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TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Independent Spain Explorer

### 10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Barcelona, Madrid, Serville, Cordoba

Join us for an exhilarating journey through Spain's rich cultural tapestry. Marvel at Sagrada Familia and Park Güell, explore Royal palaces and a historic church built within a former mosque. Wander the charming old towns of Toledo and Cordoba. Visit a winery to savor regional wines and tapas. Experience the passion of a flamenco show. This is an unforgettable Spainish adventure!

Our Independent Tour combines the ease of guided excursions with a bit of extra free time and flexibility.



Park Guell has a beautiful view over Barcelona



Panoramic View of Medieval Toledo



Sagrada Familia Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Plaza de España, Seville



Madrid: birds eye view with Cibeles Fountain



Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba was built within a former mosque

Highlights	
<ul> <li>Barcelona Old Town and Gothic Quarter Walking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Madrid City Walking Tour with Royal Palace</li> </ul>
Tour	▸ Toledo Guided Day Trip with Winery Visit and
<ul> <li>Sagrada Familia and Park Guell Tour</li> </ul>	Tasting
<ul> <li>Montserrat Monastery Tour</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seville Cathedral, Giralda &amp; Royal Alcázar</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Flamenco Show with sherry &amp; tapas</li> </ul>	Guided Tour
	▸ Córdoba and Mosque Cathedral Tour

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul> <li>Hotel Accommodations</li> </ul>	► International Air Fare
<ul> <li>Daily Breakfast &amp; 1 Dinner (See tour plan for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Train Station &amp; Excursion Transfers</li> </ul>
details)	(optional add-on)
<ul> <li>Private Airport Transfers</li> </ul>	► Government Tourism Fee
► Domestic train tickets (Barcelona - Madrid –	► Travel Insurance
Seville; Standard Class)	► Medical Expenses
<ul> <li>English-speaking Local Guide for mentioned</li> </ul>	► Visa Fee (if applicable)
excursions	► Gratuities
<ul> <li>Entrance Fees to Monuments and</li> </ul>	▶ Personal Expenses
Attractions per Itinerary	

## Nearby Airports

Barcelona - El Prat Airport (BCN) Seville – Seville Airport (SVQ)

# Itinerary

#### **3 NIGHTS IN BARCELONA**

#### DAY 1: BARCELONA

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

**Barcelona** offers a colorful urban quarter, stunning architecture, charming plazas and mouthwatering cuisine. Its iconic landmarks include Gaudi's Sagrada Familia and the historic Gothic Quarter.

[Meals: None]



### DAY 2: BARCELONA OLD TOWN & GOTHIC QUARTER WALKING TOUR, SAGRADA FAMILIA & PARK GUELL TOUR

This morning, **Barcelona Old Town and Gothic Quarter Walking Tour** (group, 2 hours @9:30am) Discover Barcelona's 2,000-year history, from Roman Barcino to today's vibrant city. Explore attractions like Barcelona Cathedral and Placa Sant Felip Neri, uncovering hidden gems.

This afternoon, a **guided Sagrada Familia and Park Guell tour** (group, 3 hours @2pm) Witness iconic landmarks like Sagrada Familia Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site), explore the Gothic Quarter's medieval charm, and admire Modernist architecture on Passeig de Gràcia, including Gaudí's La Pedrera. Enjoy breathtaking views from **Montjuïc Hill**. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 3: MONTSERRAT MONASTERY TOUR

Today you join the **Montserrat Monastery tour** (group, 8 hours @8:30am) Visit **Montserrat Basilica** located on **Montserrat mountain** 4,055 ft above sea level. It offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The basilica is dramatically set into the rocks with famous attractions like the Black Madonna and landscapes. [Meals: Breakfast]

**3 NIGHTS IN MADRID** 

### DAY 4: BARCELONA - MADRID, FLAMECO SHOW

Take the morning train from Barcelona train station to Madrid (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station is not included).

Experience authentic **flamenco** (1 hour @7pm). Enjoy diverse flamenco styles, from Seguiriya to Bulerías, in an intimate setting, complemented by a signature sherry wine cocktail and traditional tapas. **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, Dinner]

#### DAY 5: MADRID CITY WALKING TOUR WITH ROYAL PALACE

Today you join the **Madrid City Walking Tour** including **Royal Palace** (group, 2 hours @2pm). Explore Madrid's Old Town, including entry to the Royal Palace to see works by renowned painters. Visit famous squares like Plaza Mayor and learn about historical monuments that make up this beautiful city of Madrid. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 6: TOLEDO GUIDE TOUR WITH WINERY TOUR

After breakfast you join the **Toledo tour** (group, 8 hours @9am). Toledo is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Europe's oldest cities. Explore its blend of Arabic, Gothic, Mudejar, Renaissance, and Baroque architectures. Visiting the Jewish Quarter, convents, and the Gothic Cathedral. Afterwards we tour a **local vineyard's cellars** and sample three wines with charcuterie and Manchego cheese, and learn about their unique grapes. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### **3 NIGHTS IN SEVILLE**

#### DAY 7: MADRID TO SEVILLE

Take the morning train from Madrid train station to Seville (Standard Class. Round-trip transfer between hotel and train station is not included). The rest of the day is free.

**Seville** is the capital of Andalusia and the birthplace of flamenco. This old city is filled with beautiful plazas, like the stunning Plaza de España which showcases a mix of Renaissance and Moorish architecture, and charming neighborhoods filled with narrow winding streets and picturesque courtyards. The food scene includes traditional Andalusian dishes like tapas, gazpacho, and jamón ibérico. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 8: SEVILLE CATHEDRAL, GIRALDA & ROYAL ALCÁZAR TOUR

This morning you join the Seville Tour (group, 4 hours @11am).

Visit Europe's oldest palace, the **Alcázar** (UNESCO World Heritage Site), built by Muslim Moors and still used by Spanish monarchy. Marvel at **Seville Cathedral** (UNESCO World Heritage Site), built on a former mosque, and admire the **Giralda** bell tower, originally a minaret. Explore the old Jewish quarter and more.

The **Royal Alcazar palace** has three palaces and several royal chambers, centenary gardens and chapels. It has been the home of many dynasties.

#### [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 9: CORDOBA AND MOSQUE CATHERAL TOUR

This morning you join the **Córdoba and Mosque Cathedral Tour** (group, 10 hours @8am). Journey back to the days of the Caliphate and explore the city of Córdoba. Get access to the breathtaking Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba. Take a stroll through the Jewish Quarter and discover charming narrow streets in the old town.

#### DAY 10: END OF TOUR

Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Seville 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.

#### **Optional Add-ons:**

- ► Train Station & Excursion Transfers.
- ► Additional hotel nights are available at each city.

► Standard double room is included with your tour. Room upgrades available in the same hotel, please advise the budget.