



## SPAIN

# THE BEST UNKNOWN SPAIN (TOUR CODE: 13535)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Madrid to  
Barcelona

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jan 24 - 20 Dec 24

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Luxury  
Honeymoon

### TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Join us on our exclusive private tour, The Best Unknown Spain! Treat yourself to personalized services, enjoy a stay in opulent accommodations, and uncover the secrets of Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Ronda, Granada and Barcelona,

## Highlights

- Indulge in the exquisite charm of boutique, **exclusive 4-5-star accommodations** that will elevate your experience and ensure you savor each and every moment to the fullest.
- Immerse yourself in the captivating talent of amazing artists and breathtaking performances at a **Flamenco show hosted at a Tablao**.
- Declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984, **Córdoba's Mosque-Cathedral** is the best-preserved building from its period
- Visit old taverns, bars, restaurants, and other **Tapas venues** to gain insight into the **Barcelona's gastronomy, history, traditions**
- Take in the splendid views as you drive towards **the White Villages of Andalucia** on the way to Granada

Experience the best of Spain on an enchanting 9-day journey. Begin in Madrid at the luxurious URSO Hotel & Spa, delving into its history with a half-day historical tour, and explore the treasures of Paseo del Arte and Museo del Prado. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture with a flamenco show. Travel to Cordoba and Sevilla, staying at the Palacio de Villapanes, and discover the Alcazar and Barrio de Santa Cruz. Continue to Ronda, explore its charm, and venture to the White Villages.

Continue your adventure in Granada at the Hospes Palacio de los Patos, exploring the iconic Alhambra. Fly to Barcelona, where Hotel Majestic Barcelona welcomes you. Discover Gaudí's masterpieces with a half-day tour, then indulge in the "Beyond Tapas Tour," unveiling the city's culinary secrets. Your unforgettable Spanish odyssey concludes with a private transfer to the airport.

# INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Madrid at URSO Hotel & Spa - 5\*
- 1 night in Seville at Palacio de Villapanes - 5\*
- 2 nights in Ronda at Parador de Ronda - 4\*
- 1 night in Granada at Hospes Palacio de los Patos 5\*
- 2 nights in Barcelona at Hotel Majestic & Spa Barcelona- 5 \*
- One way Flight Granada - Barcelona
- High Speed Train Madrid - Cordoba
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Flamenco Show with Dinner in Madrid
- Tapas tour in Barcelona (expert food guide, all tastings, tapas and drinks)
- Half-day historical private tour in Madrid including tapas
- Half-day private tour: Paseo del Arte and Museo del Prado in Madrid
- Half-day private tour of Cordoba including the Mosque
- Half-day Seville private tour: Alcazar & Barrio de Santa Cruz
- Half-day private tour of Ronda
- Half-day Private guided visit of the White Villages of Andalucia
- Half-day private tour: the Alhambra in Granada
- Half-day Gaudí tour of Barcelona including Sagrada Familia & Parc Güell

# ITINERARY

Day

1

## Madrid Airport   Madrid

Welcome to Madrid, cheerful and vibrant at all hours, is famous for being an open city with all kinds of people from anywhere in the world.

Time to check in at Urso Hotel & Spa offering a historic retreat in the heart of Chamberí, Tribunal, and Chueca. This architectural gem, crafted by José María Mendoza Ussía, seamlessly blends Madrid's bourgeois 20th-century charm with modern luxury.

Explore the city's rich history **on a private half-day tour**, wandering through the Austrias district and iconic squares like Plaza Mayor and Plaza de Oriente.

Immerse yourself in Madrid's culinary delights, **savouring tapas and local flavours** in establishments that embody the city's vibrant life. Lose yourself in the streets, indulging both your eyes and palate in the essence of Madrid.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **URSO Hotel & Spa** in a deluxe room.

Dinner





Day **2**

## Madrid

After breakfasts, explore Madrid's artistic hub, Paseo del Arte, with a private guided walk through its historic buildings, sculptures, and gardens. Discover the treasures of **Museo del Prado** (*entry tickets included*), home to iconic works by Goya, Velázquez, and more.

Then, immerse yourself in the vibrant world of **Flamenco with a live show at a local tablao**, showcasing the mesmerising dance, music, and emotions that make flamenco a UNESCO-listed cultural heritage. Enjoy this rich cultural experience with a delectable dinner included.

Overnight stay in Madrid at **URSO Hotel & Spa** in a deluxe room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

## Madrid Cordoba Seville

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Embark on a journey from Madrid to **Cordoba** via a high-speed train, immersing yourself in the rich history of this ancient city.

Inhabited by Iberians and founded by Romans in the 2nd century BC, Cordoba reached its zenith during the Moorish rule. **The Mosque**, a marvel built on a 6th-century Visigoth basilica, became a symbol of Islamic splendor. Converted to a Christian cathedral in 1238, its Byzantine mosaics and horseshoe-shaped arches, influenced by Renaissance and Baroque styles, tell a tale of cultural fusion. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984, Cordoba's Mosque-Cathedral stands as a testament to its historical significance. Includes a private guided tour and tickets to main monuments.

Following this cultural exploration, enjoy a private transfer from Cordoba to Seville.

Welcome to **Seville**, a city captivating with its monumental grandeur, charming districts like Triana, fragrant jasmine-filled squares, the melody of Spanish guitar echoing through its streets, and a culinary scene celebrated for its traditional tapas.

Overnight stay in Seville at **Palacio de Villapanes** in a premium room.

Breakfast



Day 4

## Seville Ronda

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Embark on a **half-day private tour of Seville**, exploring the enchanting Alcazar and the historic Barrio Santa Cruz. Seville, the captivating capital of Andalucía, unfolds its rich history from Roman Hispalis to the Gothic Spali and the Early Middle Ages' Ixbilia. **The Royal Alcazar**, tracing back to the 10th century, stands as a testament to Seville's essence and the diverse cultures that shaped it. Behind its formidable walls lie exotic spaces, lush gardens, and remnants of its vibrant past, making it a masterpiece of Mudéjar art and a famed "Game Of Thrones" filming location. The tour extends to Barrio Santa Cruz, where whitewashed façades, stone-cobbled patios, and traces of the old Judería reveal Seville's historical charm.

Following this immersive experience, a private transfer takes you to **Ronda**, one of Spain's oldest cities.

Ronda boasts a storied past, serving as a Roman Empire site, a key Muslim Kingdom border, and a jewel of 18th-century art and architecture. Ronda's unique blend of natural beauty, classic heritage, and Baroque splendor creates a soulful atmosphere. Enjoy a 2-night stay at the Parador de Ronda, immersing yourself in the timeless allure of this historic city.

Overnight stay in Ronda at **Parador de Ronda** in a duplex room.

Breakfast





Day **5**

## Ronda

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel.

**Ronda** is one of the oldest cities in Spain, inhabited since the Neolithic age. It played a significant role as a site for the Roman Empire, a key historic border of the Muslim Kingdom, and later evolved into a jewel of 18th-century art and architecture. Its historical and monumental richness positions it as one of the most beautiful and interesting cities in Andalusia. Our local guide will lead you through the streets of this charming city, revealing its treasures such as *the Real Maestranza of Cavalry bullring*, the breathtaking views from the impressive *New Bridge (Tajo)*, *the Santa María church*, and *the house of Don Juan Bosco*. In Ronda, privileged natural surroundings, classic heritage, and Baroque splendor harmoniously coexist, crafting a unique, special beauty that defines its soul. The experience includes a **private guided tour with an official guide** and tickets to main monuments.

Overnight stay in Ronda at **Parador de Ronda** in a duplex room.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Ronda White Villages Granada

Embark on an excursion to the enchanting **White Villages of Andalusia** while traveling from Ronda to Granada. **Zahara de la Sierra** stands as one of the most beautiful towns among the Pueblos Blancos, nestled in the heart of the Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Its Moorish fortress atop a hill offers breathtaking views of the turquoise waters surrounding Zahara el Gastor reservoir.

Departing from Zahara, the journey takes you to the picturesque village of **Setenil de las Bodegas**, known for its unique urban layout descending from a fortress, with houses ingeniously built under massive rocks and cliffs.

Your exploration culminates in Granada, where you will enjoy an unforgettable stay.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Hospes Palacio de los Patos** in a deluxe room.

Breakfast



## Day 7 Granada Alhambra Barcelona

Indulge in a delightful breakfast before embarking on a **half-day private tour in Granada**, a city steeped in history. Explore the iconic **Alhambra**, known as qa'lat al-Hamra or the Red Castle, since its conquest by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. The Alhambra has captivated imaginations through the ages, with its enchanting gardens, soothing fountain sounds, and mysterious, sophisticated rooms, as immortalized in Washington Irving's "Tales of the Alhambra." A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984, the Alhambra holds over 400 years of Islamic heritage, offering historical originality unique to Europe. Witness the magic of this Nasrid palace, where each sunset over its battlements is a journey in itself.

Later, experience a seamless private transfer from your hotel to the airport in Granada, where you'll catch a flight to Barcelona. Upon arrival, enjoy another smooth transfer to your hotel in Barcelona, marking the beginning of your next chapter in this vibrant city.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Majestic & Spa Barcelona** in a privilege city view room.

Breakfast





## Day 8

### Barcelona

After breakfast, delight in a **private half-day (4-hour) guided tour of Barcelona** including Sagrada Família and Parc Güell.

On this 4-hour tour, we'll delve into the world of Modernisme, or Catalan Art Nouveau, focusing on the iconic works of master architect Antoni Gaudí. We'll begin with the awe-inspiring Expiatory Temple of Sagrada Família, a masterpiece that combines Gothic and Byzantine cathedral traditions, seamlessly blending form, Christian iconography, and natural inspiration.

Next, we'll explore the magical Park Güell, a testament to Gaudí's imagination and commissioned by Eusebi Güell. This site is a major tourist attraction and features Gaudí's unique designs that harmonize with the space, once used for traditional Catalan dances and social events. We'll also catch a glimpse of Passeig de Gràcia's renowned facades, including Gaudí's iconic houses, such as Casa Milà ("La Pedrera") and Casa Batlló, which contribute to Barcelona's unique character.

Later in the day, explore Barcelona's culinary scene on the "**Beyond Tapas Tour**." With a local food guide, savour diverse flavours at old taverns, bars, and restaurants. An immersive introduction to the city's gastronomic delights.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Majestic & Spa Barcelona** in a privilege city view room.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 9

## Barcelona Barcelona Airport

After breakfast, private transfer from the hotel to Barcelona's airport.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### URSO Hotel & Spa

#### Madrid

URSO Hotel is situated in a privileged location amidst the central districts of Chamberí, Tribunal, and Chueca. The hotel occupies a historic structure constructed by José María Mendoza Ussía. This magnificent building embodies both the regal essence of Madrid's bourgeois architecture from the 20th century and the contemporary elegance and comfort of a modern luxury hotel.





## Parador de Ronda

### Ronda

The Parador de Ronda stands in a privileged location next to the emblematic Puente Nuevo and in the old Casa Consistorial. An exceptional balcony that looks out over the unique landscape of the Tajo, a spectacular gorge of 120 metres in depth. The welcoming, light-filled interior is marked by vibrant and cheerful colours in the decoration, while the Parador itself offers an exclusive view that you can enjoy from the terrace or while you take a dip in the swimming pool. The Parador also has a beautiful duplex and elegant salons for all your celebrations and events.



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## Hotel Palacio de Villapanés

### Seville

Hotel Palacio de Villapanés, a converted 18th century palace, showcases traditional elegance with a modern twist. Guests will discover baroque architecture, marble columns and tiles, ornate archways, and parquet floors. Alongside these features, there is also an exclusive, modern feel with contemporary furnishings, sumptuous fabrics, and sleek bathrooms. This establishment brings authentic Andalusian opulence into the 21st century.

Situated just a few steps from the Barrio de Santa Cruz, this hotel is in close proximity to the city's major sights, including the 'La Giralda' bell tower and 'La Catedral'. The amenities at Hotel Palacio de Villapanés include a serene spa, elegant terrace, palatial suites, and an acclaimed restaurant that promises "gastronomy to delight your five senses."



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## Hospes Palacio de los Patos



## Granada

Suggestive combination of two buildings with shared complicity: Los Patos Palace, an elegant reconversion of a 19th-century palace with classic and industrial architecture declared an Asset of Cultural Interest; and the newly constructed Alabastro Building, which combines depth and transparencies behind a majestic and subtle latticework.

They are unique spaces where luxury and exclusivity merge with comfort and wellbeing to make you feel in a privileged place.



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## Hotel Majestic Barcelona

### Barcelona

The Majestic, a symbol of hotel excellence in the heart of the Paseo de Gracia. The Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona has been a symbol of five-star hotel excellence since 1918. Located on the exclusive Paseo de Gracia, it offers a timeless setting that is ideal for visiting the nearby Gaudi buildings and the most prestigious fashion stores, along with easy access to Barcelona's financial and business districts.

The Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona is also a realm of elegant and traditional experiences. Enjoy a romantic evening in one of our suites, taste the refined cuisine at our bars and restaurants, or let yourself be pampered at the Majestic Spa.





# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Spanish	Euro

- Please note that this product is not part of our Flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our Team will advise you of the exact booking conditions at the time of the booking.
- All services are subject to availability and prices may fluctuate between the time your proposal is prepared and when the trip is confirmed. When a final itinerary is set, we will provide you with the final price for the trip. We recommend you book on the early side to secure the best guides and hotel rooms, and to avoid disappointment.
- All **private tours** and experiences **can be adjusted based on the requirements and preferences of our clients**. Half-day tours range from 3 to 4 hours; full-day tours are approximately 8 hours in length.
- All transfers are with English-speaking professional drivers. The vehicles vary between a Mercedes E class or Mercedes Minivan, depending on the type of service and number of passengers.