



SPAIN

IBERIA IN STYLE JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12926)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Barcelona

TRAVEL PERIODS

26 Mar 24 - 05 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Unleash your wanderlust on a 21-days inspiring journey through Spain and Portugal, where captivating cities, rich heritage, and mouthwatering cuisine await.

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
- Stop for a sightseeing in **San Sebastian** and admire its beautiful "**Concha Bay**"
- Journey through the **Galician landscapes** and try the delicious "Mondonedo cake"!
- Visit **Coimbra**, well-known to be the birthplace of Fado
- Be captivated by the UNESCO Gothic and Manueline style masterpiece **Tomar's Monastery**
- Discover the vibrant streets of **Barcelona** and its unique architecture

Embark on an extraordinary guided city tour through Spain and Portugal, immersing yourself in the rich history, vibrant culture, and delectable flavors of these captivating destinations. From the majestic Alhambra Palace in Granada to the charming streets of Ubeda, where you'll indulge in unique Extra Virgin Olive Oil. From the breathtaking Douro River in Porto to the lively streets of Barcelona, this carefully crafted journey promises unforgettable experiences at every turn. With knowledgeable local guides, an English-speaking Tour Director, and luxurious transportation, prepare to be enchanted by the beauty and diversity of the Iberian Peninsula.



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

- 20-nights accommodation in 4-star & 5-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Pintxos lunch in San Sebastian
- 4 dinners: Welcome Tapas dinner, Fado show-dinner in Lisbon, Gypsy Flamenco show-dinner & Farewell dinner
- Olive oil tasting and light lunch in Ubeda
- Wine tasting at Pinhao's centenary cellars with lunch and Rioja wine tasting with light lunch
- Guided city tours with local guides in Madrid, Bilbao, Santiago, Porto (including Douro River Cruise) & Lisbon
- Cruise Aveiro's canals with Moliceiro Boat
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, and Merida's Roman Theatre included.
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Iberia 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 **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 **Barcelo Torre Madrid**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Madrid La Rioja Bilbao

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you will travel north to the Northern Spanish territories. Your first destination is **Laguardia**, in the heart of La Rioja, one of the most famous Spanish wine regions.

Internationally acclaimed, and among its vineyards, you will visit a traditional and family run wine cellar. Take a taste of the world-famous Rioja Reds and enjoy a **local produce-based light lunch**.

Overnight stay in Bilbao at **Barcelo Nervion**.

Breakfast, Lunch



LA RIOJA. VINEYARDS

Day **4**

Bilbao San Sebastian Bilbao

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will explore Bilbao with your local guide. The best-known landmark is the titanium-clad **Guggenheim Museum**, a Frank Gehry masterpiece. You will also have time to wander through the historic Siete Calles district. Many of the historic buildings were damaged after floods in the 1980s but have now been beautifully restored. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore the esplanade surrounding The Guggenheim Museum and admire this modern architectural building.

Continue to San Sebastian, one of the most famous and elegant destinations in Europe. Enjoy a **traditional Pintxos lunch at San Sebastian old town's Taverns**.

Time at leisure for you to marvel this gorgeous town. Discover the extraordinary landscape dominated by the bay and the magnificent La Concha beach. Take some free time to stroll through this elegant city before returning to Bilbao.

Overnight stay in Bilbao at **Barcelo Nervion**.

Breakfast, Lunch



BILBAO. THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Ready for Northern Mountains and Atlantic sandy beaches? Depart to Santillana del Mar, one of the most important historical artistic towns in Spain. It contains architectural treasures such as the Collegiate of Santa Ana, a Jewel of the Romanesque Architecture in Cantabria.

Continue to **Covadonga**, where you will have free time to see the Sanctuary and the Grotto where you will see the patroness of Asturias our Lady of Covadonga.

In the afternoon, departure to **Oviedo**, where you will see on a series of hills the beauty of Saint Maria de Naranco Church, Jewel of the pre-Romanic Asturian architecture. Free time to explore Oviedo, many of their streets are pedestrian, where you will be able to see World Heritage sites like The Cathedral, a splendid example of gothic Asturian architecture.

Overnight stay in Oviedo at the **Gran Hotel Espana**.

Breakfast



Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will see the Galician landscapes as you travel to Lugo. Along the way, you will take a short stop at **Mondoñedo** where you will have some time at leisure to visit the 13th-century Cathedral and try the delicious Mondoñedo cake.

Upon your arrival in **Lugo** you will have some free time to stroll and explore the Roman ruins throughout the city, like its walls, declared Patrimony of the Humanity.

This afternoon you will reach Santiago de Compostela, the end of the Camino de Santiago route.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela at the **NH Collection Santiago**.

Breakfast

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Stroll Santiago's old cobble streets as you capture its historical beauty. Feel the passion at Obradoiro Square and the Cathedral (entrance not included) dedicated to the Apostle Santiago.

Overnight stay in Santiago de Compostela at the **NH Collection Santiago**.

Breakfast



Day 8

Santiago de Compostela Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture closer towards 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



Salamanca Porto

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today farewell Spain to discover Portuguese landscapes.

The 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 produce-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



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 the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Catalonia Porto**.

Breakfast



PORTO. DUORO RIVER

Day **11** Porto Aveiro Coimbra

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

You will continue 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. Spend time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Melia Aeminium**.

Breakfast



COIMBRA

Day **12** Coimbra Tomar Obidos Lisbon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today will be full of discovering small towns stopping to discover Portuguese history between Coimbra and Lisbon. 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



Day 13 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 tour 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 14 Lisbon Merida Seville

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We farewell Lisbon and Portugal while you travel back to Spain. The 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.

Following your visit to Merida you will continue to Seville.

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

Breakfast

Day 15 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.

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

Breakfast

Day 16 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. Bound for Granada, the most magical city in Spain, driving through endless olive groves.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers to experience an authentic **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Spain, including

dinner. An evening not to forget.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 17 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.

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



18 Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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, a vibrant city offering a blend of modern architecture, stunning beaches, and a rich cultural heritage.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 19 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 Barcelona, home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

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

Breakfast



PARK GÜELL, BARCELONA

20 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 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



SAGRADA FAMILIA, 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.



Barcelo Bilbao Nervion

Bilbao

Design, technology, art, nature, modernity and sustainability come together in the eco-urban concept of the Barceló Bilbao Nervión Hotel. The hotel is located in the heart of Bilbao, next to the Town Hall, a 10-minute walk from the Guggenheim Museum and surrounded by the best shopping areas and the popular *pintxos*. Perfectly communicated with the train station, termibus and the airport, it is a perfect hotel for business trips or urban tourism.

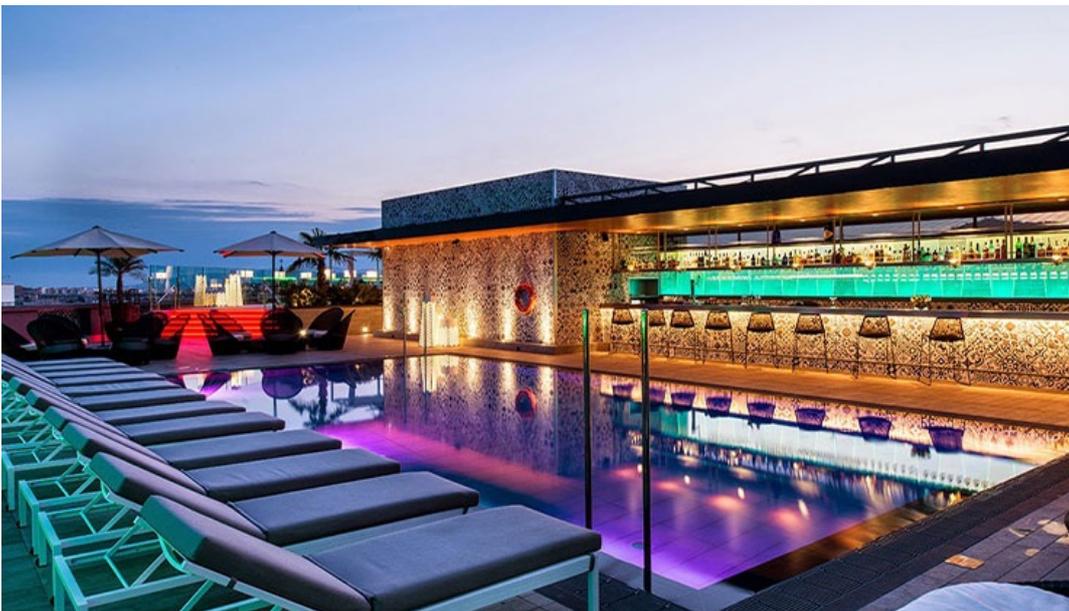
The Barceló Bilbao Nervión hotel breathes dynamism, with an urban and contemporary touch for both business and pleasure stays. It is the perfect place to get to know the incredible city of Bilbao.



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.



Gran Hotel España

Oviedo

The Gran Hotel España is located in the historic and commercial center of Oviedo, next to emblematic buildings such as the Cathedral of San Salvador and the Campoamor Theater.

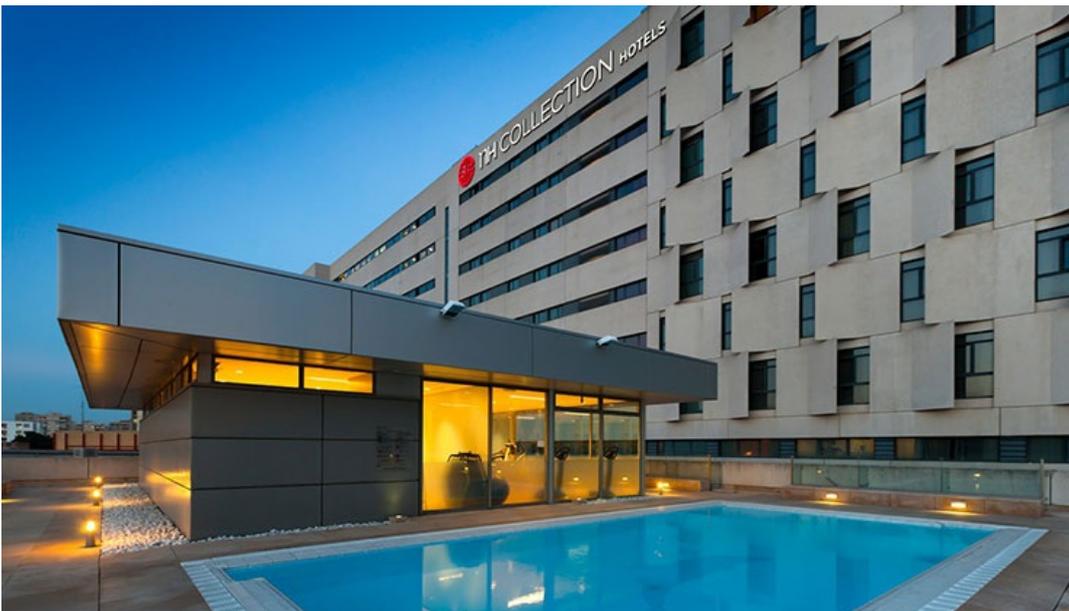


Hotel NH Collection Sevilla

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 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.

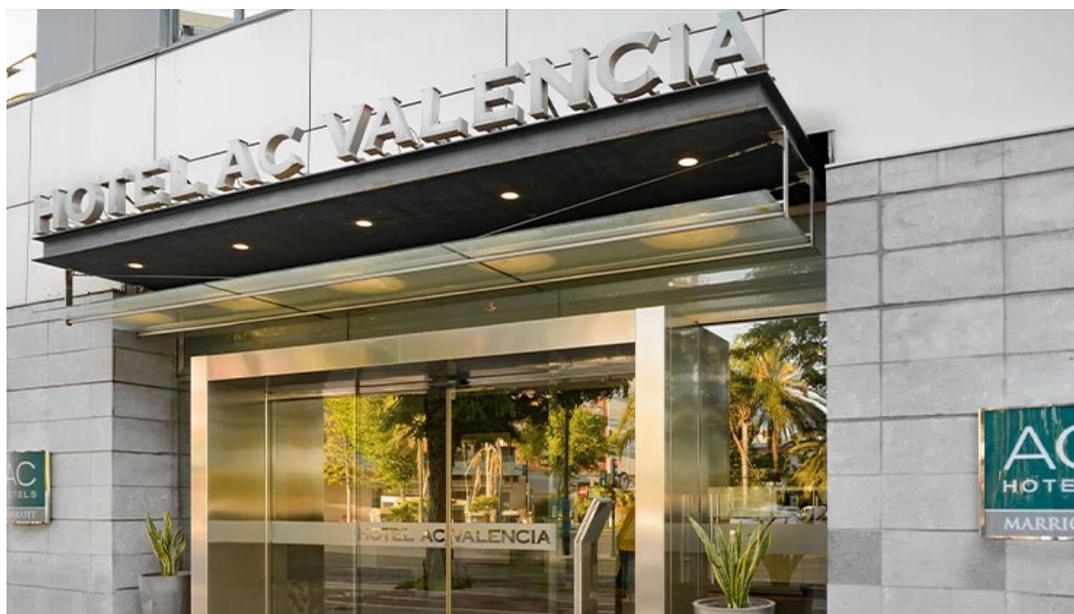
The Catalonia Plaza Mayor hotel is next to the Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and only an 8-minute walk from the University of Salamanca, the Cathedral and the Casa de las Conchas, whose ornamental motifs are symbols of the Order of Santiago.



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 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".



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.



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

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)

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