



SPAIN

PORTUGAL & SPAIN IN STYLE JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12540)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

17 Mar 24 - 27 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Experience UNESCO World Heritage cities, centuries-old cathedrals, mouthwatering cuisine and a vibrant landscape during this 14-day journey. Learn about Portugal's culture and enjoy the wonderful scenery of Andalusia.

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
- Discover **Aveiro**, known as "The Portuguese Venice" and enjoy a cruise on its beautiful canals aboard a traditional **Moliceiro boat!**
- Visit **Coimbra**, well-known to be the birthplace of Fado
- Be captivated by the UNESCO Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece **Tomar's Monastery**
- Admire the **Monastery of the Hieronymites & Belém Tower**, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Experience an **Olive Oil tasting** in an organic farm in Southern Spain
- Entrance to **Cordoba Mosque, Seville Cathedral & Granada Alhambra**

Embark on a rejuvenating 14-day cultural adventure through Portugal and Spain, where you'll be captivated by enthralling Moorish locations, UNESCO World Heritage sites, Gothic discoveries, and delectable cuisines. Begin with a delightful walking tour of Madrid before exploring Pinhao's centenary cellars and immersing yourself in the charms of Porto.

Experience the architectural wonders of Tomar and the medieval allure of Obidos. In Seville, Cordoba, and Granada, uncover unique Gipsy traditions and marvel at Moorish gems like the magnificent Alhambra. Conclude your journey with a visit to the Imperial city of Toledo before returning to Madrid.



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

- 13-nights accommodation in 4-star & 5-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach bus
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Specialty Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner and Flamenco experience with dinner
- Enjoy a typical Portuguese dinner at one of the oldest Fado venues
- Wine tasting at Pinhao's centenary cellars with lunch
- Cruise Aveiro's canals with Moliceiro Boat
- Guided visits in Madrid, Salamanca, Porto (including Douro River Cruise), Lisbon, Merida, Seville, Cordoba, Granada
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Portugal & Spain in Style Journeys



Day **1**

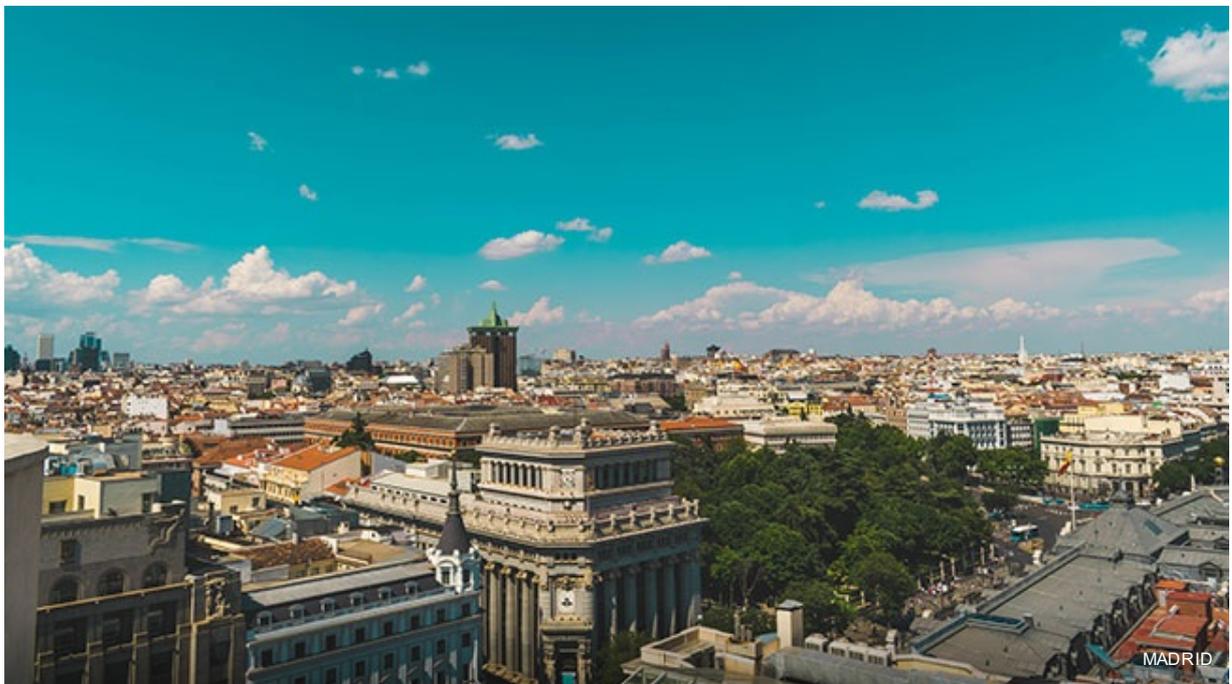
Madrid

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.

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 Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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

Overnight stay in Salamanca at **Catalonia Salamanca**

Breakfast



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



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.

The rest of day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**

Breakfast



Day **6** Porto Aveiro Coimbra

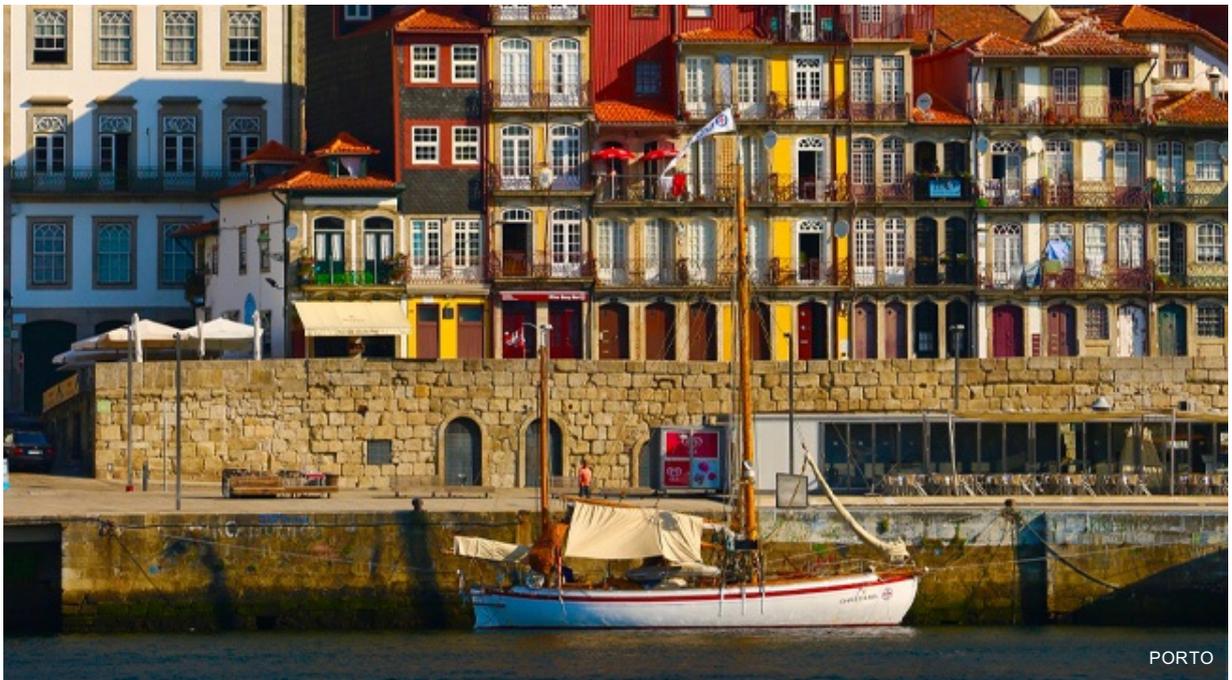
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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 neighborhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Continue to Coimbra, one of the oldest cities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. 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, Dinner



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



Day **9**

Lisbon Merida Seville

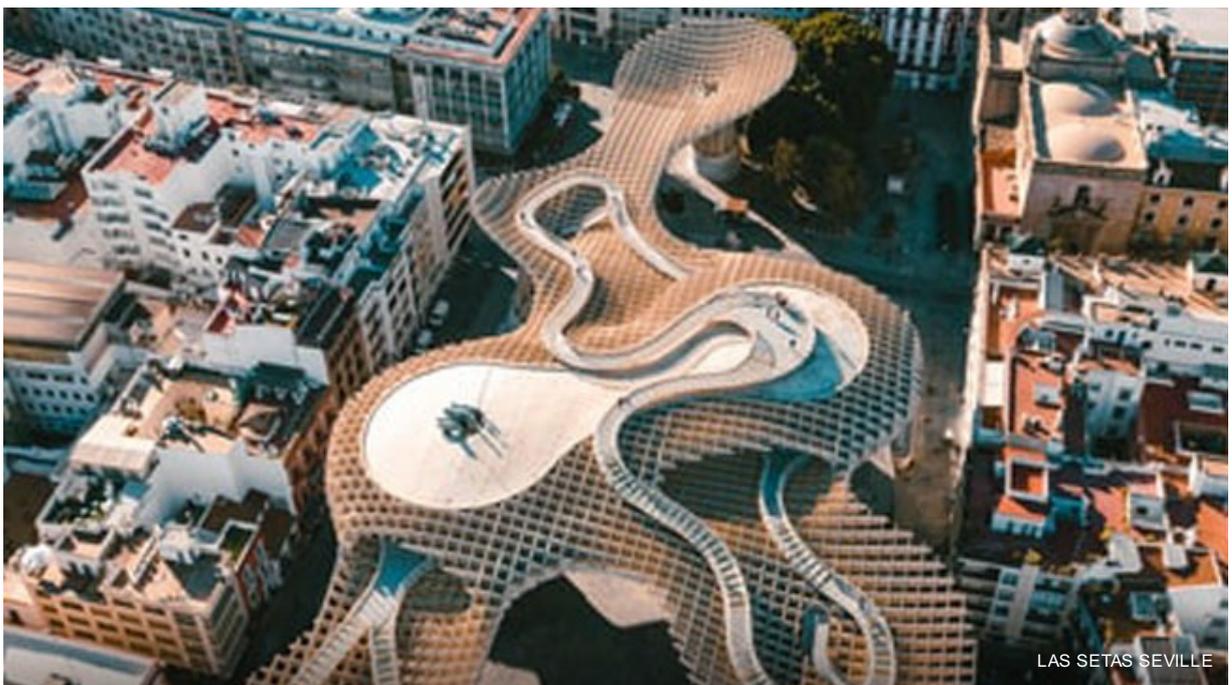
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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



Day **10**

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 **11** Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to Cordoba, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendid past. Visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, 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 **11** Seville Ronda Costa del Sol

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will drive south passing through stunning Andalusian villages to reach Ronda. Enjoy some free time to admire this white-washed town of Celtic origin and perched on the mountaintop with a marvelous view of the valley and mountain range surrounding it.

We continue our journey with an excursion to an authentic Olive Oil grove at a local Almazara, LA Organic. Walk through their stunning olive tree fields and taste their organic olive oil production.

This afternoon we will be bound for the beautiful Spanish Mediterranean coast, where you'll stay in the glamorous Costa del Sol.

Overnight stay in **Costa del Sol** – 4 star hotel - Sol Don Pablo / Don Marco / Sol Principe or similar

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 Toledo Madrid

Enjoy your daily breakfast at the hotel.

Farewell Granada as you travel to the impressive Imperial city of Toledo, World Heritage City, where the three cultures Christian, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together for centuries. Enjoy a guided city tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets.

You will end the day back in Madrid. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a final farewell dinner.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **14** Madrid

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 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 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 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.

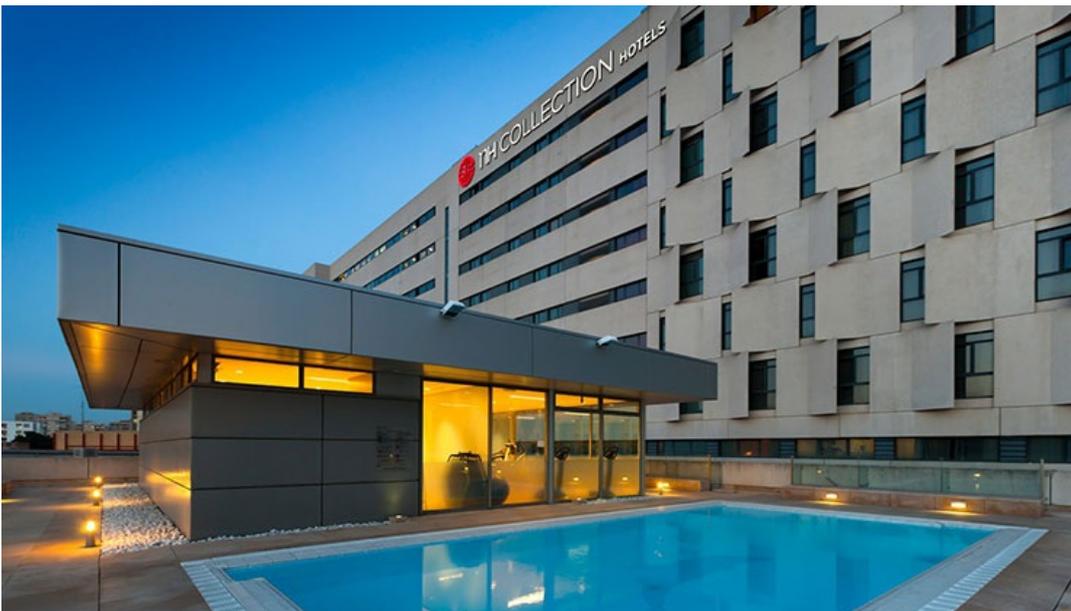


Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

LOCAL CURRENCY

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

