



MADRID AND PORTUGAL DISCOVERY JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15554)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

31 May 26 - 09 May 27

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

From Madrid's grand boulevards to Portugal's riverside charm—explore iconic cities, UNESCO sites, and savour local flavours on a 9-day cultural escape.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **24 People**
- Visit **Royal Palace, Plaza Mayor, and Hapsburgs District**
- See **Porto's Cathedral, cruise Douro, and taste Port wine**
- Visit **Coimbra's university** and enjoy **Aveiro's canals**
- Explore **Belem Tower, Alfama, and taste authentic seafood**
- Tour **Batalha Monastery, Merida's ruins, and farewell dinner**

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Spain and Portugal, from the vibrant streets of Madrid to the charming riverside city of Porto and the historic heart of Lisbon. Explore iconic landmarks, from Madrid's Royal Palace and bustling Gran Vía to the Gothic splendour of Batalha Monastery and Coimbra's ancient university. Savour local delicacies, cruise the Douro, ride Aveiro's colourful canals, and experience authentic fado music. Discover UNESCO World Heritage Sites, picturesque towns, and cultural treasures at every step, culminating in a farewell celebration in Madrid.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**VARIED GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**HANDPICKED
CENTRAL HOTELS**



**AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 8-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Douro River Cruise & Port wine tasting in Porto
- Cruise along the Aveiro estuary in a typical moliceiro
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome tapas experience dinner
- Chocolate & churros tasting in Madrid
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Lisbon (seafood)
- Farewell dinner in Madrid
- Guided visits in Madrid, Porto, Coimbra, and Lisbon
- Fado show and dinner in Porto
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Madrid

Arrival at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Join your tour director and fellow travellers for an authentic **Welcome Tapas Dinner** at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.

**We recommend you to select flights that arrive no later than 5 PM so you can enjoy the itinerary from the beginning.*

Dinner



Day **2**

Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the beauties of the city with a **guided city tour** with your local expert: **Barrio de la Morería, the Hapsburgs District, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá.**

The contemporary Madrid with areas such as **Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca**, as well as commercial and financial areas of **Modern Madrid**, and the **Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium**. During the visit, we will taste the typical chocolate with churros, the most Madridstyle snack.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Madrid Salamanca Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Portugal, we will drive towards **Salamanca**. Enjoy some free time in this University City and World Heritage Site of great architectural and artistic wealth.

Continue to the Portuguese border to reach **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 **Hotel Vila Galé** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. **Guided sightseeing tour of Porto**. Admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. Afterwards, enjoy a Douro River Cruise and discover famous **Port Wine Cellars with a wine tasting experience** included. Rest of the day at leisure.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to share a typical fado show with dinner with your fellow travellers.

Overnight stay in Porto at **Hotel Vila Galé** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



DOURO RIVER CRUISE

Day **5**

Porto Aveiro Coimbra

After breakfast, we depart to **Aveiro**, known for its picturesque canals, which have earned it the nickname "The Venice of Portugal". We will enjoy a **ride on a moliceiro**, a traditional colorful boat used for navigating the canals of Aveiro, before heading to Coimbra. We will meet the local guide for a tour of **Coimbra**, a historic city known for its prestigious university (one of the oldest in Europe), charming medieval streets, and beautiful riverfront.

Overnight stay in Coimbra at **Hotel Coimbra Aeminium** or similar.

Breakfast



COIMBRA

Day **6**

Coimbra Batalha Nazare Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the **Batalha Monastery**, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage place by UNESCO. Continue to the pinturesque fishing town of **Nazaré** and time at leisure. Then, we continue to Lisbon.

In **Lisbon**, we will cross the **Tagus River to Cacilhas** and enjoy a **dinner at a local restaurant** featuring seafood.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **VIP Executive Art's Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



BATALHA MONASTERY

Day **7**

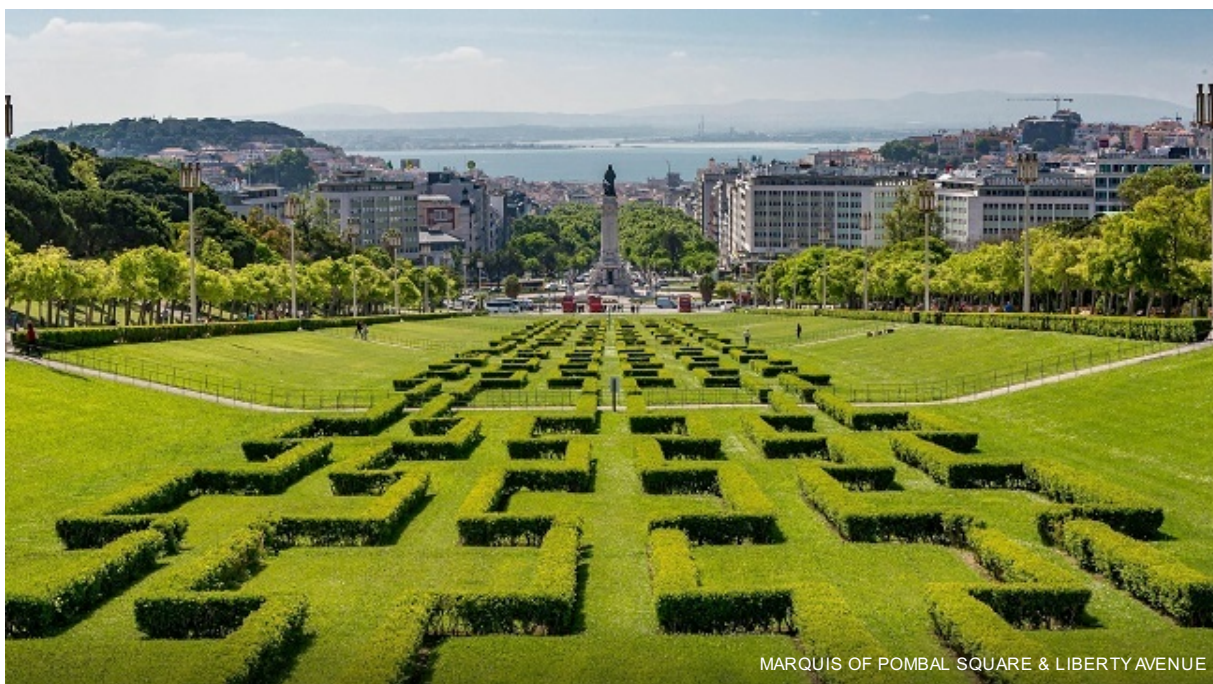
Lisbon

After breakfast, 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 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". Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy this magnificent city.

Overnight stay in Lisbon at **VIP Executive Art's Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



MARQUIS OF POMBAL SQUARE & LIBERTY AVENUE

Breakfast at the hotel and depart for **Merida**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its wellpreserved Roman ruins, including the **Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre**. Explore its rich historical heritage before continuing to Madrid.

In Madrid, join your fellow travellers for a **farewell dinner**.

Overnight in Madrid at **The Westin Madrid Cuzco** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

The Westin Madrid Cuzco

Madrid

The new Westin Madrid Cuzco, set on the prestigious Paseo de la Castellana just five minutes from Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, offers 287 elegant rooms and suites, including a new two-bedroom concept. Enjoy the signature Westin Heavenly Bed, free Wi-Fi, a modern gym, a lavish breakfast buffet with show cooking, a stylish bar, and a fine dining restaurant. With six versatile meeting spaces and excellent transport links via Cuzco Metro and Chamartín Station, it's ideal for both business and leisure stays in Madrid.



Hotel Vila Galé Porto

Porto

Vila Galé Porto is centrally located, a 10-minute walk from Rua de Santa Catarina and 100 metres from Campo 24 de Agosto metro. Built in 1999 and renovated in 2015, it features cinema-inspired décor, rooms for all needs, two restaurants, bars, event spaces, and a rooftop spa with pool, jacuzzi, gym, and city views. Guests can easily explore the Ribeira, Port Wine Cellars, Casa da Música, Serralves Museum, and landmarks like Aliados, Sé Cathedral, Clérigos Tower, and Palácio da Bolsa.



Hotel Coimbra Aeminium Meliá

Coimbra

Located in a quiet area near the university hospital and Coimbra city centre, Hotel Coimbra Aeminium Affiliated by Meliá offers comfortable rooms and a varied buffet breakfast. Close to the historic old town, University of Coimbra, Botanical Gardens, and Celas Convent, it's an ideal base to explore the city's museums, convents, and vibrant student atmosphere.



VIP Executive Art's Hotel

Lisbon

The VIP Executive Art's Hotel combines modern design with calming, neutral décor, offering a peaceful retreat in the heart of a bustling city. Focused on guest comfort, it provides well-designed rooms, excellent service, dining, and facilities, creating a relaxing environment that balances city energy with tranquillity.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Every departure is guaranteed with at least 8 guests. If we can't run the Small Group Journey, you'll still enjoy the same itinerary and dates on the regular coach tour, plus a discount.
- Please note that tickets and experiences are subject to availability. If unavailable on certain dates, a suitable alternative will be offered.

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

IN PARTNERSHIP

