

Historic city of Toledo



Treasures of Sample Itinerary Spain



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Montjuïc Castle, fortress built in 17th century, Barcelona



Day 1 • Depart

Our journey begins as we depart on our scheduled international flight to Barcelona, Spain. Spain is the number one destination for European travelers and a great adventure awaits us!

Day 2 • Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona, we are met by a motor coach and driver and transfer to our hotel. After time to freshen up, we enjoy an informal walking tour of the area and visit **Las Ramblas**. **D**

Day 3 • Barcelona

This morning we take a locally guided tour of Barcelona, including the **Barri Gòtic Cathedral**. In the afternoon we take an excursion to **Montjuïc** for a panoramic view of the city and harbor and a visit to the impressive open-air architectural museum **El Poble Espanyol**. Later we have some free time to pursue individual interests. Possibilities include the Olympic facilities built for the 1992 Summer Games (with a swim in the Olympic Pool), *el Mundo Submarino–Acquarium*, or the Barcelona zoo. **B/D**

Day 4 • Barcelona to Granada (Overnight train)

We continue our sightseeing in Barcelona today with a visit to **La Sagrada Familia**, the amazing work of Antonio Gaudi. This afternoon we take an excursion to **Montserrat**, where we learn the story of the Virgen de Montserrat. A cable car transports us up the mountain to visit the picturesque monastery. This evening we board a train for an overnight ride to Granada. **B/D**

Montserrat, Monastery near Barcelona



Alhambra Palace



Day 5 • Torremolinos

We arrive in Granada this morning and are escorted to the **Alhambra** (Spain's number one attraction) and **Generalife Gardens**. Our next stop is a visit to the **Capilla Real**, where Fernando and Isabela are entombed. There is some time to explore Granada before continuing on to the resort town of Torremolinos. **B/D**

Day 6 • Torremolinos

Today we enjoy Spain's famous **Costa del Sol** and a delightful excursion to **Mijas**, a picturesque village nestled in the foothills of the sierra overlooking the Mediterranean coast. There we see hilly streets lined with whitewashed houses and feel the authentic village atmosphere. If we want to explore a bit, we can visit the chapel of Mija's patroness, the Virgen de la Peña, and read the story of her appearance in the village. We can also hike up to see Mija's tiny bullring. This afternoon we have free time to spend on the warm, sandy beaches of the Costa del Sol, Europe's Mediterranean haven for sun-seekers. **B/D**

Day 7 • Sevilla

We travel to **Gibraltar** today to see the famous "rock." Then we drive northward to Sevilla, Spain's third largest city. This evening, weather permitting, we take a leisurely ride down the **Gualdalquivir River** and see the dazzling city lights. **B/D**

Day 8 • Sevilla

This morning we take a locally guided tour of Sevilla. Our tour includes a visit to the great **Gothic Cathedral**, the third largest church in the world, where Christopher Columbus and

Mijas





Reales Alcázares in Seville

his son are believed to be entombed. We also visit the **Reales Alcázares**, the finest example of Mudéjar architecture in Spain, and Sevilla's royal residence. We stroll down the twisting alleyways and cobbled squares of Sevilla's old **Jewish Quarters**. This evening we enjoy a *flamenco* performance in the city most noted for this beautiful and emotional style of dance. **B/D**

Day 9 • Toledo

We travel north today through Andalusia into the region of Castilla-La Mancha. En route to Toledo, we stop in **Córdoba** to tour **La Mezquita**, the incredible church built in 786 as a mosque that has evolved over the centuries to blend many architectural forms and faiths. Our destination this afternoon is the walled fortress city of Toledo. **B/D**

Day 10 • Madrid

Our day begins with a tour of Toledo, including the impressive and beautiful **Catedral**, **El Alcázar**, and **la Capilla de Santo Tomé**. We then continue on to Madrid, where we have time to explore the historic city center. We also visit the renowned **Prado** museum, which has one of the world's finest art collections. **B/D**

Day 11 • Madrid

A coach tour of the city this morning includes such highlights as **Plaza Mayor**, the **Monument to Cervantes**, **Parque del Retiro**, and **Puerta del Sol**. This afternoon we visit the **Palacio Real**, the vast and lavish royal palace built by Spain's first bourbon kings. **B/D**



Córdoba



Spanish Square in Seville

Day 12 • Madrid

Today we take a full day excursion via coach to Segovia. We view the grand **Acueducto Romano**, one of the greatest surviving examples of Roman engineering. We also visit the imposing castle and take a short tour. We then travel to the **Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial**, where the bodies of every king since Carlos I, save three, are laid to rest. We also stop to see the **Valle de los Caídos**, Franco's stupendous monument to his troops who fell in the Spanish Civil War. **B/D**

Day 13 • Return

We transfer to the Madrid airport this morning for our homebound flight. We return with lasting memories of Spanish architecture, culture, history, landscapes, and many new friends. *Adiós!* **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner



Palacio de San Lorenzo del Escorial in Madrid

Prices vary according to season, group size, and customization of each tour.
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Included

Transportation

- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach

Accommodations

- Multi-bedded tourist class hotels

Meals

- As indicated in itinerary

Sightseeing

- Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary

Tour Guides

- Teacher serves as tour leader (Professional tour director can be added upon request)
- Local guides for city tours and major attractions

Taxes and Tips

- All taxes and tips for provided services except end of tour tip for driver

Complimentary Tours

- One per 8 paying participants

Not included

- Roundtrip air transportation (Included upon request)
- Professional tour director
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour tip for driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Travel Insurance

This tour can be customized to your specifications.



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