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Highlights of Spain & Portugal

13-Day, 12-Night Journey

Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Porto

Discover the vibrant heart of Spain and Portugal. Begin in cosmopolitan Barcelona, where traditional Catalan culture meets striking modern architecture. Journey to Madrid, Spain's regal capital, and immerse yourself in its grand, classical architecture. Then explore Portugal's historic capital, Lisbon, a city steeped in a rich past from ancient times to the Age of Discovery. Conclude your journey in Porto, the birthplace of port wine.

Immerse yourself in the region's gastronomy, savoring exquisite wines and experiencing the soulful sounds of Fado and the passionate artistry of Flamenco, all set against the backdrop of picturesque seaside resorts.



Sagrada Familia Cathedral, Barcelona



Belem Tower, Lisbon



Park Guell, Barcelona



Pena National Palace, Sintra



Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral, Madrid



Porto offers stunning riverfront view

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Inclusions	Exclusions
 Hotel Accommodations 	 International Airfare and Madrid-Lisbon Airfare
 Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals 	 Excursion Transfers (optional add-on)
(See tour plan for details)	► Government Tourism Fee
 English-speaking guided tours 	► Travel Insurance
 Private Airport, Train Stations & Hotel Transfers 	► Medical Expenses
► Barcelona to Madrid Train Ticket and Lisbon to	► Visa Fee (if applicable)
Porto Train Ticket (Standard Class)	► Gratuities
	► Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Barcelona - El Prat Airport (BCN) Porto - Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)

Itinerary

3 NIGHTS IN BARCELONA

DAY 1: BARCELONA

Welcome to Spain! Arrive at Barcelona Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Barcelona offers a colorful urban quarter, stunning architecture (iconic landmarks like Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and the historic Gothic Quarter), charming plazas and mouthwatering cuisine. [Meals: None]

Porto Douro Valley Sintra Lisbon Madrid Cascais Spain & Portugal

DAY 2: BARCELONA CITY TOUR

Today, you take a self-guided tour to explore Barcelona's top attractions.

Visit the iconic **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** - the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visit **Parc Guell** in upper Barcelona and enjoy beautiful views out over the city. This is Gaudí's surrealistic park where nature and art blend harmoniously featuring colorful mosaics, twisted columns, dragon fountains and amazing views.

See Barcelona Cathedral, Casa Batllo and many other famous attractions.

Note: Attraction admission tickets are not included.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: SAGRADA FAMILIA CATHEDRAL TOUR, FLAMENCO SHOW

After breakfast, Join your SAGRADA FAMILIA GUIDED TOUR with Skip-the-Line Ticket (1.5 Hours, @11:15am)

Explore Barcelona's stunning Sagrada Familia basilica with this guided tour, includes skip-the-line admission.

The iconic **Sagrada Familia Cathedral** is the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

► Marvel at the remarkable architecture and ornate decoration of Gaudi's creation.

► Maximize your time with skip-the-line entry and free time after your tour.

•Get expert insights from an official Catalonia guide during your tour.

This evening, enjoy Tablao Flamenco show with drink (1 hour) Start Time: 7:15pm

Experience traditional flamenco in a historic venue at Barcelona's heart. Enjoy a live performance with world-class artists and no microphones.

[Meals: Breakfast]

3 NIGHTS IN MADRID

DAY 4: BARCELONA - MADRID

Take the train from Barcelona train station to Madrid (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included). The rest of the day is free.

Madrid is the elegant capital of Spain. Let's discover this classic royal city's rich history, traditional culture, and top attractions. Madrid is a paradise for foodies, serving dishes from many regions of Spain and beyond.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: MADRID OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR WITH ROYAL PALACE, TAPAS AND WINE TASTING

This morning you join the **Madrid City Walking Tour** including **Royal Palace** (2 hours @10am). On this guided tour we explore Madrid's oldest quarters, grand palaces, narrow medieval streets and traditional shops.

Continue to the Plaza de Oriente which leads to the Royal Palace – enjoy our skip-the-line entry to the palace and take a guided tour of the largest royal residence in Europe.

MADRID TAPAS AND WINE TASTING TOUR (group, 3 hours)

Discover Madrid's tapas scene in a small group tour with a local guide.

Visit several much-loved tapas bars, and enjoy a drink and a tapas dish in each. Sample classic Spanish dishes like Ibérico ham and salted cod. Learn about Spanish cuisine in Madrid as you stroll the Literary Quarter.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: MADRID FREE DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Free Day to explore this royal city on your own. [Meals: Breakfast]

3 NIGHTS IN LISBON

DAY 7: MADRID - LISBON, FADO NIGHT SHOW WITH DINNER

Check-out and travel by air to **Lisbon** (airfare not included). Welcome to Portugal, upon arrival transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Lisbon is one of the oldest capitals in Europe with a sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues dotting the seven hills of this romantic city.

Evening Fado Show and Portuguese Dinner (group, 3 hours @7pm)

Watch and experience Fado music which was born in the humble streets of Bairro Alto. Enjoy this live Fado show with a local expert guide and a full course dinner. Listen to classic guitar instrumentals. [Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 8: LISBON CITY WALKING TOUR

Today join your **Best of Lisbon Walking Tour** (small group, 3 hours @9:30am). Visit central Lisbon's major historical sites on a guided walking tour including **Carmo Church, Commerce Square,** and **Rossio Central Station**. Stroll through Lisbon's oldest district, **Alfama**, and the elegant **Chiado** neighborhood. Learn about Fado music and Lisbon's history and culture. [Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: SINTRA, PENA, REGALEIRA, CABO DA ROCA & CASCAIS TOUR

After breakfast, join you guided tour of **SINTRA, PENA, REGALEIRA, CABO DA ROCA & CASCAIS** (group, 10 hours @8am)

Spend the day in the charming **Sintra** region. Including guided tours of the colorful **Pena Palace** (a Romanticist castle) and the mystical **Quinta da Regaleira** (with its mystical house and gardens). There is time to walk around the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town center of Sintra. Continue on the coast to visit the seaside town of **Cabo da Roca** and picturesque fishing village of **Cascais**. [Meals: Breakfast]

3 NIGHTS IN PORTO

DAY 10: LISBON - PORTO

Take the train from Lisbon train station to Porto (standard class included, round-trip transfer between hotel and train station included). The rest of the day is free.

Porto is the second-largest city in Portugal and the birthplace of port wine. Don't miss its UNESCO-listed historic center and delicious local cuisine. [Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 11: PORTO CITY WALKING TOUR

Explore Porto with your guided walking tour (group, 3 hours @10am).

Visit top attractions in Porto's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic center. Learn about Porto's Roman roots and hear about the Moorish and Castilian invasions. Pose for photos in front of **Porto Cathedral** and **Clerigos Tower**. Admire the eye-catching **Ponte de Dom Luis I** – Porto's iconic iron bridge, and the Douro River.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 12: DOURO VALLEY WINE TOUR WITH LUNCH & CRUISE

After breakfast, join your **DOURO VALLEY WINE TOUR WITH LUNCH & CRUISE** (small group, 10 hours @8:30am)

Experience the best of Douro valley, from its wines to its landscapes and wonderful cuisine. Immerse yourself in Douro's culture and traditions. Enjoy a 3-course Portuguese lunch with wine pairing. Round-trip transfers from your Porto hotel are included.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 13: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Porto Airport for your flight home to the USA or Canada. [Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

*Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.