



Small Group Tour of Spain Madrid – Seville – Toledo – Rondha – Granada

9 DAYS



ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrive Madrid

Upon arrival at Madrid airport you will be welcomed to Spain by your local longitude 180 Representative as you exit customs into the arrivals hall, and transferred to your hotel where you will be assisted with check-in procedures.

Your longitude 180 Representative is part of a unique network of over 75 representatives throughout Europe who ensure your vacation operates smoothly and to your absolute satisfaction. Your Representative is there on the ground to ensure that your travel arrangements run perfectly. He/she is on the end of the phone for you should you have any queries and is there to assist you

You will be confirmed for 3 nights at the Westin Palace six Executive Double/Twin Rooms, inclusive of Buffet Breakfast.

Westin Palace

Day 2

Madrid

Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour (8 hours) with your local English-speaking guide and private vehicle in Madrid. Visit the Prado Museum, which for many visitors is one of Madrid's main attractions. Here you can view works by Spain's three great masters: Goya, Velazquez and El Greco. After touring the Prado, you visit the historic centre of the city known as the "Madrid of the Austrias" surrounded the arcaded 17th century Plaza Mayor. After time at leisure to enjoy lunch – perhaps in the marvelous recently restored market of San Miguel where you can sample all kinds of tapas from different stalls. From here it is a short stroll to the Royal Palace, whose rooms are filled with art treasures and antiques. Later this afternoon, visit the magnificent Thyssen-Bornemisza collection which boasts 800 paintings and is regarded as one of the most important privately assembled art collections in the world or the Reina Sofia Art Centre, of 20th century an contemporary art which concentrates on 20th century art, and its most famous work Picasso's 'Guernica'.

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Day 3

Madrid – Toledo - Madrid

Today you will enjoy a full day (8 hours) excursion with your private vehicle and English-speaking guide to Toledo. Toledo is a fortified city dating from Roman times, when it was the capital of Visigothic Spain. Sightseeing will include the Cathedral, a blend of 13th, 14th and 15th century architecture, and the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's most famous painting "Burial of Count Orgaz". You will also visit the city's oldest and largest synagogue - the Sinagoga del Tránsito and the 12th century Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue.

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Day 4

Madrid – Seville

You will be met at your hotel by your Madrid longitude 180 Representative today and transferred by private vehicle to the Madrid rail station to board your train (1st Class – AVE preferente - carriage) to Seville. Upon arrival at the Seville rail station, you will be met by your Seville longitude 180 Representative and transferred by private vehicle to your hotel where you will be assisted with check-in.

You will be confirmed for 3 nights at the Hotel Alfonso XIII in six Deluxe Double/Twin Rooms, inclusive of Buffet Breakfast.

Hotel Alfonso XIII

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Day 5

Seville

Meet your English-speaking guide today for a half day walking tour (4 hours) of Seville. Visit the 15th Century Cathedral, one of the most breathtaking in all of Christendom, and see La Giralda, Seville's most famous monument. The Moorish tower was erected as a minaret in the 12th century. Visit the Alcazar, a magnificent 14th century Mudejar palace that is one of the oldest royal residences in Europe still in use. You will also enjoy a walk through the Barrio de Santa Cruz, a maze of narrow streets, whitewashed houses, small squares and flower festooned patios.

This afternoon is at your leisure to relax in your hotel or explore Seville independently.

Dinner this evening will be a specially designed "tapas walk". A local expert will lead you in search to some of Seville's lesser known – and most delicious – tapas establishments. Tapas, local wine, local beer and soft drinks included this evening (spirits etc excluded).

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Day 6
Seville - Ronda - Seville

Depart Seville this morning with your private vehicle and English-speaking driver for a full day excursion (up to 8 hours) to explore some of the beautiful “white villages” of Andalucía. First you come to Arcos de la Frontera whose streets of whitewashed houses rise up to the cliff top castle still owned by the same family since the 16th century. And then through the superb countryside of the Serranía de Cadiz, filled with rare pines and cork oaks to Grazalema, whose lush gardens and patios are filled with flowers thanks to its having one of the highest rainfalls in Spain. And then to the enchanting town of Ronda, situated on a cliff high above the River Guadalevin. Ronda is built around a ravine 360 ft deep and 210 ft across, which divides the old Moorish town from the "new town" which came into being after the Christian Reconquest of 1485. Here you are free to stroll and have some lunch either in one of the colourful street restaurants or perhaps the Parador of Ronda, with its breathtaking views of the 360-foot deep ravine (lunch not included). This afternoon you will meet your English-speaking local guide for a 2-hour walking tour to include the famous bullring, Plaza de Toros, the oldest and most beautiful in Spain. Later you will be transferred back to your hotel in Seville at the end of the afternoon.

This evening you might like to enjoy dinner accompanied by a spectacular performance of pulsating flamenco dancing and singing.

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Day 7
Seville - Cordoba - Granada

Depart Seville this morning and transfer by private vehicle with English-speaking guide to Granada. Upon arrival in Córdoba meet your English-speaking local guide for a 2½-hour walking tour of the attractive, whitewashed streets of this medieval Moorish city, the heart of which is the old Jewish quarter. You will visit the magnificent Mezquita, built between the 8th and 10th centuries and considered to be one of the most extraordinary buildings in all of Europe. In the 1520s, a Christian Baroque cathedral was constructed in the heart of the mosque, which contrasts completely with the original Moorish architecture. After your walking tour enjoy time at leisure to explore the city further on your own, and perhaps enjoy a leisurely lunch, before being transferred on to Granada.

You will be confirmed for 2 nights at the AC Palacio De Santa Paula in six Superior Double/Twin Rooms, inclusive of Buffet Breakfast.

AC Palacio De Santa Paula

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Day 8
Granada

Enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour (8 hours) with a private vehicle and a local English-speaking guide in Granada. You will visit the Alhambra, one of the great remnants of the Moslem occupation of Andalusia, founded in the 1240s. Once a great citadel containing a whole community of houses, schools barracks and gardens, the Alcazaba fortress and Royal Palace are all that remain today but they offer a complex of magical, exotic buildings. Take a stroll through the lovely gardens of the Generalife Palace. Afterwards take a walking tour to include the Royal

Chapel (burial place of the Catholic Monarchs Isabella of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon) and Cathedral. You will then be transferred by private vehicle back to your hotel. Your tour will also include a visit to the Albayzín which, like the Alhambra is an Unesco World Heritage Site. It is a complete Moorish town, little



changed in 600 years, rising on the other side of the valley of the River Darro with superb views over to the Alhambra.

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Day 9

Depart Granada

Today you will be privately transferred to Granada airport with your longitude 180 Representative assistance.

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HOTELS

For your tour, we have selected hotels which are renowned to be among the finest, if not THE finest in each destination.

MADRID

Westin Palace



Situated in the heart of Madrid, by the Prado and the Spanish Parliament Buildings, the Palace Hotel has been host to Princes, Prime Ministers and Presidents from all over the world. Conceived by King Alfonso XIII and inspired by the French baroque style, the hotel combines monumental elegance with all the services and luxuries of a modern hotel. The hotel offers two restaurants, bar, fitness centre and sauna.

SEVILLE

Hotel Alfonso XIII

The Hotel Alfonso XIII was commissioned by the king of Spain in 1928 to be Europe's most luxurious hotel. It embodies the tradition, hospitality, aesthetic genius, and harmony of life that characterizes Seville. The hotel is located in the historical center of Seville, near the banks of the Guadalquivir river next to the famous Santa Cruz quarter and only minutes away from the Cathedral, The Plaza de España, and the Reales Alcazares. The Hotel Alfonso XIII features 147 rooms, all tastefully decorated in Moorish, Castilian or Classic Baroque style. Regional, national as well as international culinary delights are served at the San Fernando restaurant. You can also enjoy Japanese cuisine at the Kaede restaurant located in the hotel's splendid gardens. As well as the gardens there is an outdoor swimming pool (summer only) and a solarium.



GRANADA

AC Palacio De Santa Paula

A member of AC Hotels, Palacio de Santa Paula is located in the old part of Granada, the result of a careful and meticulous renovation of the old Santa Paula Convent and conservation of the old cloister. A unique establishment where guests are able to rest and enjoy one of the principal monuments of the city centre, in the luxury of a fine hotel. The 75 rooms are categorized Standard, Superior, Junior Suite and Suite. All room types





are stylishly furnished and feature a complimentary mini-bar and ensuite bathroom. 'El Claustro' Restaurant is housed in the old Convent library

serving buffet breakfast with homemade pastries, lunch and dinner, featuring a comprehensive list of Spanish wines. There is also a coffee shop, 24 hour room service, fitness centre with sauna -and laundry service.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS SPECIFIC TO YOUR TOUR

Inclusions:

- Buffet breakfast
- Dinner on Day 5 and 6
- Accommodation in six or eight Executive Double/Twin Rooms at the Westin Palace, Madrid
- Accommodation in six or eight Deluxe Double/Twin Rooms at the Hotel Alfonso XIII, Seville
- Accommodation in six or eight Superior Double/Twin Rooms at the AC Palacio De Santa Paula, Granada
- Private transport by 20-22 seater coach or similar. Please note that the vehicle provided allows for two pieces of luggage per person. For additional luggage, larger vehicles can be provided for a supplementary cost.
- 1st class train AVE train tickets from Madrid to Seville
- Expert local English-speaking guides for stated sightseeing in Seville, Ronda, Cordoba & Granada
- Entrance fees to all sights and museums
- The services of an longitude 180 Representative including airport and hotel meeting upon arrival in Seville, transfer assistance from Seville to Ronda & back and from Seville to Granada via Cordoba, hotel meeting in Granada, departure assistance in Granada, telephone monitoring at each hotel and reconfirmation of arrangements with all service providers.
- Welcome pack
- All taxes
- 24 hour emergency contact service based at longitude 180

Exclusions:

- All air travel and associated costs
- All meals except breakfast unless stated otherwise in the itinerary
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above.