



SPAIN

SOUTHERN SPAIN & BARCELONA JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12931)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Barcelona

TRAVEL PERIODS

23 Mar 24 - 02 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Be enchanted by the splendid landscapes and the rich cultural tapestry of southern Spain & Barcelona. Let the journey and ignite your wanderlust!

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
- Marvel at the awe-inspiring city of **Barcelona**, home to world famous architect Gaudí and symbol of the Catalan modernism
- Discover the awe-inspiring architectural masterpiece known as the **Great Mosque of Cordoba!**
- Be enchanted by the epitome of Moorish architecture and unparalleled beauty of the **Alhambra Palace** in Granada
- Witness the timeless beauty and artistry of **Gipsy Flamenco in Granada**

Embark on an unforgettable 10-day journey through the captivating cities of Madrid, Seville, Cordoba, and Granada. In Madrid, explore the highlights of this vibrant city and indulge in a Welcome Tapas Dinner. Travel to Merida to discover its ancient Roman Theater before heading to Seville, where you can take an optional evening walk through the Setas de Sevilla and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Explore Seville's Jewish Quarter and immerse yourself in its rich history.

Journey to Cordoba to marvel at the majestic Mosque-Cathedral, a remarkable blend of Islamic and Christian architecture. Finally, in Granada, visit the iconic Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its exquisite Moorish design. Take in the breathtaking views as you travel to Ubeda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its historical charm and being a central hub for Spanish Olive Oil production.

Continue your adventure with a visit to the vibrant city of Valencia before heading to Barcelona for the last 2 days of your journey. With a wealth of cultural experiences, architectural wonders, and unforgettable moments, this journey through Spain will leave you with lasting memories.



**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

- 9-nights accommodation in 4-star & 5-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Specialty Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner and Flamenco experience with dinner
- Farewell dinner in Madrid
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included.
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Southern Spain & Barcelona 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 the **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 (*extra cost*).

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

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Merida Seville

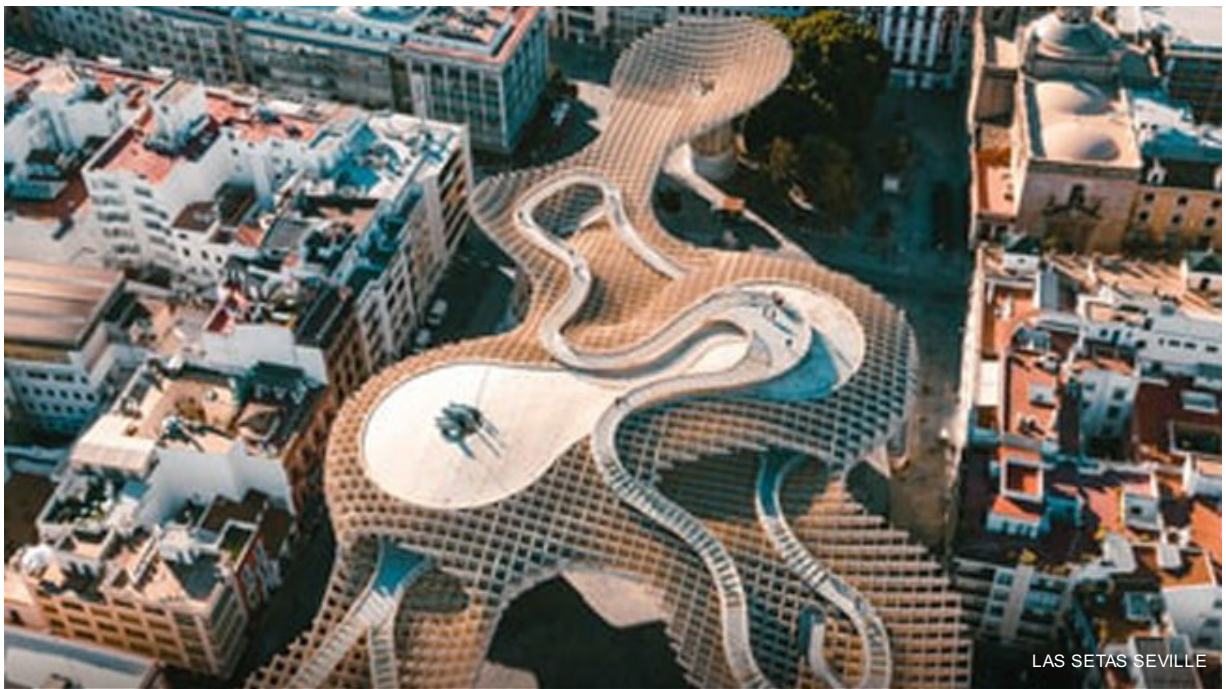
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to Merida, capital of the ancient Lusitania Roman Province. Visit the Roman Theater of Mérida, undeniably a remarkable sight to behold, offering a fascinating glimpse into the grandeur of the Roman Empire's architectural achievements. As you step into the theater, you'll be transported back in time, surrounded by the impressive semicircular seating, towering columns, and the stage that once hosted captivating performances. The architectural elegance and historical significance of the Roman Theater make it a must-visit attraction for history enthusiasts and anyone intrigued by the legacy of ancient civilizations.

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

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

Breakfast



Day **4**

Seville

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 Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*extra cost*).

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

Breakfast



Day **5**

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, most magic city in Spain, driving through endless olive 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, Dinner



Day **6**

Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's highlight will be the visit to **Alhambra Palace**, the 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.

The rest of the day at leisure or you can join the optional cruise on the Albaicin Moorish Experience.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Occidental Granada**

Breakfast



Day **7**

Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart today towards Ubeda, the centre of Spanish Olive Oil. Enjoy a nice walk of this historical beautiful gem and taste their unique golden Extra Virgin Olive oil, light lunch is included. Continue to Valencia, a vibrant city offering a blend of modern architecture, stunning beaches, and a rich cultural heritage.

Overnight stay in Valencia at **AC Valencia**

Breakfast



Day **8**

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. This ultra-modern scientific and cultural complex is the largest in Europe, and its striking buildings are fast becoming symbols of the city.

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

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

Breakfast



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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 Família (*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, Dinner



Day 10 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 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.



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 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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	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

