



SPAIN

IBERIAN HIGHLIGHTS JOURNEYS: BARCELONA, MADRID & PORTUGAL

(TOUR CODE: 17102)

STARTS AND ENDS

Barcelona to
Madrid

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Sep 27 - 20 May 28

EXPERIENCE

[Group Journeys](#)
[Cultural](#)

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Experience the best of Spain and Portugal on this 11-day small-group journey. Explore Barcelona and Madrid, cruise Porto's Douro River, discover Coimbra and Lisbon, visit historic Salamanca and Mérida, and enjoy authentic local experiences, guided sightseeing, comfortable accommodation, and high-speed rail travel.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **24 People**
- Explore **Barcelona's Sagrada Família** with fast-track entry and included guided visit
- Cruise the **Douro River in Porto** and taste the region's famous Port wine
- Experience a traditional **Moliceiro boat cruise in Aveiro**, the "Venice of Portugal"
- Discover the historic treasures of **Madrid, Porto, Coimbra and Lisbon** with guided sightseeing
- Enjoy a **Welcome Tapas Dinner in Madrid** with your fellow travellers

Discover the best of Spain and Portugal on this small-group journey, combining iconic cities, rich cultural heritage and unforgettable local experiences. From Gaudí's architectural masterpieces in Barcelona and the grand boulevards of Madrid to the riverside charm of Porto, the university city of Coimbra and the vibrant capital of Lisbon, this itinerary offers a perfect blend of guided sightseeing and leisure time. With a maximum of 24 guests and an English-speaking Tour Director, this tour is ideal for travellers seeking a comfortable and immersive Iberian

experience.



GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

INCLUSIONS

- 10-night accommodation in 4-star hotel
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers
- Private transfers between hotels and railway stations in Barcelona and Madrid
- High-speed train ticket from Barcelona to Madrid (tourist class)
- Douro river cruise in Porto
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome tapas experience dinner
- Farewell dinner in Madrid
- Port wine cellar visit and tasting in Porto
- Guided sightseeing tours in Madrid, Porto, Coimbra and Lisbon
- Guided visit of Sagrada Família with fast-track admission
- Traditional moliceiro boat cruise in Aveiro
- 1-day Barcelona Hop-on Hop-off Bus ticket
- English-speaking Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day1

Barcelona Airport Barcelona

Arrive in Barcelona and transfer to your hotel. Set on the Mediterranean coast, Barcelona offers a captivating mix of history, striking architecture, vibrant neighbourhoods and renowned cuisine.

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



Day **2**

Barcelona

Visit the spectacular Sagrada Família, Antoni Gaudí's iconic and unfinished masterpiece. Afterwards, continue exploring the city independently using your included Hop-on Hop-off Bus ticket, allowing you to discover Barcelona's major attractions, waterfront and cultural districts at your own pace.

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

Breakfast



Day **3**

Barcelona Madrid

Transfer to Barcelona Sants Railway Station and board the high-speed train to Madrid. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. This evening, enjoy an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Madrid at **Aloft by Marriott** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

Madrid

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Madrid with a Local Expert. Discover the city's historic quarters, Plaza Mayor, Plaza de la Villa, Royal Palace, Puerta de Alcalá, Cibeles Fountain, Gran Vía and Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration.

Overnight in Madrid at **Aloft by Marriott** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Madrid Salamanca Porto

Travel towards Portugal, stopping in Salamanca, a UNESCO-listed university city known for its exceptional architecture and heritage. Continue across the border to Porto, one of Portugal's oldest and most charming cities.

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

Breakfast



Day **6**

Porto

Join a guided tour of Porto, taking in highlights including the Cathedral, Stock Exchange Palace and Church of Santa Clara. Later, enjoy a scenic cruise along the Douro River and visit a renowned Port wine cellar for a tasting experience.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city's lively atmosphere at your own pace.

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

Breakfast



Day 7 Porto Aveiro Coimbra

Travel to Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal", and enjoy a traditional Moliceiro boat cruise through its picturesque canals. Continue to Coimbra for a guided city tour, discovering its historic streets and prestigious university heritage.

Overnight in Coimbra at **Hotel Coimbra Aeminium, Affiliated by Meliá** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 8 Coimbra Batalha Nazaré Lisbon

Visit the magnificent UNESCO-listed Monastery of Batalha before continuing to the seaside town of Nazaré. Enjoy free time to explore before travelling onwards to Lisbon. This evening, cross the Tagus River to Cacilhas for dinner at a local seafood restaurant.

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

Breakfast



Day **9**

Lisbon

Explore Lisbon on a guided sightseeing tour featuring Belém Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, Monument to the Discoveries, Marquês de Pombal Square and Liberty Avenue. Spend the afternoon at leisure discovering the city's unique atmosphere.

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

Breakfast



Day **10**

Lisbon Mérida Madrid

Travel to Mérida, one of Spain's most significant Roman cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy free time to discover its impressive archaeological treasures before continuing to Madrid. This evening, celebrate your journey with a Farewell Dinner.

Overnight in Madrid at **Aloft by Marriott** or similar.



Day **11** Madrid Madrid Airport

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Madrid Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to [Pricing & Price Conditions](#) for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

Guaranteed Departures 2027–2028

2027

- 03 September 2027
- 10 September 2027
- 08 October 2027
- 15 October 2027
- 10 December 2027

2028

- 11 February 2028
- 17 March 2028
- 14 April 2028
- 05 May 2028
- 12 May 2028

For groups of up to 10 passengers, the tour will operate with an experienced driver-guide (no tour leader).

All departures require a minimum of 8 passengers. If the Small Group Journey cannot operate due to insufficient numbers, passengers will be offered the equivalent regular coach tour on the same departure date.