

SPAIN

LANDSCAPES OF SPAIN, SOUTHERN FRANCE & ITALY JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12911)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

23 Mar 24 - 02 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Discover architectural wonders, savor culinary delights and soak in the Mediterranean ambiance as you journey from Madrid to Rome.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Experience the glamour and beauty of the **Cannes and Nice**
- Explore the medieval fortress of **Cité de Carcassonne**, a UNESCO Site
- Visit to **Alhambra Palace**, one of the most special Spanish World Heritage Sites!

Landscapes of Spain, Southern France & Italy



**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

- 25-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Wine tasting in the Provence, School of perfume, Chianti wine testing, Typical “Aperitivo” in Siena
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada
- Guided visits Ubeda with Olive oil tasting & light lunch, Valencia, Barcelona, Carcassonne, Avignon, Nice, Milan, Rome (Sistine Chapel entrance included), Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia & Siena
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included.
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Landscapes of Spain, Southern France & Italy Journeys



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 Hotel**.



Day **2**

Madrid

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

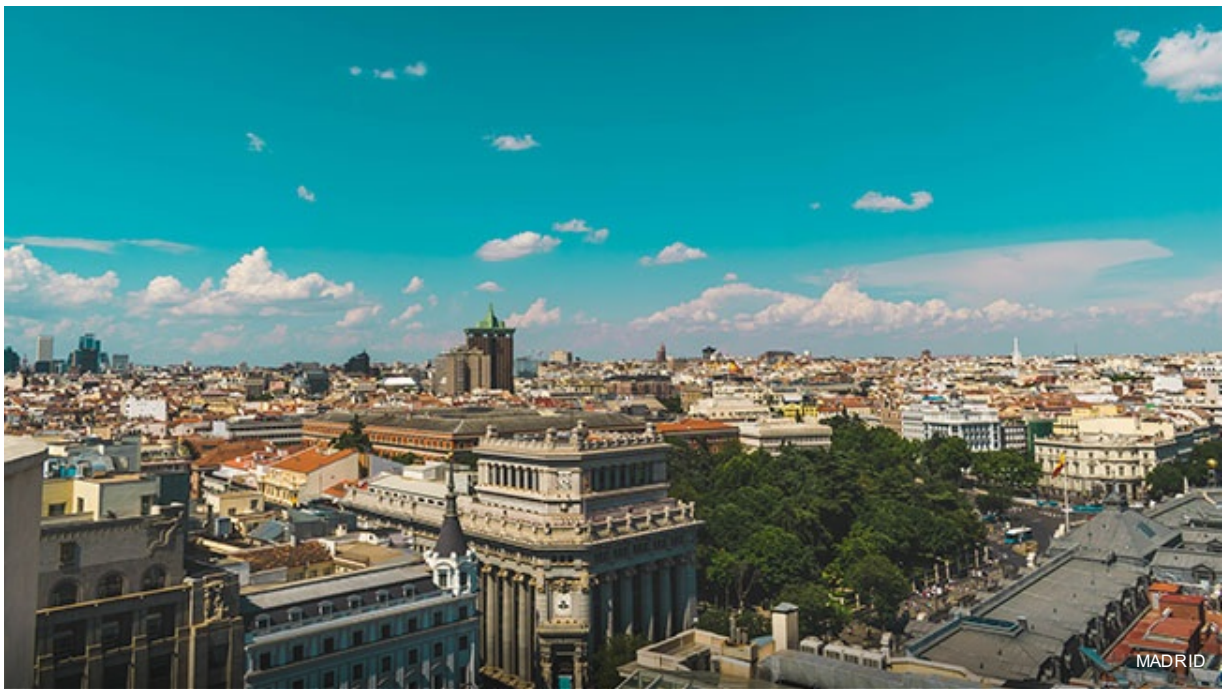
Set out for a morning city discovery tour, and enjoy one of the most exciting cities in the world, Madrid. See the highlights and live the passion this city has on its DNA.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Optionally, take an 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 Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid Merida Seville

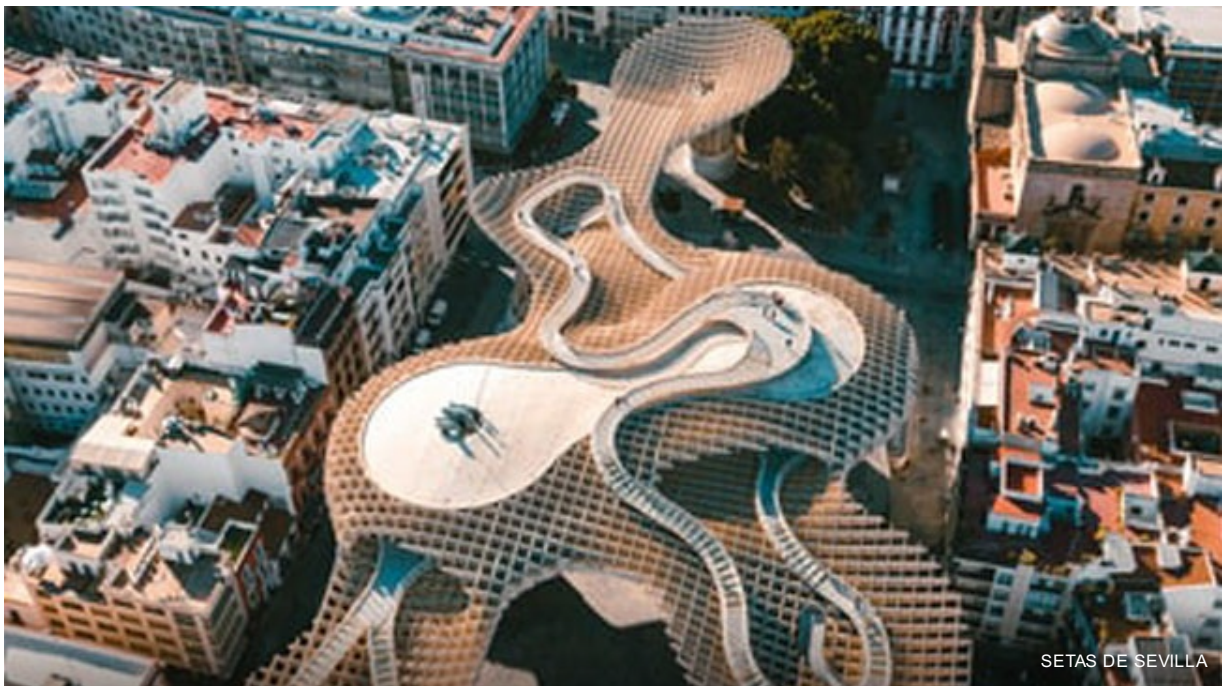
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Merida**, our first destination of the day. Mérida, the capital of Extremadura, in western Spain, was founded by the Romans in the 1st century BC. There are 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. Optional evening experience at Setas de Sevilla (*extra cost*).

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

Breakfast



Day **4**

Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore romantic Seville on a city tour. Visit the city's Jewish Quarter, with its labyrinth of narrow streets dating to the time of Moorish rule.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of light. Optional tour to **Jerez de la Frontera**.

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

Breakfast



CATHEDRAL DE SEVILLA

Day **5**

Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Cordoba**, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendorous past. You'll 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 the **Occidental Granada Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

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.

Enjoy rest of the day at leisure or optional tour for **Albaicin Moorish experience** (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Granada at the **Occidental Granada Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart today towards **Ubeda**, UNESCO site and most likely, Spanish Olive Oil central. 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.

Overnight stay in Valencia at the **AC Valencia Hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch

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. Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Catalunya. Reach Barcelona, main Mediterranean Spanish city and home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

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

Breakfast



Day **9**

Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Begin your day in **Barcelona** with a city discovery. 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 the **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10 Barcelona Girona Carcassonne

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart towards **Girona**. Since much of the old quarter of this ancient city has been preserved and is a popular destination for tourists, and film productions have used it as a filming location (e.g., Game of Thrones). Enjoy time at leisure.

Continue crossing the border of France to Carcassonne and continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Canal Du Midi.

Overnight stay in Carcassonne at the **Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 Carcassonne

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We start our day with a walking City tour of the **Citadel**, known as the Cité de Carcassonne, is a medieval fortress dating back to the Gallo-Roman period and restored in 1853. It was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1997 because of the exceptional preservation and restoration of the medieval citadel.

Rest of the afternoon is at leisure for you enjoy this stunning medieval Southern France town.

Overnight stay in Carcassonne at the **Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel**.

Breakfast

Day 12 Carcassonne Nimes Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Nimes**, the most Roman city outside Italy. Several famous monuments are in Nimes, such as the Arena of Nimes and the Maison Carrée. Because of this, Nimes is often referred to as the "French Rome".

We continue our roman day visiting the **Pont du Gard**, an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge built in the first century AD to carry water over 50 km. It was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites in 1985 because of its exceptional

preservation, historical importance, and architectural ingenuity.

Overnight stay in Avignon at the **Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel**.

Breakfast

Day 13 Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today we discover the famous Provence capital, **Avignon**. Visit The Palais des Papes. It is one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. Once a fortress and palace, the papal residence was a seat of Western Christianity during the 14th century. UNESCO World Heritage Site, for its outstanding architecture and historical importance for the Papacy. We will admire the Pont d'Avignon.

Optional tour for a Rhone River cruise with lunch to Villeneuve les Avignon.

Overnight stay in Avignon at the **Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel**.

Breakfast

Day 14 Avignon Cote D'Azur

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Our first activity will bring you to the charming town of **Chateauneuf du Pape**, well known for its wine. The total annual production is around 100,000 hectolitres (equivalent to 13 million bottles of wine).

Continue with a unique visit and wine tasting with light lunch at one of the most beautiful cellars of Provence.

Overnight stay in Cannes at the **Juliana Hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 15 Cote D'Azur

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Full day excursion to enjoy the glamorous **Cote d'Azur**. This region is the centre of the French perfume industry. This region produces over two-thirds of France's natural aromas (for perfume and for food flavorings).

Try to create your own fragrance in an amazing Perfume school. (You'll keep your personal creation!)

We continue our trip to Nice.

Overnight stay in Cannes at the **Juliana Hotel**.

Breakfast

Day 16 Cote D'Azur Milan

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We will cross another European border, venture for Milan, Italian Northern capital. Milan has been recognized as one of the world's four fashion capitals. City tour. Milan's Cathedral is the fifth-largest cathedral in the world and the most important example of Gothic architecture in Italy. The city hosts La Scala opera house, considered one of the world's most prestigious.

Overnight stay in Milan at the **Starhotels Ritz**.

Breakfast



Day 17 Milan Garda Lake Verona Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Early departure to the beautiful lake of Garda. Take a stunning boat trip & light lunch at one of the most beautiful European corners. Continue to Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet. Time at leisure to visit the town.

Finally, we will arrive in Venice, the city of channels.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Cassanova Hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 18 Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Walking city tour. Piazza San Marco, often known in English as St Mark's Square, is the principal public square of Venice, A remark usually attributed (though without proof) to Napoleon calls the Piazza San Marco "the drawing room of Europe".

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Murano & Burano islands (*extra cost*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an amazing **Gondola ride** to your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Casanova Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 19 Venice Bologna Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Bologna**, famous for its towers, churches and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical center City tour & Archiginnasio. The Archiginnasio of Bologna is one of the most important buildings in the city of Bologna; once the main building of the University of Bologna, it currently houses the Archiginnasio Municipal Library and the Anatomical Theatre.

Continue towards **Florence**, famous Tuscany capital, and the Italian city of Renaissance.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day 20 Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Florence on a walking city tour. Piazza Signoria, Duomo, Battistero, Campanile Giotto, Ponte Vecchio, old markets...Florence was a center of medieval European trade and finance, and UNESCO declared the Historic Centre of Florence a World Heritage Site in 1982.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy your own time in this stunning city of arts.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day 21 Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Enjoy rest of the day at leisure. Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to Pisa and Lucca (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day 22 Florence Siena Perugia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to "The Road of Chianti". A Chianti wine is any wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany. Sangiovese is the blend's dominant grape variety. Wine tasting in one of the classic vineyard and cellar.

Continue to **Siena**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is famous for "The Palio", a horse race held twice a year in Piazza del Campo. "Aperitivo" (light lunch) in Piazza del Campo with local products and wines.

After lunch, depart towards Perugia.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Perugia Plaza**.

Breakfast, Lunch



SIENACATHEDRAL

Day 23 Perugia Assisi Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Discover today the historical city of Perugia. Going back to the Etruscan times, Perugia was one of the main cities. The city is also known as the universities town.

Depart to Assisi. The city of St Francis. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare, who with St. Francis founded the Poor. UNESCO collectively designated the Franciscan structures of Assisi as a World Heritage Site in 2000.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Rome, The Head of the World.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast



ASSISI

Day 24 Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for morning city discovery and enjoy one the most historical cities in the world, Rome City tour. Finish the tour at Saint Peter's Square, located directly in front of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City.

Afterwards, Visit the famous Sistine Chapel (*entrance included*). Its importance lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The last Judgment both by Michelangelo.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **25**

Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to discover the art of Rome visiting Major Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (The cathedral of Rome), & Michelangelo's Moses in San Pietro in Vincoli (extra cost).

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

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 26 Rome Airport Rome

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 Casanova

Venice

Hotel Casanova is a four-star hotel located in the heart of Venice, Italy. It offers its guests a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic Venetian style. Thanks to its central location, guests have easy access to various iconic landmarks, including St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. The hotel features elegantly designed rooms. For guests seeking relaxation, the hotel offers a panoramic terrace that provides stunning views of the city. The hotel provides a wide range of services, including concierge, luggage storage, and ticket assistance. The on-site restaurant serves a range of delicious Italian cuisine, while the bar offers a variety of beverages. Hotel Casanova is the perfect destination for travelers seeking a comfortable and memorable stay in Venice, Italy.



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 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.



Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel

Carcassonne

Due to its perfect location, the establishment offers rooms equipped with great comfort and most of them offering an unobstructed view of the ramparts. Families wishing to stay at the hotel will have the option of opting for connecting rooms. You will be seduced by the medieval decoration of our establishment, which will surely offer you an extraordinary journey through time!



Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel

Avignon

On the banks of the Rhône, at the gates of the famous city of the Popes, the Hotel La Magnaneraie offers 32 rooms and suites. Located on the heights of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, our hotel invites you to take a quiet break while enjoying the tranquility.

A former country house, a place of feasts in the 16th century that became a magnanerie – breeding silkworms – then a wine estate in the 20th century before finding its vocation as a hotel in the 1970s, La Magnaneraie joined Najeti Hotels & Golfs Collection in 2000. Since then, the residence has been reborn to offer its guests an intimate, warm and refined setting, making the Provençal dolce vita a true art of living.



Starhotels Ritz

Milan

Its chic, contemporary atmosphere and strategic position near the shopping district of Corso Buenos Aires and Porta Venezia make the Starhotels Ritz the ideal starting point to experience Milan's fascinating charm.

Each one of Starhotels Ritz's 197 rooms and suites has been refurbished, blending contemporary furnishings with quality fabrics.



Juliana Hotel

Cannes

Space and Design are key words for the Juliana. You will appreciate the warm and airy entrance in the lines of Pierre Cardin, leading to the reception and lobby.

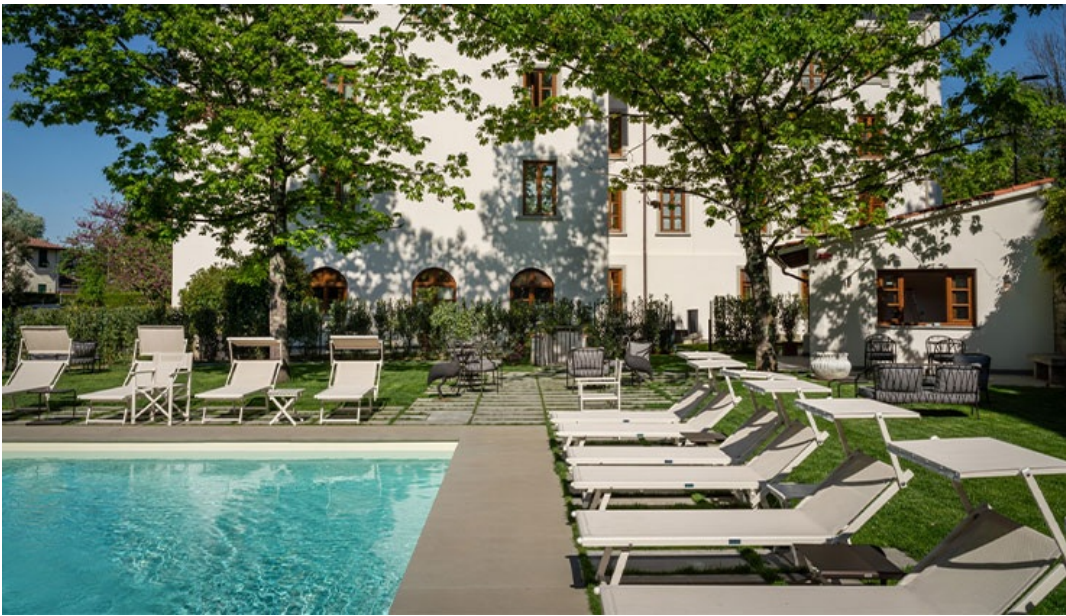
The glamorous hall provides a dedicated access to the differently abled, to ensure comfort and attention to every guest. The bar will serve until late, and our relaxing lounges will welcome you with the finest custom-made furniture and attentive service. The hotel is equipped with a large car park available to all residents and visitors. The rejuvenated Juliana Hotel Cannes' unique design will attract you with its iconic designs and art like David Bailey's Original photographic artwork, with portraits of the most famous stars and celebrities of the 1960s and 70s including Brigitte Bardot,



Villa Neroli

Florence

Each room of the Hotel Villa Neroli is treated in detail, from the pastel tones of the walls to the style of the furnishings. The rooms have recently been renovated to ensure the guests a pleasant and relaxing stay, in an environment with a contemporary design and impeccable comfort to make every moment of the holiday even more precious. The hotel reserves a range of special services for all its guests, which will make your stay in Florence even more unforgettable. All services are designed to best satisfy every single need.



Perugia Plaza Hotel

Perugia

The Perugia Plaza Hotel offers its customers all the services to make their stay in Perugia comfortable and unique. ideal for for weekends, business trips or meetings and conferences in Perugia. Rooms equipped with all comforts.The rooms welcome the customer by responding to your different needs.



The Hoxton Hotel Rome

Rome

The Hoxton is a series of open-house hotels inspired by the diversity and originality of the streets and scenes that surround the establishment. The lobbies are the beating heart of the hotel. Open round the clock, with comfy seats, cosy corners, and food and drink on tap, they're spaces where guests can hang out alongside the locals, and immerse themselves in the neighbourhood.

All the bedrooms, public spaces and restaurants are designed to feel vibrant, cosy and welcoming – like a home away from home. The in-house design team takes inspiration from the neighbourhoods right the way through the design process, and work closely with local artists and makers to add flair to each property.



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 fee
- 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)

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