

16 Days Treasures from Spain and Portugal

Stroll through the energatic and historical cities

Trip code: TP16SP

• 14 nights at 4 Star Hotels

- 🌱 Round Trip Airfares
- 💮 Daily breakfast
- Coach with tour guide
- Daily Sightseeing
- 👷 Medium Group

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Spain and Portugal boast a rich tapestry of history and culture, with stunning architectural wonders like the Alhambra in Spain and the Jerónimos Monastery in Portugal. The vibrant culinary scenes in both nations are a food lover's paradise, featuring mouthwatering dishes like paella and tapas in Spain and the delectable pastéis de nata in Portugal. The landscapes are nothing short of breathtaking, from the sun-kissed beaches of the Costa del Sol to the picturesque vineyards of the Douro Valley. With warm, welcoming locals and a plethora of unique experiences awaiting, Spain and Portugal promise an unforgettable adventure for all who embark on this extraordinary tour.

Scroll through the center of Madrid including the Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor.

Visit the immense Alhambra Palace and its beautiful Generalife gardens, built in Arabian times Explore historical Malaga city centre, with its cathedral and the Picasso Museum.

Boat trip along the river Guadalquivir, enjoying the panoramic views of Santa Cruz in Seville.

Visit Jerez de Los Caballeros, a town once belonged to the Knights Templar and is where Vasco Nuñez de Balboa was born.

Get on the world's oldest cable car to ride up to the Santuário do BOM JESÚS.

Visit the Roman walls in Lugo, which were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Follow the coastline to SANTILLANA, one of Spain's most beautiful towns.

Visit Wine Museum in Briones and learn about the significance of the ancient art of winemaking in La Rioja, an outstanding winemaking region.

See the La Sagrada Familia Basilica, the masterpiece designed by the architect Gaudí.



Day 1: North America to Madrid Day 2: Arrive in Madrid Dav 3: Madrid Day 4: Madrid - Granada Day 5: Granada - Malaga - Marbella - Ronda -Seville Day 6: Seville Day 7: Seville - Jerez de los Caballeros-Monsaraz - Evora - Lisbon Day 8: Lisbon Day 9: Lisbon- Fatima- Porto Day 10: Porto- Bom Jesus Sanctuary-Cambados- Santiago de Compostela Day 11: Santiago de Compostela- Lugo-O Cebreiro- Leon- Oviedo Day 12: Oviedo- Covadonga- Santillana-Santand Day 13: Santander- Bilbao- La Rioja- Zaragoza Day 14: Zaragoza- Poblet- Montserrat-Barcelona Day 15: Barcelona Day 16: Barcelona - North America



Day 1 North America - Madrid

Depart for Madrid.

Day 2 Madrid Arrival

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Transfer to the hotel. Evening transport to the Gran Vía district. Welcome to Madrid! Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until the beginning of your tour. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area which have all the information about the welcome meeting with your quide and fellow travelers. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the Egyptian Debod Temple, Plaza de España and Gran Via; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options available. Meal: Breakfast

Day 3 Madrid

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid city tour. Stroll through the Retiro Park. Visit to the Las Ventas bullring. Evening transfer. The morning starts with a comprehensive tour through the center of Madrid including the Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor. We then will visit Retiro Park, an oasis in the city center, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. A visit to Las Ventas Bullring (admission included) is next. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of the "corridas" at the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. At sunset we will provide a transfer to Plaza de Oriente, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving different cuisines, such as local Spanish food, international and Chinese. Enjoy a pleasant dinner of your choice. At the end of the evening we will return to the hotel. Meal: Breakfast

Day 4 Madrid - Granada

TODAY'S HIGLIGHTS: Lunch included. Entrance and local guide in the Alhambra. Evening transfer. We leave Madrid in the early morning. We travel to the south across La Mancha, stoppina in PUERTO LAPICE, a 'mancheao' village evoking the figure of Don Quixote. We will enter Andalusia via Despeñaperros, arrivina in GRANADA. Lunch included. In the afternoon, we will visit with a local auide the immense Alhambra Palace and its beautiful Generalife aardens, built in Arabian times. In the evening we visit the Albaicín district of Granada, a World Heritage site along with the Alhambra, where you can enjoy dinner in the narrow winding streets of this captivating Medieval Moorish quarter. Tonight, you have the option to attend a flamenco dance show and the traditional neighborhood of Sacromonte.I MPORTANT NOTE: The maximum number of people allowed to visit the Alhambra is limited by the local government. Even if you buy the trip with the ticket included we cannot guarantee entrance to the Alhambra. In such event, we would offer entry to the Reales Alcázares in Seville, which is similar. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 Granada - Malaga -Marbella - Ronda - Seville

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Costa del Sol and the Andalusian village of Ronda. Departing from Granada and travelling towards the Costa del Sol, we will arrive in MALAGA and explore its historic city center, with its cathedral and the Picasso Museum. After this we will continue along the coastal motorway with beautiful views of the Mediterranean. Stopping in PUERTO BANUS, Marbella, a beautiful resort known as the playground of Europe's rich and famous. In the afternoon we will continue through the hills until we reach RONDA, a very beautiful "white town" with its large gorge that divides it in two. Then we will travel onward to SEVILLE, arrival sometime in the late afternoon. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 6 Seville

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Guided visit with local expert in Seville. Boat trip along the river Guadalquivir. Night transfer to the historic center. After breakfast, a local expert will guide you on a scenic visit of Seville featuring the Cathedral and its famous Giralda (bell tower), the banks of the Guadalauivir River, popular neighborhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana and the beautiful Plaza de España. After the visit, we will include a boat trip alona the river Guadalauivir, enjoving the panoramic views from the boat. Afterwards, you will have free time to explore at your own leisure. At the end of the afternoon, we will go to the historic city center area (Calle Alfonso XII) where there are many different types of restaurants for you to choose from. Meal: Breakfast

Day 7 Seville - Jerez de los Caballeros- Monsaraz - Evora -Lisbon.

HIGHLIGHTS: a beautiful scenery where we will visit walled villages. Evora Chapel of bones. We will leave Seville and set out on a stage of scenic beauty. Through hills and olive tree groves we will enter Extremadura. We will stop in JEREZ DE LOS CABALLEROS, this town once belonged to the Knights Templar and is where Vasco Nuñez de Balboa was born. We will then enter Portugal. MONSARAZ, is one of the most picturesque villages in Portugal with old fortified walls, a castle, great views and white-painted streets brimming with flowerpots. We will then travel to the city of EVORA, declared a World Heritage Site thanks to its white-painted streets, Renaissance palaces and cathedral. Time for lunch. We will also visit the impressive Chapel of Bones (admission included), which was built using the bones from over 5000 skeletons! We will arrive in LISBON toward the end of the day. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 8 Lisbon

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City Tour of Lisbon. Evening transfer. In the morning we will have a sightseeing tour with a local guide. We will visit the traditional neighborhoods including the Belem district, which is the birthplace of the great Portuguese navigators who sailed the oceans in the Fifteenth Century. We will have a look around the Monument of the Discoveries, Belem Tower, and the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy the free afternoon when you are free to explore the city at your own leisure. In the late afternoon, we will have a transfer to the Restauradores Square, a public square with plenty of restaurants and cafes. We suggest you ride the Elevador Da Gloria funicular that takes you to the viewpoint of San Pedro with beautiful views over Lisbon and the Bairro Alto, Return to the hotel, Meal: Breakfast

Day 9 Lisbon - Fatima - Porto

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Fatima Shrine. Visit Porto and the old cellars. We will head to the north of Portugal and visit FATIMA, an important sanctuary. We will continue on our way through to PORTO, Portugal's second largest city. We will have time to have lunch and then go on a sightseeing tour of this city, which sits on the bank of the Duero river, and its historic city centre. We will also include a visit to the old cellars. Free time. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 10 Porto - Bom Jesus Do Monte Sanctuary - Cambados - Santiago de Compostela

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Cable car ride to the Bom Jesus Sanctuary. Wine and Mussels tasting during the boat trip. Visit to Santiago de Compostela. On this day we will travel through beautiful landscapes. In the city of BRAGA, we will get on the world's oldest cable car to ride up to the Santuário do BOM JESÚS, where we will enjoy its gorgeous views. We recommend trekking back down in order to admire its beautiful stairway. Meal: Breakfast

Then, we will resume our trip and head to Galicia. We will visit the historic town of CAMBADOS in Rias Baixas where we will go on a glass bottom boat trip in which we will learn about the production of mussels and oysters. Wine and mussel tasting included. At lunchtime we will arrive in SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, where we will go on a guided tour with a local guide. This town was a famous pilgrimage destination since the Middle Ages. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 11 Santiago de Compostela - Lugo - O Cebreiro - Leon -Oviedo

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS. **Beautiful** landscapes. Visit Oviedo. We will travel along the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) to Castile. In LUGO we will have time to visit the historic town center and Roman walls, which were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will make a stop on route in O'CEBREIRO, a small Galician stone village. Arrival in LEÓN at lunchtime, where we will have time to visit the Gothic cathedral with its stainedglass windows and to stroll through the historic town center. After that, we will cross the Cantabrian Range mountains on our way to Asturias. Arrival in OVIEDO in the mid-afternoon. We will include (occasionally on Tuesday mornings) an hour-and-a-half visit of the city with a local guide in which we will visit its 9th century cathedral, Calatrava Congressional Palace. Campoamor Theatre and Calle de la Rua. Meal: Breakfast

Day 12 Oviedo - Covadonga -Santillana Del Mar - Santander

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Fantastic landscapes. Altamira National Museum. Panoramic city tour of Santander. We will travel to Picos de Europa. We will visit Basílica de COVADONGA, which is surrounded by beautiful scenery. Then, we will resume our journey following the coastline to SANTILLANA, one of Spain's most beautiful towns, and we will visit its well-preserved medieval quarter. We will also visit the National Museum and Research Centre of ALTAMIRA (ticket included) located in the vicinity of this town. We will later travel to SANTANDER, the region's capital, a coastal city with amazing views and beaches. We will explore and learn about this elegant city and beautiful bay on the included panoramic city tour.

NOTE: On some high occupancy dates (especially in summer from May to mid September), some groups can be accommodated in Bilbao. **Meal:** Breakfast

Day 13 Santander – Bilbao – Foronda Service Area– La Rioja – Saragossa

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Bilbao. Wine Museum in La Rioja. Santo Domingo de la Calzada.We will follow the motorway along the Cantabrian coast; some of the scenery we will see today, as we travel between the mountains and the sea, is specially beauty. BILBAO. We arrive in the Basque Country's largest city. We will go on a short tour of the city with a local auide which will cover: the Guggenheim area, the old quarter, the Cathedral... then there will be free time to enjoy some authentic "pintxos". We will then travel to La Rioja an outstanding winemaking region. We will visit the Wine Museum in Briones and learn about the significance of the ancient art of winemaking. Later on we will stop in SANTO DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA a historic town on the famous "Camino de Santiago", whose cathedral houses a hen and a rooster. ZARAGOZA, we will arrive in the late afternoon. Meal: Breakfast

Day 14 Saragossa - Poblet -Montserrat - Barcelona

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Zaraaoza Sightseeing tour. Rack railway to Montserrat Abbey. We include a morning sightseeing tour of the city of ZARAGOZA with a local guide. We will visit the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. We will also learn about Goya, the famous painter (and see some of his works), visit a Roman theatre, a Renaissance palace and walk by the Aljafería Palace.After lunch, we will continue our journey and head to the POBLET MONASTERY, a walled monastery surrounded by beautiful scenery. It is one the best preserved medieval of monasteries in the world (ticket included). We will later travel to MONSERRAT ABBEY where we will board the rack railway and take in the fantastic landscapes. We will resume the trip and go to BARCELONA, where we will arrive in the late afternoon. Note: In some cases, depending on the timetable of the rack railway, the ascent to Montserrat can be done in our coach. From November to March, due to the shorter duration of the days, we will neither be ascending nor stopping in Montserrat. Meal: Breakfast

Day 15 Barcelona

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Barcelona city tour. "Spanish Village" visit and evening transfer to the Magic Fountain of Montjuich.Today we will explore Barcelona, an impressive city right on the Medi-terranean Sea. Starting by an informative city tour with a local expert (note: If the group has fewer than fifteen people, explanations can be given by our guide.) We will also visit the city's historic central area with its Gothic neighborhood dating back to the Middle Ages. We will visit the area where the Olympic Games took place. We will also get the chance to see La Sagrada Familia Basilica, the masterpiece designed by the architect Gaudi.Following this, we include the entry ticket to visit 'Poble Espanyol' (meaning 'Spanish Village'). This open-air architectural museum is situated in one of the most emblematic areas of Barcelona. Enjoy the Spanish craftsmanship and discover the architectural styles, traditions and folklore of the different regions that make up Spain. You will then have some free time to explore the city at your own leisure.In the evening, we include transportation and will attend the show of The Magic Fountain of Montjuïch, with its combination of lights, colors, water and music. You will have time to dine in this area. Note: in case of having the transfer to the Magic Fountain a day that for maintenance or any other reason the show is not performed, the night transfer will be given to the Maremagnum, avant-garde leisure center with restaurants by the sea and to the Plaza Colón. return to the hotel in the late evening.

Day 16 Barcelona - North America

After breakfast and check-out, transfer to the airport. **Meal:** Breakfast

Optional Programs

Flamenco Night with Dinner	EUR €70
Zambra Gitana Show	EUR €35
Sevillian night in Patio	EUR €40
Artistic & Seville Cathedral	EUR €25
Sintra Cascais & Estoril	EUR €40
Portuguese Fado in Barrio Alto	EUR €45
Fado Show with Dinner	EUR €65
Basilica La Sagrada Familia	EUR €55
Picasso & Gothic Walking tour	EUR €40

2024 Departure Dates

Depart	05-Jan	19-Jan	02-Feb	16-Feb
01-Mar	15-Mar	12-Apr	26-Apr	10-May
24-May	07-Jun	21-Jun	05-Jul	19-Jul
02-Aug	30-Aug	13-Sep	27-Sep	11-Oct
25-Oct	08-Nov	22-Nov	06-Dec	20-Dec

Price Notes

• Single room supplement fee for Standard cabin and hotel room: \$1,800

• Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver from \$400; Calgary, Edmonton from \$300; Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300.

• Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.







Package Includes

- Flights Toronto-Madrid, Barcelona-Toronto. Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 4 Star Hotel Accommodations

• All transfers (Airport transfer is not included in Land only package)

- Daily Breakfast
- Sightseeing per itinerary in airconditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking guide
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees (if apply)
- Insurance of any kind
- Gratuities (includes basic tips for tour guide, driver, etc.)
- Personal expenses of any kind