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18 Day Spain and Portugal Highlights Tour

Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine. First start to explore Barcelona, a city on the coast of northeastern Spain, the second most populous municipality of Spain. Continue to Madrid, the largest and the capital city of Spain. And then travel to Portugal to visit Porto, the second largest city in Portugal, Aveiro, the Venice of Portugal, Coimbra, a riverfront city in central Portugal and the country's former capital, is home to a preserved medieval old town and the historic University of Coimbra. And Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal and Europe's second oldest capital city. Return to Spain to discover the impressive tour of Cordoba's Mosque. Marvel at our city tour of the Andalusian Capital, Seville to see the Cathedral, the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome. Relax yourself in the exotic and expansive Alhambra Palace in Granada. On our fantastic tour, you will view Antonio Gaudí's architectural masterpieces, including La Sagrada Familia. Become part of an authentic "paella experience." Enjoy the fascinating art form that is Flamenco. Explore Spain and Portugal's culture and history set against a backdrop of sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges.

Day 01 (Thu): Australia – Dubai or Doha

Depart Australia on Emirates or Qatar Airways and fly overnight.

Day 02 (Fri): Dubai or Doha – Barcelona

Connect your flight to Barcelona, Spain via Dubai or Doha. Upon arrival at the airport, you are transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 03 (Sat): Barcelona (B)



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 Batllo. The Montjuïc Park with spectacular views of the city and harbor, Olympic Ring, monument to Columbus and the Olympic Port. Visit the most important landmark in the city of Barcelona, Sagrada Familia. Admire Gaudi's masterwork by the hand of your

expert local guide. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 04 (Sun): Barcelona – Madrid (B.D)

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 travelers for an authentic Welcome Tapas Dinner. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 05 (Mon.): Madrid (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Discover the beauties of the city with a guided city tour. 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. Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 06 (Tue.): Madrid – Salamanca – Porto (B)

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. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 07 (Wed.): Porto (B.D)

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 day at leisure. Accommodation at the



hotel. Tonight, you will have the opportunity to share a typical fado show with dinner with your fellow travelers. Accommodation at the hotel.



Day 08 (Thu.): Porto – Aveiro – Coimbra (B)

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. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 09 (Fri.): Fatima – Batalha – Nazare – Lisbon (B.D)

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. Free time and continue to Lisbon. In Lisbon, we will cross the Tagus River to Cacilhas and enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant featuring seafood. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 10 (Sat.): Lisbon (B)

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. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 11 (Sun.): Lisbon – Merida – Cordoba (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Bound for Andalusian soils, back in Spain, we drive to Merida, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved Roman ruins, including the Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre. Explore its rich historical heritage before continuing to Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 12 (Mon.): Cordoba – Seville (B.D)

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 travelers. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 13 (Tue.): Seville (B)

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; continue to Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city of light. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 14 (Wed.): Seville – Jerez – Ronda (B)

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.

Accommodation at the hotel in Ronda.

Day 15 (Thu.): Ronda – Malaga – Granada (B.D)

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.

Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 16 (Fri.): Granada – Madrid (B.D)

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 travelers for a farewell dinner. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 17 (Sat.): Madrid – Dubai or Doha (B)

Today you are transferred to airport for your flights home to Australia via Dubai or Doha. You will fly overnight.

Day 18 (Sun): Australia Arrival

You arrive home today. Your unforgettable European and Morocco tour ends.

Departure Date: 08 May 2025 **Return Day:** 25 May 2025

Departure Date: 05 Jun. 2025 **Return Date:** 22 Jun. 2025

Departure Date: 21 Aug. 2025 **Return Date:** 06 Sep. 2025

Departure Date: 11 Sep. 2025 **Return Date:** 28 Sep. 2025

Departure Date: 09 Oct. 2025 **Return Date:** 26 Oct. 2025

Tour price:

May, September & October: \$8,580 per person, twin or double share

June and August: \$8,780 per person, twin or double share

Single supplement: \$2,780 per person.

Inclusions:

1. International economy class airfare to Barcelona and return from Madrid, Spain with airport tax and fuel surcharge on Emirates or Qatar Airways;
2. Fifteen-night accommodation at four-star hotels as indicated or similar on twin-shared basis as below;
3. Transfers and transport by luxury air-conditioned coach;



4. Guided visits in Barcelona (Sagrada Familia entrance included), Madrid, Porto (including Douro River Cruise and Port wine tasting), Lisbon, Cordoba (Mosque entrance included), Seville (Cathedral entrance included), Granada (Alhambra entrance included) & Toledo as mentioned in the itinerary;
5. Daily breakfast;
6. Welcome Tapas Experience dinner in Madrid, Fado show and dinner in Lisbon, Olive Oil Tasting at Local Almazara, Flamenco experience with dinner in Granada;

7. English speaking Tour Director throughout the journey;
8. High-speed train ticket in Tourist Class Barcelona to Madrid.

Exclusions:

1. Travel insurance;
2. ETIAS (the European Travel Information and Authorisation System) application;
3. Personal expenses;
4. Tip to guides and drivers (8 EUR per person, per day is suggested);
5. Any meals and services not mentioned in the itinerary.

PS:

From 2025, Australians must get an ETIAS, a new entry requirement for Europe. EU authorities are introducing the European Travel Information and Authorisation System to improve border management and security. As an Australian traveller, you need to apply online to visit the European Schengen Area.

Hotel Information:

- 2 nights in Catalonia Barcelona Plaza, Hesperia Presidente or similar in Barcelona
- 3 nights in AC Cuzco, Princesa Plaza or similar in Madrid
- 2 nights in Bessa Hotel Boavista, Vila Gale Porto or similar in Porto
- 1 night in Aeminium Coimbra affiliated by Meliá or similar in Coimbra
- 2 nights in VIP Entrecampos, VIP Art's, Lutécia, or similar in Lisbon
- 1 night in Hesperia Cordoba, NH Califa or similar in Cordoba
- 2 nights in Melia Lebreros, NH Collection Sevilla or similar in Seville
- 1 night in Catalonia Reina Victoria or similar in Ronda
- 1 night in Catalonia Granada, Meliá Granada or similar in Granada