



BARCELONA, PORTUGAL & ANDALUSIA DISCOVERY JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 15591)

STARTS AND ENDS

Barcelona to
Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

29 May 26 - 07 May 27

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Embark on a 16-day journey through Spain and Portugal, exploring Barcelona, Madrid, Porto, Lisbon, and Andalusia. Discover iconic landmarks, rich history, vibrant culture, and authentic flavours.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **24 People**
- Explore **La Pedrera**, **Casa Batlló**, and the **Sagrada Família** with a local expert
- Enjoy a **Douro River** cruise, **Port wine tasting**, and a **fado dinner in Porto**
- Discover **Belem Tower**, **Jerónimos Monastery**, and colourful **Alfama Quarter**
- Visit **Córdoba's Mosque**, **Seville's Cathedral**, and experience **Andalusian cuisine**
- Tour the **Alhambra and Generalife Gardens**, enjoy a **flamenco show** and **dinner**

Embark on an unforgettable 16-day journey through the cultural heart of the Iberian Peninsula. From the architectural brilliance of Gaudí's Barcelona to the vibrant energy of Madrid, this journey reveals the soul of Spain before crossing into Portugal's timeless charm. Discover the rich heritage of Porto, the canals of Aveiro, and the lively streets of Lisbon before returning to Spain's enchanting south. Wander through Córdoba's mesmerising Mosque-Cathedral, Seville's romantic plazas, and Granada's majestic Alhambra, complemented by authentic culinary and musical experiences that celebrate Iberian passion and tradition at every turn.



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

- 15-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Douro River Cruise and Port wine tasting in Porto
- Cruise along the Aveiro estuary in a typical moliceiro
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome tapas experience dinner in Madrid
- Chocolate & churros tasting in Madrid
- Seafood dinner at a local restaurant in Lisbon
- Dinner experience by the Guadalquivir River in Seville
- Olive oil tasting at a local Almazara
- Visit to wineries and sherry wine tasting in Jerez
- Flamenco experience with masterclass, show and dinner in Granada
- Fado show and dinner in Porto
- Visit to the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art
- Local guides in Barcelona, Madrid, Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon, Córdoba, Seville, Málaga and Granada
- Entrance fees included for: Sagrada Familia, Córdoba Mosque, Seville Cathedral, and Alhambra & Generalife Gardens
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Barcelona

Arrival at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza** or similar.



Day **2**

Barcelona

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning **city tour of Barcelona**. Drive along the main avenues with its impressive Gaudi modernist buildings such as **La Pedrera and Casa Batlló**. The **Montjuïc Park** with spectacular views of the **city and harbour, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port**. Visit the most important landmark in the city of Barcelona, **Sagrada Família**. Admire Gaudi's masterwork by the hand of your expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at **Hotel Catalonia Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Barcelona Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station to take the high-speed train to **Madrid**. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Join your fellow travellers for an **authentic welcome tapas dinner**.

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



Day 4

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 Madrid-style 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



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, Dinner



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



PORTO CATHEDRAL

Day 7

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



MOLICEIRO RIDE

Day 8

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 picturesque 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, Dinner



Day **9**

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



Day 10 Lisbon Merida Cordoba

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Andalusian soils, back in Spain, we drive to **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 Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate.

Overnight stay in Cordoba at **Hotel Hesperia** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 11 Cordoba Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the impressive tour of **Cordoba's Mosque** (entrance included) and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, continue your journey towards **Seville**.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to discover Andalusian cuisine at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

Overnight stay in Seville at **NH Collection Seville** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



CORDOBA'S MOSQUE

Day 12 Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning city tour of the Andalusian Capital, **Seville**. Visit the **Cathedral**, the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome. Continue to **Santa Cruz Quarter**, the natural scenario of Carmen as well as the myth of **Don Juan**, **Maria Luisa Park** and **Plaza de España**.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of light.

Overnight stay in Seville at **NH Collection Seville** or similar.

Breakfast



CATEDRAL DE SEVILLA

Day 13 Seville Jerez Ronda

After breakfast, travel south through Andalusian villages to **Jerez**, where you will be captivated by two of the essential elements of the Andalusian soul: wine and horses. We will visit the **Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art**, and will enjoy a wine tasting in one of the famous local wineries.

Continue to **Ronda**. Visit an **olive oil production facility** at LA Organic and taste their organic olive oil. Rest of the day at leisure to discover the secrets of Ronda.

Overnight stay in Ronda at **Hotel Catalonia Reina Victoria Wellness & Spa** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 14 Ronda Malaga Granada

After breakfast, depart for **Malaga**. Visit the city and explore its historical and cultural attractions. Malaga is a city full of corners that look back on several centuries of history, from the time of the Romans (with its magnificent theatre) to the Arab, with the **Alcazaba** or the **Castle of Gibralfaro**.

Continue to **Granada**. This city, located at the foot of Sierra Nevada, between the Darro and Genil rivers, is one of the jewels of Andalusia. Here, the impressive Andalusian legacy, represented by the **Alhambra**, is complemented by Renaissance architectural gems. We will have the chance to **learn how to dance flamenco** before attending a **dinner with a flamenco show** in one of the most typical venues in Granada.

After dinner, we invite you to take the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful views of Granada from one of the city's viewpoints.

Overnight stay in Granada at **Meliá Granada** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



ALCAZABA MALAGA

Day 15 Granada Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. We will visit the world famous Alhambra complex with a local expert (entrance included) and **Generalife Gardens**. Then, depart to Madrid. In Madrid, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



GENERALIFE GARDENS

Day 16 Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

End of services.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

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.



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.



Hotel Hesperia

Cordoba

Hesperia Cordoba is located on the banks of the Guadalquivir River and it offers stunning views of the Mosque-Cathedral. This charming hotel in Córdoba does not hesitate to offer it to you in a unique environment, full of services and facilities tailored to everything you could ask for in this enchanting city.



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 Reina Victoria Wellness & Spa

Ronda

The Catalonia Reina Victoria Hotel in Ronda offers historic charm and modern comfort near the Puente Nuevo. With 95 rooms, a garden pool, panoramic spa, Azahar Restaurant, and event spaces, it's ideal for relaxing stays and easy access to the town's top attractions.



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.



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.
- During the journey from Barcelona to Madrid, tour escort is not available.

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

