

# 13/16 Days Majestic Wonders of Spain and Portugal

Stroll through the energatic and historical cities

Trip code: 13 Days: TP13MS / 16 Days: TP16MS

( 11/14 nights at 3-4 Star Hotels

Round Trip Airfares

Daily breakfast

Daily Sightseeing

Coach with tour director & guide

Small Group (Avg. 26)



# WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Spain and Portugal boast a rich tapestry of history and culture, with stunning architectural wonders like the Alhambra in Spain and the Jerónimos Monastery in Portugal. The vibrant culinary scenes in both nations are a food lover's paradise, featuring mouthwatering dishes like paella and tapas in Spain and the delectable pastéis de nata in Portugal. The landscapes are nothing short of breathtaking, from the sun-kissed beaches of the Costa del Sol to the picturesque vineyards of the Douro Valley. With warm, welcoming locals and a plethora of unique experiences awaiting, Spain and Portugal promise an unforgettable adventure for all who embark on this extraordinary tour.

- Explore the heart of Spain with visits to the Royal Palace, the Prado Museum, and the bustling Gran Via.
- ✓ Experience the architectural wonders of Gaudí, including the Sagrada Familia, and stroll through the Gothic Quarter.
- Exploring the vibrant city of Lisbon and visit the grand Jeronimos Monastery in Lisbon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- √ Be enchanted by the Alhambra Palace and its Generalife gardens, a testament to Moorish art and architecture.
- Marvel at the Gothic cathedral, the Giralda tower, and enjoy an optional flamenco show.
- ✓ Enjoy the Mediterranean's sunny coast and visit the birthplace of Picasso.
- ✓ Experience the dramatic gorge and explore the town's historic charm.
- $\checkmark$  Visit one of the most important Catholic shrines in the world dedicated to the Virgin Mary.
- ✓ Discover the city's historic center, its famous wine cellars.
- ✓ Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar and learn about Goya's legacy.
- Explore the medieval charm of Santillana del Mar and the coastal beauty of Santander.



#### **16 Days Itinerary**

Day 1: North America - Madrid

**Day 2: Madrid Arrival** 

**Day 3: Madrid Exploration** 

Day 4: Madrid - Granada

Day 5: Granada - Costa del Sol - Ronda

- Seville

Day 6: Seville

Day 7: Seville - Mérida - Evora - Lisbon

Day 8: Lisbon

Day 9: Lisbon- Fatima- Porto

Day 10: Porto - Cambados - Santiago

de Compostela

Day 11: Santiago de Compostela - Lugo

- O Cebreiro - Oviedo

Day 12: Oviedo- Santillana- Santander

Day 13: Santander- Bilbao- Zaragoza

Day 14: Zaragoza - Barcelona

Day 15: Barcelona

Day 16: Barcelona - North America



# **Day 2 Madrid Arrival**

Upon landing in Madrid, we'll escort you to your hotel. Enjoy free time until our evening outing. We'll head to Plaza Mayor and La Latina for an immersion in Madrid's famous nightlife and tapas scene. Choose your dinner from a variety of cuisines like Indian, Chinese, Spanish, or Middle Eastern. Overnight in Madrid.

# **Day 3 Madrid Exploration**

Embark on a captivating morning journey through Madrid's vibrant heart. Traverse the famed Paseo del Prado, and immerse yourself in the beauty of Cibeles, Neptuno, and the maiestic Gate of Alcalá. Wander through the iconic Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor, each telling its own story of Spain's rich past. The tour continues to the serene Retiro Park, a verdant retreat amidst the urban expanse, where you can admire the tranquil lake and the striking Glass Palace. The afternoon is yours to explore Madrid further at your leisure, discovering hidden gems or simply relaxing in the city's lively atmosphere. As evening falls, we'll return to the hotel, offering you a peaceful end to a day filled with discovery and enchantment.

Meal: Breakfast

# Day 4 Madrid - Granada

After enjoying breakfast, set off from Madrid, heading towards the drenched landscapes of the south. Our journey leads us through the storied plains of La Mancha, pausing at PUERTO LAPICE -a village that echoes the adventures of Don Quixote and transports you into the pages of Cervantes' classic. Crossing into Andalusia dramatic through the Despeñaperros pass, we arrive GRANADA, a city where history and beauty intertwine.

enchantina Generalife gardens. UNESCO World Heritage site, with its exquisite Moorish art and architecture, is explored under the guidance of a local expert, revealing the rich tapestry of cultures that have flourished in this remarkable setting.

Meal: Breakfast

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: The number of people authorized to visit the Alhambra is limited by law. To augrantee entry, the ticket will be issued when confirming the reservation of the tour. For this it is necessary to have the client's correct personal data (full name and passport/ID number). Since there is no possibility of cancellation, in case of cancellation of the reservation the ticket costs will be passed on to the client. In very limited cases, when the Alhambra reservation is canceled, the Real Alcázar of Seville with similar characteristics will be visited.

# Day 5 Granada - Costa del Sol - Ronda - Seville

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a journey from Granada towards the sunlit shores of the Costa del Sol. Our first stop is MÁLAGA, where you'll have opportunity to meander through its historic heart, marveling at the majestic cathedral and the Picasso Museum, a tribute to the city's most famous son. The adventure progresses along the scenic coastal highway, offering splendid views of the Mediterranean. The journey takes a turn into the mountains, where tales of bandits echo through the landscape, leading us to RONDA. picturesque town This renowned for its dramatic gorge that divides it, offering stunning vistas and a alimpse into its rich history.

Our day concludes with an evening arrival in SEVILLE, the vibrant heart of Andalusia.

Meal: Breakfast

# Day 6 Seville

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a morning city tour that unveils the splendors of Seville. Discover the majestic cathedral and its towering Giralda, a symbol of the city's rich history. Stroll along the banks of the Guadalquivir River, soaking in the serene beauty that has inspired poets and painters alike. Wander through the lively streets of the Santa Cruz and Triana neighborhoods, where the essence of Seville's vibrant culture pulses through the air.

As the day transitions to evening, we invite you to experience the soul of Andalusia at a popular flamenco tablao(EUR€70/p with drink/€84 with dinner). Immerse yourself in the passionate dance and music that are intrinsic to Spanish culture, offering a perfect end to a day filled with exploration and discovery.

Meal: Breakfast

#### Day 7 Seville - Mérida - Evora -Lisbon

Savor breakfast before setting off from Seville to the ancient streets of MÉRIDA. There, free time to dive into history with visits to the stunning Roman Theater and Amphitheater, both celebrated as World Heritage Sites for their exceptional preservation. Continue your adventure through the picturesque landscapes of Extremadura en route to ÉVORA, a **UNESCO** treasure adorned Renaissance palaces and a majestic cathedral. Your day's journey culminates in Lisbon, Portugal's enchanting capital, where the promise of discovery awaits in its vibrant streets and historic charms.

Meals: Breakfast



soul of Lisbon, the Portuguese capital perched upon seven hills. Wander its charming alleys, admire the intricate azuleios (tiles), and bask in the unique blend of saudade and the shimmerina Atlantic light. Explore the historic Belem neighborhood, the launching pad for Portugal's legendary 15th-century explorers. We will have a look around the Monument of the Discoveries, Belem Tower, and the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The afternoon offers leisure time to ascend to the Bairro Alto's panoramic viewpoint, or perhaps, opt for an enchanting excursion to the picturesque towns of Sintra(EUR€60/p), an ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the picturesque Sintra National Palace, with its stunning Moorish and Gothic architectural styles. Stroll through the charming streets of the town, admiring the colorful buildings and quaint shops. As dusk falls, return to the vibrant Restauradores Square, a hub of lively bars and cafes, before retreating to vour hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 9 Lisbon- Fatima- Porto

Venture north to the sacred heart of Portugal, FATIMA, an emblematic sanctuary steeped in devotion and miracles. Journey onward to PORTO, the country's vibrant second city, nestled at the mouth of the Douro River. Revel in some free time to savor lunch in this picturesque locale, then dive into a guided tour. Discover Porto's charming cobblestone streets, rainbowhued houses, majestic bridges, and, of course, its world-renowned wines. Enjoy additional free time to explore at your own pace, soaking in the rich tapestry of culture and history that defines this coastal gem. Or enhance your Porto visit with an optional vineyard tour(EUR€50/p), where you'll learn about winemaking and enjoy a tasting of exquisite local wines. This experience offers a delightful glimpse into Portugal's rich wine culture in a scenic settina.

Meals: Breakfast

# Santiago de Compostela

Embark on a journey through picturesque landscapes to the historic city of BRAGA. where an adventure aboard the world's oldest operating cable car awaits. Ascend to the serene Sanctuary of BOM JESUS. offering breathtaking panoramas. We recommend a leisurely descent on foot to fully appreciate the sanctuary's stunning staircase. The journey unfolds towards Galicia, leading us to the charming town of CAMBADOS in the Rías Baixas, renowned for its rich wine heritage. By lunchtime, we'll find ourselves in the spiritual heart of SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. Here, a local guide will unveil the centuries-old secrets of this storied pilgrimage site, celebrated since the Middle Ages for its profound religious and historical significance. Today you may join a boat trip and enjoy typical Portuguese seafood and fish specialties with wine. (EUR€65/p)

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 11 Santiago de Compostela - Lugo - O Cebreiro - Oviedo

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a journey along the historic Way of St. James. First stop: LUGO, to explore its UNESCO-listed Roman walls and charming historic center. Next, we'll visit the quaint Galician village of O'CEBREIRO before heading to LEÓN. Arrive by lunchtime to marvel at the stunning Gothic cathedral and wander through the city's historic heart.

Our journey then takes us across the majestic Cantabrian Range towards Asturias, with OVIEDO welcoming us by evening. Depending on timing, a guided tour of OVIEDO, featurina its 9th-century cathedral, the modern Calatrava Congressional Palace, Campoamor Theatre, and Calle de la Rua, awaits either that evening or the next morning.

Meals: Breakfast

### Day 12 Oviedo-Santillana-Santander

Embark on a journey to the breathtaking Picos de Europa (Peaks of Europe). Our adventure then traces the scenic coastline to SANTILLANA, hailed as one of Spain's most picturesque towns, where time stands still in its meticulously preserved medieval voyage continues auarter. The SANTANDER, the crown jewel of the region. This coastal capital boasts spectacular vistas, golden beaches, and a rich tapestry of history and culture. Dive into the heart of SANTANDER on a guided city tour, discovering its elegant charm and the serene beauty of its bay, a perfect blend of natural wonder and architectural marvel.

Meals: Breakfast

### For 13 Days Tour:

# Day 13 Santander - North America

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to sweet home.

Meals: Breakfast

#### For 16 Days Tour:

# Day 13 Santander - Bilbao-Zaraaoza

Embark on a scenic drive along the Cantabrian coast, where the road carves a path between majestic mountains and the sparkling sea, revealing vistas of breathtaking beauty. Our journey leads us to BILBAO, the vibrant heart of the Basque Country. Here, a local guide will introduce you to the city's marvels, from the aweinspiring Guggenheim Museum to the charming old quarter and the grand Cathedral. Afterward, indulge in the local culinary tradition with some free time to savor authentic "pintxos".Next, adventure takes us through the rolling vineyards of La Rioja, a region celebrated for its exquisite wines and picturesque landscapes. As the day draws to a close, we'll arrive in ZARAGOZA, a city rich in history and culture.

Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Zaragoza - Barcelona

Start your day with an immersive guided tour of ZARAGOZA, where history and culture converge. A local expert will lead you through the city's highlights, beginning with the stunning Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, a marvel of baroque architecture. Delve into the artistic legacy of Francisco de Goya, admiring some of his masterpieces, before exploring the ancient Roman theatre and the elegance of a Renaissance palace. Your journey through time continues with a stroll past the Aljafería Palace, an exquisite example of Islamic architecture in Spain. Following lunch, we'll set off for BARCELONA, Catalonia's vibrant capital.

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 15 Barcelona

Start your day with a captivating city tour of Barcelona, a vibrant mosaic of culture and art bathed by the Mediterranean Sea. Dive into the heart of this enchanting city, renowned for Gaudi's whimsical modernist landmarks, the bustling Las Ramblas, and its storied past of hosting the Universal Exhibitions and the Olympics.

Barcelona promises an unforgettable journey through its lively streets and architectural wonders. Enjoy some leisure time in the afternoon to explore at your own pace, perhaps uncovering hidden gems or indulging in the local culinary delights. Or you may join the optional LA FAMILIA SAGRADA Guided (EUR€55/p). As dusk falls, we'll whisk you away to Maremagnum, a contemporary hub of entertainment and dining by the sea, adjacent to the iconic Plaza Colón. Here, you can meander through this vibrant area, soak in the seaside ambiance, and enjoy a sumptuous dinner. rounding off a day filled with the magic of Barcelona.

Meals: Breakfast

# Day 16 Barcelona - North America

After breakfast and check-out, transfer to the airport.

Meal: Breakfast



# **Optional Tours**

Day 6	Flamenco Show with Drink Select either one	EUR €70/p
	Flamenco Show with Dinner	EUR €84/p
Day 8	Sintra Half Day Tour	EUR €60/p
Day 9	Porto Vineyard visit and wine tasting	EUR €50/p
Day 10	Cambados Boattrip with seafood & wine	EUR €65/p
Day 15	La Sagrada Familia Guided Tour (16 Days Tour Only)	EUR €55/p

# **2024 Departure Dates**

#### 2025 Departure Dates

Depart	17-Jan	25-Feb	14-Mar
	25-Apr	09-May	

#### **Price Notes**

- Single room supplement fee 13 Days: \$1,099 & 16 Days: \$1,299
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver from \$400; Calgary, Edmonton from \$500; Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$400.
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.

# **Package Includes**

- Flights Toronto-Madrid, Barcelona-Toronto.
   Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- · Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 3-4 Star Hotel Accommodations
- All transfers (Airport transfer is not included in Land only package)
- · Daily Breakfast
- Sightseeing per itinerary in airconditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking guide
- Services of English Speaking Tour Director
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

#### Package Does Not Include

- · Visa fees (if apply)
- Insurance of any kind
- Luggage fees (check-in luggage around CAD\$150-200 per piece)
- Entrance fees EUR €65 per person
- Pre-paid Gratuities :

16 Days: EUR € 210 / 13 Days: EUR € 168 per person (includes basic tips for tour guide, tour director, driver, etc.)

· Personal expenses of any kind