

PORTUGAL

HIGHLIGHTS OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12928)

STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to
Barcelona

TRAVEL PERIODS

04 May 25 - 19 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Unleash your sense of adventure as you traverse Portugal & Spain, immersing yourself in a tapestry of history, cultural wonders, delectable flavours, and breathtaking landscapes!

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
- Embark on a **Douro River Cruise** and taste the **famous Porto wine!**
- Enjoy a tasting of local **olive oil in Ubeda**
- Visit the romantic city of **Seville**, a stunning town home to the largest Gothic Cathedral in the World!
- Experience the most heartfelt **Gypsy Flamenco show** in Granada!

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the highlights of Portugal and Spain. Explore the bustling streets of Madrid and delve into its rich cultural heritage. Cruise along the majestic Douro River in Porto, known for its historic center and port wine. Immerse yourself in the charm of Lisbon and visit iconic landmarks like Belém Tower and Jerónimos Monastery. Admire the architectural marvel of Cordoba's Mosque-Cathedral and step back in time at Merida's well-preserved Roman Theatre.

Experience the vibrant ambiance of Seville, indulge in the beauty of the Alhambra in Granada, and witness the passionate artistry of a Gypsy Flamenco show. Discover the UNESCO-listed city of Ubeda, where you'll savor the flavors of extra virgin olive oil during a tasting and light lunch. Explore the modern architecture of Valencia and soak in the Mediterranean vibes of Barcelona. Get ready for an extraordinary journey filled with art, history, gastronomy, and cultural wonders.



**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

- 14-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Private transfers to/ from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Meals: Welcome Tapas dinner & Farewell dinner
- Wine tasting at Pinhao's centenary cellars with lunch
- Olive oil tasting and light lunch in Ubeda
- Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Merida, Seville, Granada
- Guided visits in Porto, Lisbon, Valencia and Barcelona
- Experience an authentic Gypsy Flamenco show with dinner
- Entrance fees for Alhambra Palace, Cordoba Mosque, Merida's Roman Theatre and Sagrada Familia included.
- Daily water provided on tour
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Highlights of Portugal & Spain 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 **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.

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 (*bookable on-site only*).

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

Overnight stay in Madrid at **Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection**.

Breakfast, Dinner



PLAZA DE ESPAÑA, MADRID

Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Your Iberian exploration begins today as you travel toward Salamanca. Venture for 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 Plaza Mayor Salamanca**.

Breakfast



PLAZA MAYOR SALAMANCA

Day **4**

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



Day **5**

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 rest of day at leisure or join an optional tour to Guimarães (*bookable on-site only*).

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

Breakfast



Day **6**

Porto Aveiro Obidos Lisbon

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 neighbourhood and the Aveiro Fish Market.

Travel to **Obidos**, beautiful example of Portuguese medieval walled town. Spend some time at leisure. Then, continue to Lisbon, the lively capital of Portugal.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Avani Avenida Liberdade**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

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.

The remainder of the day is yours to explore the charming areas of the Alfama Quarter at your own pace. Alternatively, you have the option to participate in an experience featuring a traditional Portuguese dinner at one of the city's oldest Fado venues (*available for booking onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **Avani Avenida Liberdade**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **8**

Lisbon Merida Seville

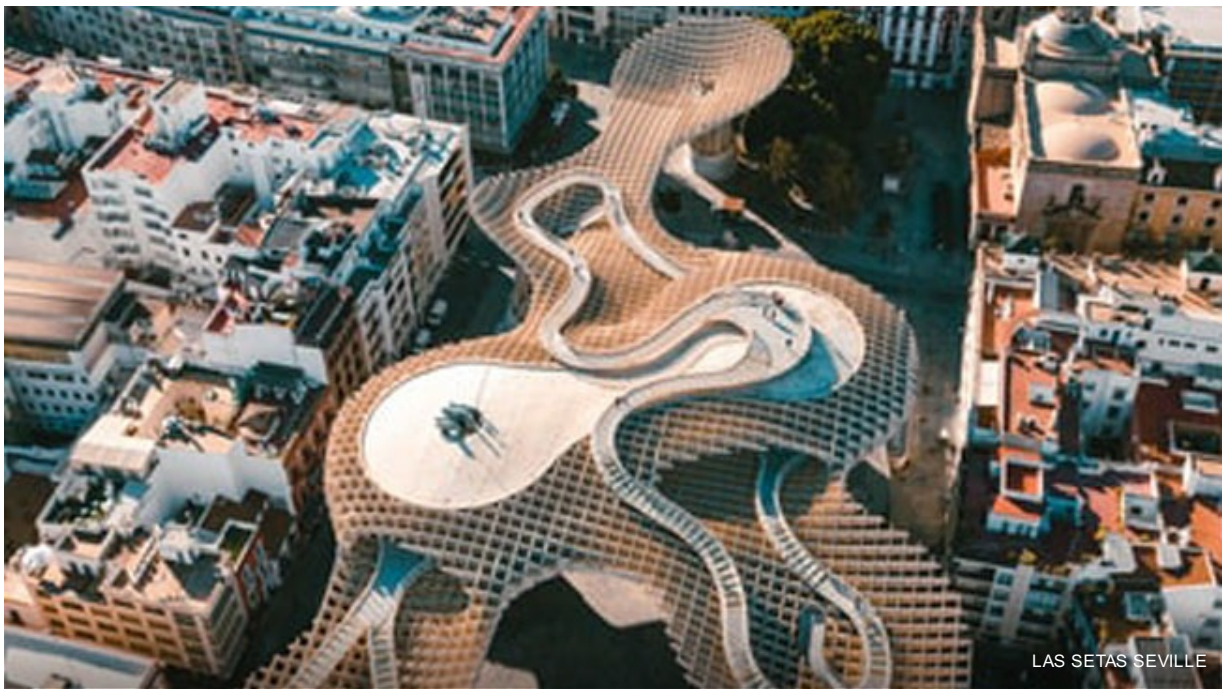
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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. You can join the optional excursion to Tapas Tour in Seville (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



LAS SETAS SEVILLE

Day **9**

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 cruise on the Jerez de La Frontera excursion (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Seville at the **Melia Sevilla**.

Breakfast



SEVILLE CATHEDRAL

Day **10**

Seville Cordoba Granada

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to Cordoba, a landmark of enormous heritage from a splendid past. You'll visit its impressive Mosque, now a Christian Cathedral, and its narrow Arabian-style streets. Venture for Granada, driving through endless olive oil 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 **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day

11 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 (*bookable onsite only*).

Overnight stay in Granada at **Melia Granada**.

Breakfast



Day **12** Granada Ubeda Valencia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We depart today towards **Ubeda**, the **centre of Spanish Olive Oil**. Enjoy a nice walk of this historical beautiful gem and taste their unique golden Extra Virgin Olive oil, light lunch is included.

Continue to **Valencia**, a vibrant city offering a blend of modern architecture, stunning beaches, and a rich cultural heritage. You can also join an optional Valencia Walking & Paella Dinner (*bookable on-site only*).

Overnight stay in Valencia at **Melia Valencia**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **13** 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**, home to world famous architect Gaudí, symbol of the Catalanian modernism.

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

Breakfast



Day 14 Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a **morning city discovery** and enjoy the main Mediterranean Spanish city, home to the world-famous architect Gaudí, a symbol of Catalanian modernism. Follow your guide through the streets of Barcelona and enter your private vehicle for a panoramic tour of the city. We will head towards **Montjuïc Mountain**, the area that hosted many of the facilities for the 1992 Olympic Games. Get ready to enjoy the incredible views over the city of Barcelona.

On the way back to the city center, we will drive along Paseo de Gracia, one of the most important streets in Barcelona, where we will see the facades of **Gaudí's** emblematic buildings, such as Casa Batlló and La Pedrera. Admire Gaudí's mastery and make sure not to miss out on the rich symbolism of his works. Learn about the history and significance of Sagrada Família from the inside and discover how nature influenced and inspired Gaudí in his planning.

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



Day 15 Barcelona

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Casa de Las Artes Meliá Collection

Madrid

Located between Atocha and Moratín streets, Casa de las Artes Meliá Collection provides an exceptional setting to savour an innovative culinary experience at restaurant Maché, which offers a fusion of local and international cuisine. More than just a hotel, it stands as a tribute to Spanish authentic artistic expression. The hotel offers a range of amenities including a heated pool, gym, library, and cinema* room. Situated close to attractions such as the Prado, Thyssen, and Reina Sofia museums, the hotel encourages guests to explore Madrid and enjoy a unique experience.

*Please note that the swimming pool and cinema are currently closed but will be reopening soon.



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.



Avani Avenida Liberdade Lisbon Hotel

Lisbon

Situated on Avenida Liberdade, a spacious boulevard adorned with trees and featuring a selection of cafés and boutiques, Avani is located on one of Lisbon's most renowned streets, placing you at the heart of the city. You can enjoy sunlit mornings shopping and savoring tapas, spend your afternoons relaxing by the hotel pool, and unwind in the evenings at the rooftop bar, all while experiencing style and comfort. The metro station is conveniently located just 250 metres away, or you may choose to take one of our tuk-tuks to explore the charming old city and the nearby waterfront.



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.



Melia Granada

Granada

Located right in the heart of Granada, the Meliá Granada is a stylish hotel giving you close access to all the city's main attractions. It features classic and elegant rooms, some of which offer unique views over the Alhambra and Sierra Nevada.



Melia Valencia

Valencia

This elegant hotel is located in the most fashionable district of Valencia, adjacent to the Congress Centre and surrounded by an array of dining and leisure options. Guests can enjoy modern, spacious accommodations, exceptional facilities, and convenient access to all that Valencia has to offer. Meliá Valencia provides an excellent base for exploring the city's main attractions. Take a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, unwind in the spa, or stay active in the fitness center. Additionally, guests can indulge in exquisite cuisine at the hotel's restaurants.



Melia Seville

Seville

The modernity and warmth of the **Meliá** will make your stay in Seville a wonderful experience. Located in one of the city's most distinguished neighbourhoods, the hotel has excellent connections with all transport services and features elegant spacious rooms with a contemporary design. Among the services offered are: Spa, Gym, Meeting rooms, Events, Outdoor pool (seasonal opened*), Vip lounge, Family Rooms, Private car park, Adapted for the disabled, TV area in shared lounge, Terrace, À la carte restaurant, Snack bar, Room service, Pool towel service, Laundry, Pets not allowed.



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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Portuguese

LOCAL CURRENCY

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.

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

