



COACH TOUR - SPANISH WONDERS - 8N/9D



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Spanish wonders :
9days Tour (trafalgar)

Explore every side of Andalusia, including its Moorish twist, and visit the principal Spanish cities of Madrid, Seville and Barcelona – with passionate experts on every encounter.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...exploring Toledo's ancient cobbled streets with a local historian, who leads you into the cool tranquillity of the Church of Tomé to reveal the hidden meaning behind El Greco's Burial of Count Orgaz.



Day 1 : ARRIVE MADRID (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Madrid. Relax or explore this lively city before meeting up with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Enjoy an evening drive to take in some of the city's main sights followed by a Welcome Reception.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Ayre Gran Colon / Melia Casitlla

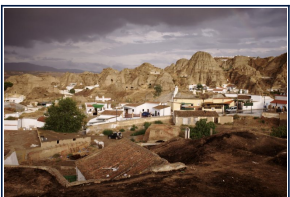


Day 2 : TOLEDO EXCURSION AND MADRID SIGHTSEEING

This morning your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of Toledo. Watch craftsmen at work when you visit a traditional steel factory and gain a Cultural Insight into this historical craft. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Visit the synagogue during your guided walk through the narrow streets. Return to Madrid to admire the monument to Cervantes at the Plaza de España and see Puerta del Sol, the city's hub with your Local Specialist. Later why not join your newfound friends for a typical Spanish dinner?

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast





Day 3 : MADRID - CORDOBA - SEVILLE (2 NIGHTS)

Travel southwards from Madrid, through La Mancha, to Cordoba. Visit the Mosque of the Caliphs and learn about the influence of the Moors from your Local Specialist. Tonight you might like to take an Optional Experience to watch a fiery flamenco show.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Hesperia



Day 4 : SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Meet your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Seville. View the Bell Tower of the Giralda. See the tiled fountains, pavilions and lush palms in the Maria Luisa Park, renowned for its landscape design and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Marvel at Christopher Columbus' ornate tomb in the cathedral. Finally take a walk through the former Jewish Quarter. This evening experience a unique Be My Guest dinner at an authentic ranch with views over the Andalusian countryside.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining



Day 5 : SEVILLE - GRANADA

Visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace in Granada with a Local Specialist. A fine example of Moorish architecture, it was built during the 14th century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Walk through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the Alhambra by a covered walkway across the ravine.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Carmen / Sercotel Gran Lune de Granada

Day 6 : GRANADA - GUADIX - VALENCIA

This morning travel via the Mora Pass and arrive in Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains where you can take pictures of the troglodyte dwellings. In Valencia view the Bull Ring and admire the architecture of the medieval cathedral and the Serrano and Cuarte Towers. Stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences which is a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. This complex is also featured in the George Clooney movie Tomorrowland. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner with wine

Hotel : Primus / Tryp Oceanic

Day 7 : VALENCIA - PEÑISCOLA - BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)

Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', used in the film El Cid. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona, Spain's most cosmopolitan city. See Gaudi's architecture at the inspiring Sagrada Familia. Walk the Ramblas and visit Plaça Catalunya. View the monument to Christopher Columbus and enjoy panoramic views from Montjuïc during your guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Specialist. Tonight consider visiting a Catalan-style restaurant for a delicious dinner of local specialities.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : U232 Hesperia Tower

Day 8 : BARCELONA FREE TIME

This morning enjoy free time in the city to shop or explore or join an Optional Experience to the monastery at Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna. This evening join your companions and Travel Director for a special Farewell Dinner with wine.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Day 9 : DEPART BARCELONA

Say 'adios' to Spain, your fellow travellers, and Travel Director at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. Please Note: Your coach returns to Madrid from Barcelona on Day 9. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Madrid will be in Trafalgar Madrid hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 6pm, depending on traffic conditions.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Toledo, Madrid, Cordoba, Seville and Barcelona

Orientation of Valencia

Visit the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, Mosque of the Caliphs in Cordoba, Cathedral in Seville, the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Montjuïc hill and Placa Catalunya in Barcelona

View the Cave Homes of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart Towers and the City of Arts and Sciences complex designed by Santiago

Calatrava in Valencia

Dining

8 hot buffet breakfasts.

4 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers