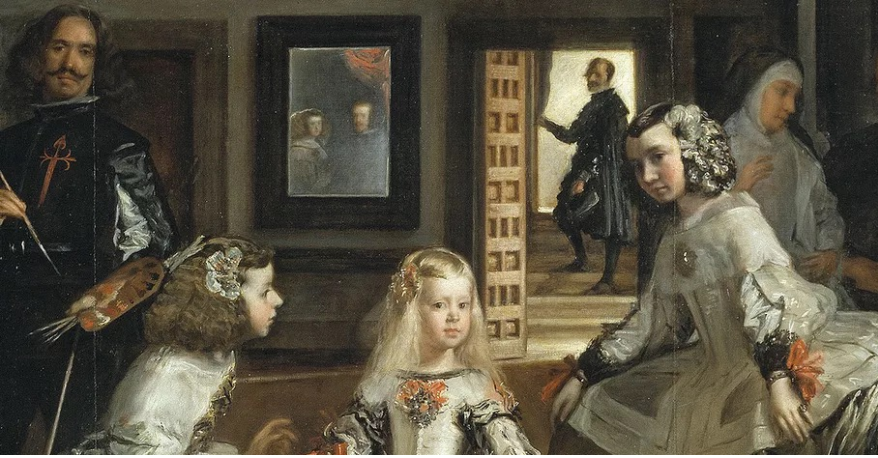




Our Hotel in Madrid *The Hotel Fenix Gran Melia*

Our Hotel is superb, located near El Prado and fabulous shopping. It is one of the finest in the city's hotel industry, and member of the exclusive group of The Leading Hotels of the World. With its Fenix Cocktail Bar, it is the foremost example of luxury and service with all the Spanish charisma. Its magnificent location in the exclusive Salamanca neighborhood, in the heart of the financial district and surrounded by the famous streets of Serrano, Velazquez, Goya and on the Paseo of la Castellana. Take look at their website [here](#).





Day 7: Thursday May 30 Madrid

Be still my heart – Velázquez and Picasso!



- **Morning Program:** Walk to the **Prado Museum** for a guided tour. Preview the treasures [here](#).
- **Group Lunch** in the restaurant Nubel at the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia. Click [here](#) for more.
- **Afternoon Program:** Visit the **Reina Sofia Museum** – home of Guernica and much more. Visit the collection [here](#). We will have the option to visit the rest of the museum or take a walk towards the Plaza Mayor and the Royal Palace.
- **Evening Program: Dinner on your own.** A list of restaurant will be provided!



Day 8: Friday, May 31 Madrid

Exploring the rarified and the rare!

- **Morning Program:** guided visit of **The Museo Joaquin Sorolla**. One of Spain's most beloved painters and a contemporary of John Singer Sargent, Sorolla is called The Painter of Light, and his works appear in most major museums. The museum is housed in what was the family home and it is a true gem. For more [click here](#).
- **Afternoon Program: Group Lunch** at the **Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum** and guided tour of the museum which holds a vast collection that traces the history of European painting from the Middle Ages to the late 20th century.
- **Late Afternoon and Evening:** You are free to roam, shop and dine on your own in this wonderful city. Recommendations and reservations will be provided!





Day 9: Saturday, June 1 Madrid

Our last day to explore!



- **Morning Program:** We will visit one of Madrid's most fashionable areas, Justicia. With its boho-chic atmosphere, Justicia is the Soho of Madrid. There are important art galleries as well as international and Spanish designer boutiques.
- **Lunch and Afternoon Program:** You are on your own to spend the last afternoon in Madrid shopping and roaming around Justicia and Salamanca (just on the other side of the Paseo de La Castellana).
- **Evening Program:** Farewell dinner at one of Madrid's best and trendiest restaurants in the Salamanca area.





Day 10: Sunday, June 2
Departure from Madrid

Hotel check-out by 12 noon

Thank you for traveling with us!

Silvia Waltner and Mariana de Lucas

We hope to see you again for our next
art adventure!

