

# Special Package from Madrid

## MCRB8XM: MADRID + NORTHERN SPAIN AND GALICIA 11 Day tour

Panoramic sightseeing tours in Madrid, San Sebastian, Bilbao and La Coruña / Guided city tours of Santiago de Compostela / Tour escort during the tour / Air conditioned deluxe motor-coach / Accommodation and daily breakfast / Transfers to/from airport as per itinerary / Travel insurance.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day (Mon.) MADRID

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Meet and greet at the airport. Take a transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Accommodation at the hotel.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day (Tue.) MADRID

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Breakfast at the hotel. Morning Madrid panoramic city tour; find the medieval origins of the city, like the Arabic fortress, at the Barrio de la Morería, famous for its historical buildings. Drive through the courtesan district of the Hapsburgs characterized by Phillip II and its Renaissance and Baroque style buildings, Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and Plaza de la Villa; the Madrid of the Bourbons and the complex town planning schemes of Charles III, the Royal Palace, Cibeles and Neptuno Fountains and the Puerta de Alcalá. Admire the XIX C. works such as Prado Museum. The contemporary Madrid with areas such as Gran Vía, Castellana, the district of Salamanca, Plaza Castilla and Parque del Oeste, as well as commercial and financial areas of Modern Madrid, the emblematic Las Ventas Bullring and the Santiago Bernabéu Football Stadium. Afternoon free to explore the wonders that the city has to offer. Accommodation at the hotel.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day (Wed.) MADRID – ZARAGOZA – SAN SEBASTIAN

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Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from our established hotels in Madrid. Please refer to your documentation for detailed departure information. Depart towards Zaragoza. Free time to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of The Pilar, patroness of Hispanity and stroll through the old streets of Zaragoza. In the afternoon we will continue to San Sebastian, it's one of the most famous tourist destinations where they hold the International Film Festival. Panoramic city tour of this marvelous style bourgeois city, seeing the extraordinary landscape dominated by the bay and the magnificent La Concha beach. Accommodation.



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Day (Thu.) SAN SEBASTIAN – BILBAO – CASTRO URDIALES – SANTANDER**

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Breakfast at hotel. We will approach Mount Igueldo, to contemplate the marvelous views of the city and then proceed towards Bilbao. Panoramic driver in Bilbao and free time on the esplanade where The Guggenheim Museum is located in order to admire this modern architectural building. Proceed to the old fishing village “Castro Urdiales”. Free time. Departure to Santander, a port city located between the sea and the mountains, well known for its Sardinero Beach, one of the best-known beaches in Spain. Free time to stroll through this elegant city. Accommodation.



#### **5<sup>th</sup> Day (Fri.) SANTANDER – SANTILLANA – COVADONGA – OVIEDO**

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Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Santillana, it's one of the most important historical artistic towns in Spain. It contains architectural treasures such as the Collegiate of Santa Juliana, a Jewel of the Romanesque Architecture in Cantabria. Continue to Covadonga, where you will have free time to see the Sanctuary and the Grotto where you will see the patroness of Asturias our Lady of Covadonga. In the afternoon, departure to Oviedo, where you will see on a series of hills the beauty of Saint Maria de Naranco Church, Jewel of the pre Romanic asturian architecture. Free time to explore Oviedo, many of their streets are pedestrian, where you will be able to see World Heritage sites like The Cathedral, a splendid example of gothic asturian architecture. Accommodation.



#### **6<sup>th</sup> Day (Sat.) OVIEDO - LUGO – A CORUÑA**

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Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to the Galician region. Arrive to Lugo. Free time to be able to contemplate the Roman remains that still retains like its walls, declared Patrimony of the Humanity. Continuation to La Coruña. Brief panoramic driver through the main avenues of this fabulous town driving by the Marine Avenue to admire the elegance of this city with the typical

Galician architecture of glass house galleries. Brief stop in one of the wonders of the world the oldest working lighthouse the “Tower of Hercules” dating back from the roman period. Afternoon at leisure where you can assist an optional tour to the Rias Altas. Accommodation.



### **7<sup>th</sup> Day (Sun.) LA CORUÑA – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Santiago de Compostela declared World Heritage as it is one of the most important center of Christian Pilgrimages in Spain as the end of the Camino de Santiago route built during the Roman Empire. City tour where we will see the main square called Obradoiro and also the Cathedral (entrance included) dedicated to the Apostle Santiago. Balance of the day at leisure to explore the narrow cobblestone streets and get the feel of the student atmosphere. Accommodation.



### **8<sup>th</sup> Day (Mon.) SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA – RIAS BAJAS – LA TOJA – VIGO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards one of the most marvelous areas of Galicia, the Rias Bajas (Spanish Fjords). Driving through this magnificent landscape we will arrive to La Toja Island, universally known for its spa. Free time and continue to the Ria de Arosa, passing through Pontevedra to arrive to Vigo, situated in the middle of the Rias Baixas. Accommodation.



### **9<sup>th</sup> Day (Tue.) VIGO – VIANA DO CASTELO – BRAGA**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the Portuguese border. Arrive to Viana do Castelo, city located between the mouth of the river Miño and Porto. Afterwards, continue to Porto. Short stop and continue to Braga. Accommodation.





### **10<sup>th</sup> Day (Wed.) BRAGA – SALAMANCA - MADRID**

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Breakfast. Departure to the Spanish border to arrive to Salamanca. Short stop and free time in this University City (World Heritage) of great architectural and artistic wealth. Continue to Madrid. Accommodation at the hotel.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Day (Thu.) MADRID**

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After breakfast at the hotel transfer to the airport. END OF OUR SERVICE.

(\*) In the event that the panoramic tour of Madrid is not operated for technical reasons will be replaced by the Madrid Hop-on Hop-off Bus 1 day instead.

(\*) During stay in Madrid tour escort service is not available.

(\*) This tour might be a combination of different programs. If applies there might be a change in the tour escort and passengers between the programs.

Nights	City	Clas	Hotels
3	Madrid	T	Tryp Atocha
		A	Courtyard Marriott Madrid Princesa / Riu Plaza España
1	San Sebastian	T/A	Palacio de Aiete
1	Santander	T/A	Santemar
1	Oviedo	T/A	Ayre Hotel Ramiro I / Oca Santo Domingo Plaza
1	La Coruña	T/A	Tryp Coruña
1	Santiago de Compostela	T/A	Tryp Santiago
1	Vigo	T/A	Tryp Los Galeones
1	Braga	T/A	Melia Braga

## Guaranteed departures on selected Mondays

April:	05, 12, 19 & 26	October:	04, 11, 18 & 25
May:	03, 10, 17, 24 & 31	November:	-
June:	07, 14, 21 & 28	December:	-
July:	05, 12, 19 & 26	January' 22:	-
August:	02, 09, 16, 23 & 30	February' 22:	-
September:	06, 13, 20 & 27	March' 22:	-

**PRICE PER PERSON: UPON REQUEST**