

YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 8 BREAKFASTS | 4 DINNERS | 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



DAY 1

WELCOME TO MADRID.

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00, 13:30 or 16:00.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

☆ During your time in Madrid you will travel through the Puerta del Sol, seeing the Royal Palace and famous Cibeles Fountain. (DW)

Hotel Miguel Angel by BlueBay, Madrid.
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DAY 2

THE OLD CAPITAL OF TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA.

Meet a master craftsman in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft.

☆ Explore the fascinating city of Toledo as you walk through the narrow cobbled streets, led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.' Your journey continues to Granada. (B) (DW)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.
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DAY 3

THE ALHAMBRA PALACE AND SEVILLE, CITY OF CARMEN.

Explore the incredible Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert, along with the exotic water gardens of the Generalife.

☆ Relax during a scenic drive to Seville where a Local Expert will guide you through the Santa Cruz Quarter to emerge by the huge walls of the Alcazar. See La Giralda, the former minaret of the Great Mosque, and enter the immense 15th century cathedral, to see the Tomb of Christopher Columbus.

During a highlight evening enjoy the flavours of Andalucía and share the passion of Spain's most fiery region as you experience a flamenco show. (B) (DW)

Ayre Hotel Sevilla (Superior Rooms), Seville.
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DAY 4 - RELAXED START

FREE TIME IN SEVILLE.

This is a free day, so take your time to bask in the city's romantic aura and explore as you wish. You may like to join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it. (B)

DAY 5 - RELAXED START

THE PLAINS OF THE ALENTEJO TO LISBON.

Pass through the oak forests where black Iberian pigs are bred for the famous Spanish hams.

Stop in Jabugo for an insight into the history and curing process of Jamón Ibérico. The subtle differences will be revealed with a delicious tasting.

Then venture across the wide Alentejo Plateau to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel Lisbon.
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DAY 6 - RELAXED START

LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES.

☆ A Local Expert leads you from the Lower Town, beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto, to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city.

Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the bakery that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years.

☆ See the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower before visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Jerónimos Monastery with its beautiful Manueline architecture. The afternoon is at your leisure, to relax or continue exploring. (B)

DAY 7

HOLY FÁTIMA AND GOLDEN SALAMANCA.

☆ Travel to Fátima, the most celebrated place of pilgrimage in Portugal and visit the famed basilica.

☆ Cross the border and continue to Salamanca to see its golden stone buildings, the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor and the Puente Romano. (B)

Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.
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DAY 8

OLD CASTILE, TO ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA AND ON TO MADRID.

☆ Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city that is still entirely enclosed within 11th century walls.

☆ Return to Madrid to explore the old town with your Local Expert.

At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)

Hotel Hesperia Madrid.
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DAY 9

FAREWELL MADRID.

Board your onward flight, taking home memories of this exciting journey. Departure transfers arrive at Madrid Airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$514

Please see inside front cover for information key on dining, travel styles and itinerary icons.