

Roundtrips & Special Interest Tours

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RECOMMENDED DURATION

HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOMMODATION

SUGGESTED HOTELS

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

REMARKS

SPAIN & PORTUGAL ENCOMPASSED//TOUR-SP&PORTCENCOM14N

15 days / 14 nights (MAD-MAD)

Avila, the "town of Stones and Saints"; Segovia's roman great aqueduct; Spain's capital: Madrid and the Royal Palace; the city of the 3 religions (Muslim, Christian and Jewish Toledo); Cervantes' Windmills in Consuegra; Cordoba, the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate in old times; The impressive Alhambra & Generalife (World Heritage), the best preserved Monumental Complex from the Middle Age in Occident; Flamenco Show at a real Gipsy cave; Ronda, birthplace of the bullfighting; Gibraltar's II World War tunnels & apes; Jerez de la Frontera, Between Andalusian Wines & Horses; The Reales Alcázares in Seville and the Santa Cruz quarter, full of flowers and Andalusian atmosphere; Lisbon, Gothic Cathedrals & yellow trams; Melancholic Fado Show; Sintra, a page torn from a fairy tale; Porto Wine Caves & Douro River Cruise; Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish, Renaissance and Baroque highlights in Salamanca

3n Madrid + 1n Cordoba + 2n Granada + 1n La Linea de la Concepción + 2n Seville + 3n Lisbon + 1n Porto + 1n Madrid

Wide range of hotel options depending on group profile and preferences

Typical lunch at Segovia, Cordoba, Granada, Jerez & Lisbon

Tour suitable all year round



Flamenco Show, Spain



Fado Show, Portugal



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Itinerary

DAY 1, Madrid

Arrival to Madrid airport, meeting with our local tour leader and bus. Trip orientation, free time, dinner at hotel and overnight in Madrid.

DAY 2, Madrid – Avila – Segovia - Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. We start our tour with a nice visit outside Madrid. We will visit small, picturesque villages on the country side, the village of **Avila** (also called "**Town of Stones and Saints**") and beautiful **Segovia** and its **Aqueduct**. Free Lunch (Optional: Segovian Lunch at a local restaurant: "**cochinillo**", Roast Baby Pork)

Return to Madrid, Dinner and Overnight.

DAY 3, Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. We will have a nice day with sightseeing in the city of Madrid - the capital of Spain. We will visit: the most famous statue in Madrid; **Plaza de Cibeles, the official residence of the Spanish Royal family: Palacio Real, Plaza of Spain, Puerta de Alcalá**. We will save famous shopping street: Gran Vía, and the last stop for a strolling and an optional lunch at your choice.

Afternoon at leisure, dinner and Overnight in Madrid.

DAY 4, Madrid – Toledo – Consuegra - Cordoba

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the imperial city Toledo (50 minutes driving south of Madrid) – known for its narrow streets and alleys. Guided tour including **San Juan de los Reyes Monastery** (founded by the Catholic Monarchs Isabella & Ferdinand), the **2 Synagogues** (Santa María la Blanca & Sinagoga del Tránsito) as well as **El Greco Masterpiece** "El Entierro del Conde Orgaz".

The city is known for a lot of **handcraft**, and also for **handmade jewelry**. Free Lunch. We continue south, (about 50 min driving south of Toledo), and make a stop in the village of Consuegra. Most Spanish **windmills**, like those described in Cervantes's Don Quixote, can be found in the province of Castilla La Mancha in central Spain. The best examples of restored Spanish windmills may be found in Consuegra where several mills spike the hill just outside of town, giving us a spectacular view of the **12th-century castle and of the town**. Continuation south to Cordoba (3'00 h aprox), dinner and overnight.

DAY 5, Cordoba - Granada

1 Breakfast at the hotel. Cordoba was the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate in old times. We will visit **the Great Mosque - Cathedral** from 1328, the **Jewish synagogue**, and **Jewish Quarter** (Flower street). Free lunch (Optional: Lunch based on Cordoba Gastronomy). We continue to the city of Granada (about 2 hours driving). Afternoon sightseeing tour visiting the impressive and famous **Alhambra Palace & Generalife**, the best preserved monumental complex from the Middle Ages in Occident. Granada was the last Muslim redoubt in Al-Andalus Era, the Alhambra can show more than its splendor. Dinner and overnight in Granada.

DAY 6, Granada

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning tour of the city, including the city centre, **Cathedral & Royal Chapel** (where the Catholic Monarchs Isabella & Ferdinand are buried) & the **World Heritage quarter of "the Albaycin"**, with super views to the amazing Alhambra. Free Lunch (Optional: Lunch at a local restaurant located in the Albaycin and inside a typical house of Granada with



Metrópolis, Madrid



Avila, Spain



Roman Aqueduct, Segovia



Toledo & the Alcázar

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superb views to the wonderful Alhambra). Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at hotel. In the evening, we will feel the real strength of **flamenco dancers and singers** with a show at a gipsy cave. Overnight in Granada.

DAY 7, Granada – Ronda – La Linea de la Concepcion

Breakfast at hotel & departure to the beautiful "Route of the White Villages", in concrete, the village of Ronda, (2h30m from Granada) birthplace of the bullfighting. Local tour including the **bullfighting arena, Casa de Don Bosco, & Santa Maria la Mayor Church**. Free lunch. We will continue south to La Linea de la Concepción (1h50m aprox from Ronda), borderline with the British place (in the Iberian Peninsula) of Gibraltar. Dinner & Overnight in La Linea.

DAY 8, La Linea – Gibraltar – Jerez - Seville

Breakfast at hotel. We will spend the morning in Gibraltar (British territory in the Iberian Peninsula): **The rock tour: St. Michaels Cave and the apes den**. Continuation to Jerez de la Frontera (1h30m aprox), land of Andalusian wines & horses by excellence. Free Lunch (Optional: Lunch at a Local Wine Cellar). Visit to a **Wine cellar with wine tasting**. Continuation to Seville (1h10m aprox) Dinner and overnight in Seville.

DAY 9, Seville

Breakfast at hotel. Seville is the essence of Andalusia's heart. Horse carriages, flowers and colors are spread along this city. We start our day by a visit to the **Reales Alcazares**, one of the oldest palaces in the world, and the typical **Santa Cruz quarter**, with beautiful narrow streets. Free Lunch and afternoon. Overnight in Seville.

DAY 10, Seville - Lisbon

Breakfast at hotel. Departure towards Lisbon (4h00m aprox). Stop en route for free lunch. Arrival to Lisbon, dinner and overnight.

DAY 11, Lisbon

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning: tour of **Los Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries**. Free Lunch (Optional: Lunch in the Barrio Alto, one of the most picturesque quarters in the city). In the afternoon, continuation of the tour: **Alfama and St. Jorge Castle**. In the evening, we will enjoy a typical **Fado Show**, which will bring us the melancholy of Portuguese singers. Dinner at hotel and overnight.



"Plaza Mayor", Madrid



Wine Cellar, Porto



Lisbon, Portugal



Alhambra, Granada



Royal Alcazar, Seville

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DAY 12, Lisbon – Sintra – Cascais - Lisbon

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Sintra, in order to visit **National Palace of Pena, Moorish Castle, Monserrat Palace, the Convent of the Capuchin**. Sintra is definitely a page torn from a fairy tale, with its rippling mountains, dewy forests thick with ferns and lichen, exotic gardens and glittering palaces. Free Lunch. Continuation to **Cascais, panoramic tour**. Cascais has rocketed from sleepy fishing village to much-loved summertime playground of lisboêtas. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 13, Lisbon – Fatima - Porto

Breakfast at hotel. We will first make a stop in the city of Fatima (1h20m from Lisbon), in order to see the Shrine of Fatima. Continuation to Porto (2h00m from Fatima). Free Lunch. In the afternoon: **tour of Avenue of the Allies", "the Tower of the Clerics", "Ribeira" and visit the "caves of Port wine"**. Cruise on the Douro River. Dinner and overnight in Porto.

DAY 14, Porto – Salamanca – Madrid

Breakfast and departure for Madrid. We will stop in Salamanca (3h30m from Porto) for visiting and resting. In Salamanca we find **one of the oldest universities in Europe**. First conquered by the Carthaginians in the 3rd century B.C. Salamanca then became a Roman settlement before being ruled by the Moors until the 11th century. The city's historic centre has important Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish, Renaissance and Baroque monuments. The **Plaza Mayor**, with its galleries and arcades, is particularly impressive. Lunch on your own. Continuation to Madrid (2h15m aprox). Dinner and overnight in Madrid.

DAY 15, Departure

Breakfast at hotel. At the scheduled time, transfer to airport for departure. End of our services.



Lisbon, Portugal



Sintra, Portugal



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