

TRAFALGAR



Highlights of Spain and Portugal

Barcelona to Madrid

14 days - **13** nights | **2** Countries

\$4,645 per person twin share

\$855 single supplement

Start date: **02 October 2022**

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DAY 1: 02 OCTOBER 2022

Depart USA

Today your group is picked up from designated locations in Sioux Center and Sioux City, Iowa and taken to the Omaha airport (OMA) for your flight to Barcelona. Contact Extra Touch Tours for flight arrangements from other locations.

DAY 2: 03 OCTOBER 2022

Welcome to Barcelona (2 nights)

Trace the treasures of the north on this grand expedition from Barcelona to Madrid, easing yourself into la buena vida as only the Spaniards can. On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel. With the rest of the day free, delve into centuries of history and the cosmopolitan culture of Barcelona, rambling up Las Ramblas, people watching in Plaça de Catalunya and admiring the whimsical architecture of Gaudí. Later, you'll meet with your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and evening drive to see the city's iconic sights.

Meal(s): Welcome Dinner with Wine

Hotel(s): Barcelona Condal Mar Hotel or similar

DAY 3: 04 OCTOBER 2022

Discover Vibrant Barcelona

Our first stop this morning is to view the unfinished La Sagrada Família. We join a Local Specialist to see the Plaça de Catalunya and pay tribute to Christopher Columbus at the monument that bears his name. Later, spend the rest of the day on your own to explore the city's enchanting barrios. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna - affectionately known in Catalonia as La Moreneta.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 4: 05 OCTOBER 2022

Journey to Valencia (1 night)

Your journey continues to Valencia, renowned for its modern verve and spirit of innovation. An orientation drive will include views of the 14th-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences, a large-scale urban recreation center for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. This evening, consider indulging in Valencia's fragrant flavors and aromas of paella.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Ocean Hotel Valencia or similar

DAY 5: 06 OCTOBER 2022

Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada (1 night)

We travel through the Sierra Nevada bound for Guadix. We'll view the troglodyte cave dwellings that blend effortlessly into the surrounding ochre landscape. Witness how generations of Guadix locals have carved cozy abodes into their rocky surrounds, then travel through the jagged Mora Pass to Granada, the last stronghold of the Moors in Europe. This evening, sample the hearty flavors of Andalusia during a special Regional Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Regional Dinner with Wine

Hotel(s): Occidental Hotel Granada or similar



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Onwards to Córdoba and Seville (3 nights)

Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your Local Specialist for a visit to the incredible Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains (tickets subject to availability). Inspired by poetry, the architecture is said to be a reflection of paradise as described in Islamic verse. Immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere in quiet courtyards, follow its colossal ancient walls and admire the ornate stone carvings. We leave Granada behind for Córdoba where we'll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerizing Cathedral of Córdoba, the former mosque of the caliphs and a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Our final stop for the day is alluring Seville, our home for the next three nights.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Hotel Dinner with Wine
Hotel(s): Melia Lebreros Hotel Seville or similar

DAY 7: 08 OCTOBER 2022

Uncover the Secrets of Seville

Seville takes center stage today as we explore this charismatic city. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a Local Specialist, then visit the Maria Luisa Park,

home of the 1929 Exposition. The park was built in a Moorish style and features half a mile of fountains, ponds, pavilions and lush plantings. We'll walk through the imposing Plaza de España and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world, where the explorer Christopher Columbus is entombed. Consider an Optional Experience this evening to witness the twirling of colorful skirts and rhythmic clapping of castanets at a fiery flamenco performance.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 8: 09 OCTOBER 2022

Admire the Sights of Jerez and Cádiz

We indulge in the aromatic flavors of Jerez today as we Dive Into Culture and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are our next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launch pad to the 'New World', and see the exotic plants and trees dotted throughout the city, said to have been brought here by him upon his return.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 9: 10 OCTOBER 2022

Venture to Évora (1 night)

Leaving the zesty scents of Seville behind, we head to the golden landscapes of the Alentejo, where the Brito Paes family await our arrival for a special Connect With Locals lunch on their traditional stud ranch, which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18th century (subject to availability). Enjoy a Be My Guest experience in the home of their ancestor before continuing to Évora for a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to visit its cathedral, Roman temple and Chapel of Bones. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Be My Guest Lunch with Wine, Hotel Dinner with Wine

Hotel(s): M'ar De Ar Muralhas Hotel or similar



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DAY 10: 11 OCTOBER 2022

On to Lively Lisbon (2 nights)

We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the city's highlights. A particular highlight of this afternoon is an opportunity to Dive Into Culture at the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery, an exquisite testament to 16th-century Manueline architecture and art.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): VIP Grand Lisbon Hotel or similar

DAY 11: 12 OCTOBER 2022

The Golden Triangle: Sintra, Cascais & The Estoril Coast

Today we venture outside of Lisbon. After passing through the fashionable resort of Estoril, we'll explore the picturesque fishing village of Cascais, with its beautiful array of mansions and exclusive residences. To complete the Golden Triangle, we'll visit the impressive Royal Palace in Sintra.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 12: 13 OCTOBER 2022

On to Salamanca (1 night)

We leave Portugal, traveling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden-

hued façades and ancient university heritage, where we will visit its 18th-century Plaza Mayor during our orientation tour.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Gran Corona Sol Hotel or similar

DAY 13: 14 OCTOBER 2022

Continue to Toledo and Madrid (1 night)

See the walled city of Ávila, the 'Town of Stones and Saints', so named for its vast collection of Romanesque and Gothic churches. We arrive in the cliff-top city of Toledo and join a Local Specialist for a guided walk through its streets. We'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings - 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz' and the former Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca. Later, Dive Into Culture and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this evening and mark the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula as we join our fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Farewell Dinner with Wine

Hotel(s): Melia Castilla Hotel or similar

DAY 14: 15 OCTOBER 2022

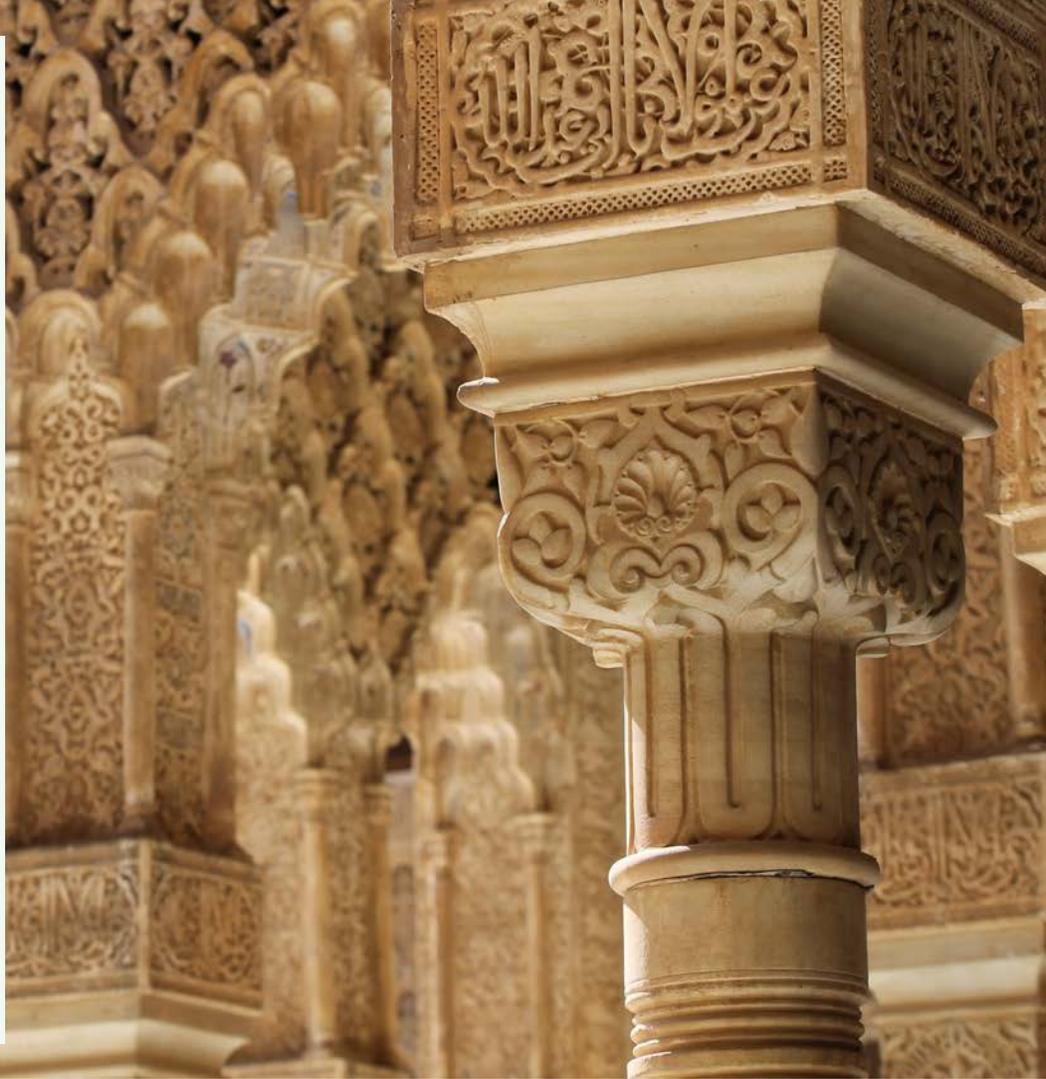
Adiós Madrid

For now it's time to say a fond farewell to our traveling companions, your Travel Director and the beauty of Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. Take your group transfer to the airport for your onward flight. On arrival in the US, your group is dropped off at designated locations in Sioux Center and Sioux City, Iowa

Meal(s): Breakfast

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- 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 5 dinners.
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys).
- 12 nights accommodations in hand-picked hotels, all tried and trusted (Hotels listed to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category).
- All portorage and restaurant gratuities. All hotel tips, charges and local taxes.
- An expert Travel Director and a professional Driver.
- Roundtrip air from Omaha. Contact Extra Touch Tours for flight arrangements from other locations.
- Roundtrip hometown transfers from designated locations in Sioux Center and Sioux City, Iowa to the Omaha airport (OMA). One group transfer per way.



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