



PORTUGAL

HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12928)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Barcelona

TRAVEL PERIODS

17 Mar 24 - 27 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Unleash your sense of adventure as you traverse Portugal & Spain, immersing yourself in a tapestry of history, cultural wonders, delectable flavors, and breathtaking landscapes!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy an **authentic Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant in Madrid
- Embark on a **Douro River Cruise** and taste the **famous Porto wine!**
- Be captivated by the UNESCO Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece **Batalha's Monastery**
- Visit the romantic city of **Seville**, a stunning town home to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the World!
- Experience the most heartfelt **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain!

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the highlights of Portugal and Spain. Explore the bustling streets of Madrid and delve into its rich cultural heritage. Cruise along the majestic Douro River in Porto, known for its historic center and port wine. Immerse yourself in the charm of Lisbon and visit iconic landmarks like Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. Admire the architectural marvel of Cordoba's Mosque-Cathedral and step back in time at Merida's well-preserved Roman Theatre.

Experience the vibrant ambiance of Seville, indulge in the beauty of the Alhambra in Granada, and witness the passionate artistry of a Gypsy Flamenco show. Discover the UNESCO-listed city of Ubeda, where you'll savor the flavors of extra virgin olive oil during a tasting and light lunch. Explore the modern architecture of Valencia and soak in the Mediterranean vibes of Barcelona. Get ready for an extraordinary journey filled with art, history, gastronomy, and cultural wonders.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**SMALL GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**CITY-CENTRE
QUALITY HOTELS**



**SPECIAL EVENTS
INCLUDED**



**SLOWER-PACED
ITINERARY**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 15-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Lunch & Dinners as per itinerary
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada
- Guided visits in Porto (including Douro River Cruise), and Lisbon
- Guided visits in Ubeda with Olive oil tasting and light lunch, Valencia & Barcelona
- Experience an authentic Gypsy Flamenco show
- Enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner at one of the oldest Fado venues
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included.
- Daily water provided on tour
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Highlights of Portugal & Spain Journeys



Day 1

Madrid

A private transfer will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Barcelo Torre Madrid**

Day 2

Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights and discover the passion of this amazing city.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders this city has to offer, or, join the optional excursion to Toledo.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Barcelo Torre Madrid**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture for Portuguese soils, you will drive towards Salamanca. Enjoy a city tour this University City World Heritage of great architectural and artistic wealth.

Overnight stay in Salamanca at **Catalonia Salamanca**

Breakfast

Day **4**

Salamanca Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Spain to discover Portuguese landscapes.

Our first stop will be at **Pinhao**, a beautiful little town on the Douro Riverbank and famous for their centenary cellars. Taste their wines while visiting their stunning vineyards. After the tasting experience, **enjoy a local products-based lunch**.

Continue to **Porto**. Located along the Douro River estuary in Northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European towns, and proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Feel the Douro River breeze while discovering Porto. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise.

Enjoy rest of day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**

Breakfast



Day **6**

Porto Aveiro Coimbra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart to Aveiro, known as "The Portuguese Venice". Enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional Moliceiro

boat. Enjoy time at leisure and explore the town, the old Beira Mar neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Continue to Coimbra, one of the oldest cities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Enjoy time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Melia Aeminium**

Breakfast



Day **7**

Coimbra Tomar Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today may seem long as you'll discover several small historical towns, but distances are short and sweet. Depart to the **Tomar's Monastery**, a Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece considered a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**. Enjoy time at leisure.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure.

Continue to the Portuguese Capital: Lisbon.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast



LISBON-JERONIMOS-MONASTERY

Day 8

Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Spread across seven hills and known for its decorative arts, Lisbon is one of Europe's most interesting capitals. Join a morning city sightseeing of the ancient Olissipo. Drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square & Liberty Avenue.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting "Ruas" full of color housing the genuine "tabernas".

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers and enjoy a typical **Portuguese dinner visiting one of the oldest Fado** venues in the city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at the **Sheraton Lisbon & Spa**.

Breakfast, Dinner



LISBON

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Lisbon and Portugal while drive back to Spain. Our first stop will be Mérida, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province. Merida, the capital of Extremadura, in western Spain, was founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC. There are still remains of the ancient city, such as the spectacular Roman Theater (entrance included). Enjoy some time at leisure.

Continue towards **Seville**, famous Andalusian capital, and the Spanish city of light.

Overnight stay in Seville at the **NH Collection**

Breakfast



Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Passion, flamenco, tapas...this is Seville! Today you'll explore romantic Seville on a city tour, including a visit to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. Visit the city's Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating to the time of Moorish rule.

The afternoon is at your leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **NH Collection**

Breakfast



Day 11 Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to Cordoba, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendid past. You'll visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, driving through endless olive oil groves.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers to experience the most authentic **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain, including dinner. An evening not to forget.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental Granada**

Breakfast



Day 12 Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's highlight will be the visit to **Alhambra Palace**, most special Spanish World Heritage Site. The ornately decorated domes and archways are a testament to the brilliance of Moorish craftsmen. Located on a hilltop on the west bank of the River Darro, it also offers views across the entire city.

Rest of the day at leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Albaicin Moorish Experience (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental Granada**

Breakfast



Day 13 Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today, your adventure begins as you depart for the enchanting city of Ubeda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its historical charm and being a central hub for Spanish Olive Oil production. Enjoy a nice walk of this historical beautiful gem and taste their unique golden Extra Virgin Olive oil, light lunch is included.

After lunch, continue your journey to the vibrant city of Valencia, known for its Mediterranean charm and architectural wonders.

Overnight stay in Valencia at **Ac Valencia**

Breakfast, Lunch



VALENCIA

Day 14 Valencia Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Valencia's old town and the exterior of the most avant-garde complex: Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Catalunya. Reach **Barcelona**, home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalan modernism.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**

Breakfast



CASA MILÀ, BARCELONA

Day 15 Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Begin your day in Barcelona with a city discovery tour. See the Barcelona Pavilion, a study in minimalism built for the 1929 International Exposition. Then explore the Sagrada Familia (*entrance not included*), a still-unfinished cathedral designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.

The afternoon is free to explore the city at your own pace.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for a **Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant**.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**

Breakfast



Day 16 Barcelona

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Barceló Torre de Madrid

Madrid

The ideal accommodation to discover Madrid in the most comfortable way. This signature design hotel is located in the Plaza de España, a stone's throw from Gran Vía, a 10-minute walk from the Royal Palace of Madrid and a 15-minute walk from Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor.

It has 258 fully equipped rooms, perfectly combining modernity and sophistication. Designed to guarantee the highest quality standards, these rooms have everything necessary to satisfy the most demanding guests, whether traveling for business or pleasure.

It has first-class facilities typical of a 5-star hotel. Among them, a sophisticated bar on the ground floor, meeting rooms for holding all kinds of events, restaurants where you can savor exquisite dishes and a Wellness area with a gym for those who wish to keep fit.

Endowed with a singular and exclusive character, the spectacular building where the hotel resides represents a symbol for the city not only because of its magnificent location, but also because for several years it was considered the tallest concrete building in the world.



Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza

Barcelona

The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel is located in Barcelona next to Plaza España and the facilities of the Fira de Barcelona and Montjuïc. With 347 rooms, an ideal place to stay on a business trip or a few days off. The panoramic terrace has a swimming pool and a large chill-out area with bar service and offers incomparable views of Plaza España and the Magic Fountains of Montjuïc, as well as most of the rooms. The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel has 3 restaurants, an aesthetic and beauty center with treatments and massages, 13 meeting rooms equipped with the latest technology, free Wi-Fi, parking in the same building and excellent connections with all public transport.



Occidental Granada

Granada

The Occidental Granada hotel (a member of the Barceló Hotel Group) is located in one of the best areas of the city, very close to Calle Recogidas, which connects the hotel with the center, and next to one of the stops of the new Granada metro. Both the Palace of Congresses and Exhibitions and the Science Park, one of Andalusia's cultural landmarks, are just a few steps away.

The Occidental Granada hotel is a place where you can feel the magic of Granada, enjoying both its privileged location and the services of a hotel that is a member of the Barceló Hotel Group.



AC Hotel by Marriott Valencia

Valencia

AC Hotel Valencia is in the northern part of the city near the Oceanogràfic, the Museum of Arts and Sciences. It is a magnificent location to get to know in Valencia. The hotel rooms are redesigned for you to have an excellent experience with all the offered amenities. You can choose from 6 types of rooms according to your needs and preferences. This hotel offers the AC Lounge space, a recently renovated place, where it is possible to enjoy private areas to read, work and/or taste all kinds of dishes and drinks typical in Valencia. Our hotel in Valencia offers access to the Fitness Room, available to all guests. It has high-quality equipment for the best training. In addition, the AC Hotel Valencia has several rooms to hold meetings and events of all kinds, where the staff will take care of its organization.



Hotel Catalonia Porto

Porto

Visit Portugal's most charming city from the Catalonia Porto, set in a series of buildings protected for their historical value. You will be staying in the centre of Porto, next to Praça da Batalha and the San Ildefonso church in one of the most important commercial areas in town. Choose from our light-filled rooms decorated in pure Porto style with bright colours and the typical coloured tiles.

The Catalonia Porto hotel is ideal both for tourists traveling as a couple or as a family to get to know the city and its wide cultural offer, as well as for business travelers looking to combine their work commitments with the chance to explore vibrant Porto. The hotel is in a key location to visit all that you cannot miss, next to Praça da Batalha, presided over by the imposing Church of San Ildefonso.



Hotel Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca

Salamanca

In the historic center of Salamanca, next to the Plaza Mayor, is the privileged Catalonia Plaza Mayor Salamanca hotel with a rationalist style . Its unbeatable location allows you to discover all aspects of the city of Salamanca. In the hotel pool you can take a bath while you have a drink and sunbathe. Or if you prefer, you can practice a little sport in the gym.

The Catalonia Plaza Mayor hotel is next to the Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and only an 8-minute walk from the University of Salamanca, the Cathedral and the Casa de las Conchas, whose ornamental motifs are symbols of the Order of Santiago.



Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

Seville

Formerly known as NH Central Convenciones, hotel has a privileged position in Seville's financial and business district. The historical area is a short walk away. And the public transport links are first-class so getting around the city couldn't be easier. Like the rest of the hotel, rooms are contemporary and comfortable, with deluxe touches including rain showers and pillow menus.



Hotel Meliá Aeminium

Coimbra

In a very quiet residential area near the university hospital and centre of Coimbra, the hotel has a perfect location for exploring this beautiful city and region. Relax in extremely comfortable rooms. Try the varied buffet breakfast before setting out to enjoy the atmosphere and everything there is to see in what is known as the Portuguese "city of students".



Sheraton Lisbon Hotel & Spa

Lisbon

Experience breathtaking views from the comfort of your room as you choose between our City and River view accommodations, immersing yourself in the stunning skylines that will leave you in awe.

Indulge in luxury and privacy with our suites featuring separate living rooms, providing the perfect space to unwind and entertain in style.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Portuguese	EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 8 or fewer passengers, the tour will not include a Tour Director, but a knowledgeable expert driver/guide. A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided in this case.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- For organisational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

IN PARTNERSHIP

