



SPAIN

BOUTIQUE HOTELS: MADRID, PORTUGAL, ANDALUSIA & MOROCCO

(TOUR CODE: 11946)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

03 Apr 2022 - 26 Mar 2023 -
Departure on Sundays

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

The ultimate itinerary, taking you through the must-see attractions of three stunning countries: Spain, Portugal & Morocco.

Highlights

- Travel in the comfort of a **Private Luxury Mini Van** equipped with air conditioning, panoramic windows and reclining seats. Guided throughout by an experienced driver-guide with safety and comfort in mind!
- Visit **Cordoba's Synagogue** located in the Jewish Quarter and one of the three best preserved Medieval synagogues in the whole of Spain.
- Stay in **handpicked boutique accommodation** throughout your itinerary
- Live the local life with a **Tapas Experience!**
- Admire **Toledo** and the famous "Damasquinado" factory
- Explore the romantic town of **Sintra** and its wonderful **Royal Palace** (outside only)
- Visit the **Alhambra complex** and its stunning gardens in Granada
- Exploring the colourful **Medina of Marrakech**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Porto, Batalha, Alcobaça!**

Colourful markets, stunning natural views, fascinating ancient history and rich culture... Spain, Portugal and Morocco are three incredible countries with contrasting architectures, artistic masterpieces and delicious cuisine. Much more awaits you in this wonderful 3-week itinerary!



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Madrid at Catalonia Gran Via- 4*
- 2 nights in Porto at NH Collection Porto Batalha - 4*
- 1 night in Fatima at Hotel Sainte-Marie - 4*
- 2 nights in Lisbon at Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade - 4* Hotel
- 1 night in Cordoba at H10 Palacio Colomera - 4*
- 2 nights in Seville at H10 Casa de la Plata - 4*
- 4 nights in Costa Del Sol at Hotel Molina Lario - 4*
- 1 night in Casablanca at Sofitel Casablanca - 5*
- 1 night in Marrakesh at Sofitel Marrakesh - 5*
- 2 nights in Fez at Marriott Jnan - 5*
- 1 night in Granada at NH Victoria - 4*
- Private transfers between the airport and your hotel as per itinerary
- Air-conditioned deluxe minivan/minibus
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners in Morocco included
- Guided visits as per itinerary
- Zambra Flamenco Show in Granada
- Driver-guide during the tour

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Madrid

Meet & greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Catalonia Gran Via**.



MADRID

Day **2**

Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **guided city tour of Madrid**: explore the medieval origins of the city, such as the Arabic fortress at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterised by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Admire the 19th century works, such as Prado Museum; the contemporary Madrid, with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Free afternoon to explore the other wonders that the city has to offer.

In the evening, take a **Tapas Tour**: a historical-gastronomic experience, strolling through the Madrid of the Austrians and discovering its most curious legends and stories. You will visit several typical Madrid establishments where you can taste the most classical tapas of the capital. In each tavern, you will try some of the most characteristic tapas, accompanied by local wines (our suggestion, however you can request any another type of drink).

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Catalonia Gran Via**.

Breakfast, Dinner



PARCO DEL RETIRO, MADRID

Madrid Salamanca Porto

After breakfast, check-out of the hotel for your departure to **Salamanca**. Free time in this **UNESCO World Heritage** university city of great architectural and artistic interest. Then depart towards the Portuguese border and arrive in **Porto**, where you will check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight stay in Porto at **NH Collection Porto Batalha**.

Breakfast



Porto

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your guided sightseeing tour of Porto, with its **UNESCO World Heritage historical centre**. In particular, you will admire the breath-taking Cathedral of Porto, the beautiful Palacio da Borsa (former Stock Exchange house of the city) and Santa Clara Church. Afterwards, enjoy a different perspective of the city along the river Douro aboard the BlueBoats Cruise. Continue your visit by stopping at a well-known **Port wine cellar**, with wine tasting included.

Overnight stay in Porto at **NH Collection Porto Batalha**.

Breakfast



PORTO, PORTUGAL

Day **5**

Porto Coimbra Fatima

After breakfast, travel to **Coimbra**, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and birthplace of *Fado*, the famous traditional music. Enjoy some free time and then continue onto **Fatima**, an important centre of the Christian faith with its wonderful Sanctuary and the impressive Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Cova da Iria, where the Virgin Mary appeared. Visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Overnight stay in Fatima at **Sainte-Marie Hotel**.

Breakfast



THE CROSS OF FATIMA

Day **6**

Fatima Batalha Nazare Alcobaca Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to the **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and Manueline style, declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of **Nazaré**, one of the most popular

seaside resorts along the Silver Coast, where you will have some free time. Then, continue to **Alcobaca**, another impressive **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, with its famous gothic Monastery. You will then proceed towards **Lisbon** and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Tivoli Avenida de la Liberdade**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Lisbon Sintra Cascais Estoril Lisbon

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning **sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo** (the name given to **Lisbon** when it was part of the Roman Empire), driving through its main squares and avenues. Witness the beauties of the city, such as The Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, the National Coach Museum, The Monument to the Discoveries, Marquis of Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to wander through the nostalgic corners of the Alfama Quarter, the oldest and most historical part of Lisbon.

You will then leave in the direction of the romantic town of **Sintra**, visiting the outside of its wonderful Royal Palace on a walking tour. Then continue to **Cabo de Roca**, the easternmost point of the European continent where you can enjoy wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean. You will eventually return to Lisbon through the coastal town of **Cascais** and the cosmopolitan city of **Estoril**, known for its famous Casino (the largest in Europe).

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Tivoli Avenida de la Liberdade**.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Lisbon Caceres Cordoba

After breakfast, an early departure to the **UNESCO World Heritage city of Caceres**, considered an important historical site thanks to its blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town, with the famous Medieval Quarter. Then, continue to Cordoba, former capital of the Caliphate and check-in at your accommodation.

Overnight stay in Cordoba at **H10 Palacio Colomera**.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Cordoba Seville

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy your tour of the majestic **Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba** and the other impressive sites, strolling through the narrow streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two-hour drive you will reach Seville. Check-in at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Seville at **H10 Casa de la Plata**.

Breakfast



Day 10 Seville

After breakfast, you will join a panoramic city tour of the stunning Seville, where you will visit the **Gothic Cathedral** with the largest area in the world; declared World Heritage by UNESCO in 1987. Its construction dates back to 1401 on the site where the old Aljama Mosque was located, of which the “La Giralda” Minaret symbol of Seville is still preserved. Climb its 104-metre bell tower with the best views of the city. You will also visit the Patio de los Naranjos and the Tomb on the pedestal of Christopher Columbus. Then, continue to Santa Cruz quarter, Maria Luisa Park and **Plaza de España**.

Then we will take a one-hour boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, the river of the great waters and main Port of Spain in the Indian Campaign, which will allow us to contemplate and admire the fine silhouette of this magical city.

Overnight stay in Seville at **H10 Casa de la Plata**.

Breakfast



Day 11 Seville Ronda Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, drive south passing by the local villages of the region and reach **Ronda**.

Free time to admire this town of Celtic origins and the marvellous view of the valley with its mountains. In the afternoon, continue onto the Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and important tourist areas.

Overnight stay in Costa del Sol at **Hotel Molina Lario**.

Breakfast



Day 12 Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the **wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol** and surrounding areas.

Overnight stay in Costa del Sol at **Hotel Molina Lario**.

Breakfast



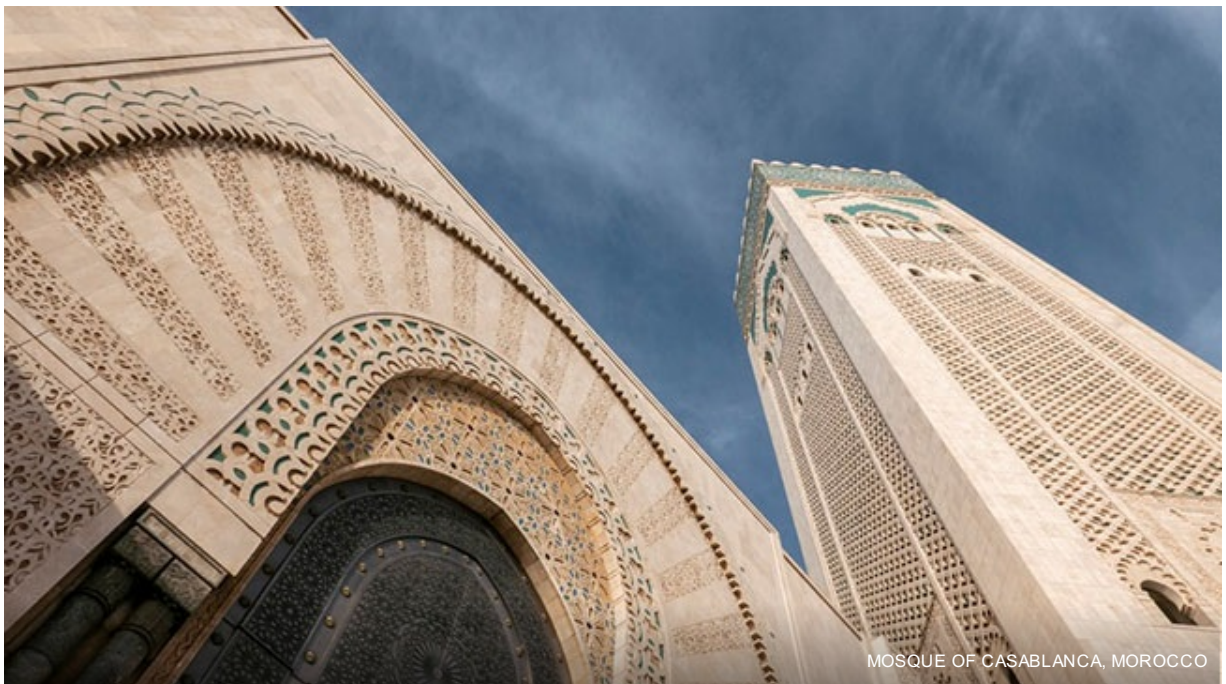
Day **13** Costa del Sol Tarifa Tangier Casablanca

After breakfast at the hotel, drive along the picturesque tourist route of Costa del Sol and arrive at **Tarifa**, where a ferry will be used for the short **crossing of the Strait of Gibraltar**, towards Africa. Arrive in **Tangier**: disembark, clear customs and drive southwards to Casablanca, current industrial and economic capital and most populated city, housing 10% of the country's population.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, then enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Casablanca at **Sofitel Casablanca**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **14** Casablanca Marrakesh

After breakfast at the hotel, start your panoramic **city tour of Casablanca** through the most interesting sections of the city, such as Anfa Boulevard, Nations Square, the residential areas and visit from the outside the Hassan II Mosque.

Travel to **Marrakesh**, capital of the South, located within an extensive oasis between the Atlas Mountains and the pre-desert area. City sightseeing, including the Koutoubia Tower, twin tower of the Giralda in Seville, Saadines Tombs and Bahia Palace; walk around the *medina*, *souks* and the magic Jma El Fna Square, which is packed with fortune tellers, snake tamers, acrobats and dancers, all making the centre of the city an open-air theatre. Don't forget your camera!

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Marrakesh at **Sofitel Marrakesh**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 15 Marrakesh Rabat Meknes Fez

After breakfast, travel to **Rabat**, a diplomatic and administrative capital as well as official residence of King Mohammed VI. Enjoy a **city tour** visiting the most important sights, such as the outside of the Royal Palace, the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the unfinished Hassan Tower, which are important examples of the Almohade architecture. Afterwards, continue to **Meknes**, an imperial city located in the heart of the Mid Atlas. Begin a guided tour of the city, admiring the great Gate of Bab Mansour, Morocco's most beautiful gate and the most well-known monument in town. Departure to Fez, the most monumental of all the Imperial Cities.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Fez at **Marriott Jnan**.

Breakfast

Day 16 Fez

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a **morning city tour** of the stunning **Fez**, visiting the most interesting points: the famous seven golden gates of the Royal Palace, the Jewish Quarters or Mellah, the gate of Bab Bou Jeloud and a walking tour of the *Medina*, declared UNESCO World Heritage Site. The afternoon is at leisure.

Dinner at the hotel included.

Overnight stay in Fez at **Marriott Jnan**.

Breakfast, Dinner



MEDINA OF FEZ, MOROCCO

Day **17** Fez Tangier Tarifa Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to **Tangier**. Transfer to the pier to board the ferry to return across the Strait of Gibraltar back to Spain. Drive towards **Costa del Sol** and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Costa del Sol at **Hotel Molina Lario**.

Breakfast

Day **18** Costa del Sol

After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the **wonderful beaches of Costa del Sol** and surrounding areas.

Overnight stay in Costa del Sol at **Hotel Molina Lario**.

Breakfast

Day **19** Costa del Sol Granada

After breakfast at the hotel, travel towards the city of **Granada**, the last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world-famous **Alhambra complex** and Generalife Gardens, which inspired several authors, such as W. Irving with his "Tales of the Alhambra".

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a **Flamenco Zambra show**. The Flamenco Temple is an imposing cave divided into three sheds, creating a cruising shape, leading to a large central area where the stage is located, elevated one meter above the ground, to promote visibility from any point of the cave. The flamenco show that can be enjoyed in this cave of Albaicín is full of strength and beauty, directed by the charismatic Granada artist Antonio Vallejo. Take a tour of the most rhythmic sticks of this art, such as: flamenco tangos, bulerías, alegrías, guajira, soleá por bulerías or segurilla, alternating these dance numbers with others of the most current flamenco singing or guitar playing solos.

Overnight stay in Granada at **NH Collection Victoria**.

Breakfast



THE ALHAMBRA, GRANADA

Day 20 Granada Toledo Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, drive north towards **Toledo**, the impressive Imperial city – a UNESCO World Heritage Site - where Christians, Moorish and Jewish people have lived together. The whole town is a National Monument, testifying to the different cultures that coexisted in this place. Take a short guided tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets.

Then proceed with a visit to a famous “Damasquinado” (gold and silver inlaying in iron) factory. Continue to Madrid and check-in at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Catalonia Gran Via**.

Breakfast



TOLEDO, SPAIN

Day 21 Madrid

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Catalonia Gran Vía

Madrid

The Catalonia Gran Vía hotel is located in the heart of Madrid , a few meters from Plaza Cibeles and Puerta del Sol. Located in an early 20th century building very close to the Prado Museum and the Thyssen Gallery , this hotel with charm allows you to fully enjoy the cultural offer of Madrid. The hotel offers all its visitors, a terrace with a swimming pool, Bloved and Veggie Corner restaurant , free WiFi connection throughout the hotel , a terrace with views of Gran Vía, 4 rooms to celebrate all kinds of events and a fitness area. The Catalonia Gran Vía hotel is located in a building dating from the early 20th century. Its eclectic style is visible on the façade and the main marble staircase, which have been preserved in their original version. To accommodate the facilities of a hotel, expansion works were carried out linking the adjoining building, achieving a warm and comfortable hotel.



NH Collection Porto Batalha

Porto

Located in a newly renovated 18th-century palace, the NH Collection Porto Batalha hotel is in the heart of Porto. Once the home of a prominent wine-producing family, and most recently city's main Post office, the hotel has the feel of old Porto, from its historic façade to the elegant décor. It is also within easy reach of everything that makes this city a UNESCO World Heritage site. Great location in the heart of UNESCO's city centre, overlooking the famous Batalha Square. Short walk to Ribeira district and Torre dos Clérigos bell tower. Near Ponte do Infante, the city's main access point, and Alfândega do Porto Congress Center. Choose from a wide variety of brand-new rooms spread across hotel's 5 floors. Each room takes inspiration from the history of the building. Sophisticated décor and pictures of historic postage stamps allude to the building's past heritage. Cozy elegant décor, family rooms available, working desk and free Wi-Fi in each room.



Hotel Sainte-Marie

Fatima

With a prime location, just 2 minutes walk from the Sanctuary of Fatima, Hotel Santa Maria follows the most modern concepts of architecture and contemporary design, providing the guests peace and tranquility. The Hotel Santa Maria has 173 rooms spread over 120 Santa Maria Jardim rooms, of which 91 have twin beds, 12 double rooms - double bed, 9 single rooms and 8 suites; 53 Santa Maria Plus rooms, of which 49 are twin rooms - two beds, 3 double rooms - double bed and 1 Suite Plus. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free wifi, safe box, TV,

minibar, telephone, electronic door locks, full bathroom, hairdryer and amenities. Surrounded by a garden, the restaurant of Hotel Santa Maria offers a modern and cosy atmosphere where you will be able to taste delicious Portuguese and International cuisine prepared by chef Cristina Figueira, who will invite you to enjoy the wonderful regional cooking. Come and discover good wines or just have a light snack. The bar offers a pleasant atmosphere where you can enjoy a drink or a light meal.



Hotel Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa

Lisbon

Welcome to Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa, the Grande Dame of hotels in central Lisbon, Portugal. A true landmark, delivering exceptional hospitality since 1933. Today, as ever, the place to see and be seen, a natural meeting point for celebrities, heads of state and royalty alike. Discover Lisbon's best kept secrets with our Experience Teams, shop till you drop in Avenida da Liberdade and Chiado's luxury stores, or simply unwind by the oasis of the hotel's unique swimming pool amidst the fronds of its semi-tropical garden. Discover the wealth and variety of rooms and views at our luxury hotel in Lisbon - from Deluxe Rooms to the stunning Presidential Suite, which make each stay an unforgettable experience.



H10 Palacio Colomera

Cordoba

The H10 Palacio Colomera is housed in the old Casa Colomera, built in 1928 to serve as a palace for the counts of Colomera. Located in the central Plaza de las Tendillas, the hotel plan aimed to recreate the palatial atmosphere of the old building. It has cosy rooms, a landscaped patio with plunge pool, the El Patio Restaurant serving breakfast in the elegant atrium of the hotel and the El Balcón de Córdoba Rooftop with panoramic views of the city.



H10 Casa de la Plata

Seville

The H10 Casa de la Plata is a newly built four-star hotel located on a charming pedestrian street in the historic centre of Seville. The interior design, inspired by a typical Sevillian house, fuses traditional elements, such as ceramics and tiles typical of Seville with other more contemporary ones. The establishment has elegant rooms, a restaurant for breakfast with access to an exclusive typical Andalusian courtyard, a lobby bar and different areas for meetings and events. The H10 Casa de la Plata has elegant rooms designed for rest and relaxation. Their interior design is Andalusian-inspired and features traditional Seville tiles, original hand-painted pieces created exclusively for the hotel, as well as lattices on the walls and ceilings. The rooms are equipped with all the amenities.



Hotel Molina Lario

Costa del Sol

Hotel Molina Lario is a 4 star hotel exceptionally positioned in the centre of Malaga right opposite the Cathedral and just a short distance from the port, the Picasso Museum and the city's pedestrian district. The recently built hotel is formed by two refurbished 19th century buildings retaining their original facade and a third completely new building, combining to create a unique hotel in the hub of the city. Its 103 rooms exude comfort and tranquillity, and every last detail is taken care. The hotel also has 6 function meeting-rooms, holding up to 220 people, which are ideal for meetings and private receptions. All are fully equipped and can be organized as desired. At the Restaurant & Bar you will find top quality cooking along with a long list of wines you can enjoy either in the calm of our outdoor terrace *El Patio* or at your leisure inside the restaurant.



Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche

Casablanca

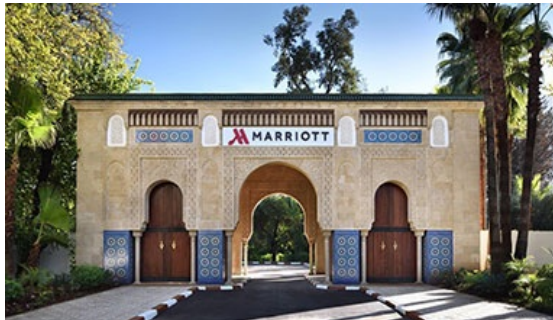
Experience art, music, and fashion in the economic capital, near to the Medina and overlooking the White City. Sofitel Casablanca has 141 rooms and 30 panoramic suites with a contemporary, spacious interior and oriental touches. The elegant bar focuses on mixology, while the brasserie, exclusive Moroccan-Lebanese restaurant, and spa with indoor pool will provide a one-of-a-kind indulgence.



Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace

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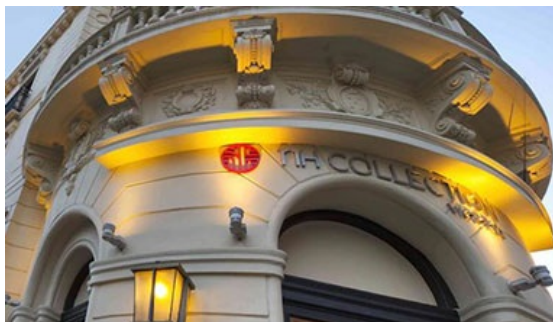
Fes Marriott Hotel Jnan Palace is a welcoming respite for discerning travelers, immersing you in trendy luxury. Unpack your belongings in luxurious accommodations with refined design features and plenty of natural light. Upgrade to a spacious suite with separate living, dining, and sleeping areas for a more luxurious stay. The hotel's restaurants and bar will tantalize your taste buds with a wide range of international cuisine and inventive cocktails.



Hotel NH Collection Granada Victoria

Granada

The NH Collection Granada Victoria hotel is located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains. It has one of the best locations in Granada, a city influenced by two important religions. We're a 3-minute walk from the cathedral and Royal Chapel, while the Alhambra is a 20-minute walk away. Spectacular early 20th-century building, near Granada's best shops and restaurants, close to the Congress center, the famous Alcaicería market, and the Bib-Rambla square. The hotel has 70 modern guestrooms, which are decorated in warm, earthy colors highlighted with neutral linens. Nearly all the rooms have private terraces, some with views of Sierra Nevada and Sacromonte. Offers the best views of the city's Easter parades. Accessible rooms available. We have a modern, child-friendly restaurant serving a menu of international and local dishes. There's also a bar where you can grab a drink and a sandwich. And if you're here on business we have a large meeting space, perfect for all types of events. Modern restaurant and bar, parking is available (additional costs apply), laundry and dry-cleaning service and meeting facilities.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	Euro

- 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.
- This tour might be a combination of different programs. Change in the tour escort and passengers may occur in-between the programs.

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