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Madrid + Andalusia and Toledo
9 - Day Itinerary

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Guided visits in Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, Granada, Toledo and Barcelona / Tour escort during the tour / Air-conditioned deluxe motor-coach / Accommodation at selected class / Daily breakfast and 3 dinners / Transfers to/from airport and station as per itinerary.

Day 1 – Madrid

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

Day 2 – Madrid

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. 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 continue exploring the wonders that the city has to offer. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 3 – Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from our established hotels in Madrid. Please refer to your documentation for detailed departure information. Drive along La Mancha, Don Quixote's land. Brief stop at a typical site in Puerto Lapice. Cross through the natural border of "Despeñaperros" and get into Andalusia, a region for itself that shows an enormous heritage from a splendorous past. Reach Cordoba. Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, proceed to Seville with two hours travel time. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.

Day 4 – Seville

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning panoramic city tour visiting: the exterior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of "Carmen" as well as a precisely where the myth of "Don Juan" developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavors of this active city full of light. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour.

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Day 5 – Seville - Granada

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive east through the Caliphate road to the heart of ANDALUSIA observing an endless number of olive trees on the way to Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world famous Alhambra complex (entrance included) and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the "Tales of the Alhambra" by W. Irving. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte quarter.

Day 6 – Granada - Toledo - Madrid

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive northward where it emerges, toward the sky of Castilla and surrounded by the Tagus River, the impressive Imperial city of Toledo –World Heritage City- where the three cultures Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together. Resume of the Spanish art, history and spirituality the whole town is a National Monument. Short guided tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets. Then proceed with a visit to a famous "Damasquinado" (gold and silver inlaying iron) factory. Continue to Madrid. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 7 – Madrid - Barcelona

After breakfast at the hotel. Depart from our established hotels in Madrid.

Accommodation at the hotel in Barcelona.

Day 8 – Barcelona

Breakfast at the hotel. Highlights city tour of Barcelona. Half-day sightseeing tour around Barcelona that will allow you to discover the history of the city while visiting some of the most important places in a comfortable and easy way. The first part of the visit consists of a guided walking tour through the small and narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter, the oldest part of the city. During this early visit we will see Las Ramblas, de Cathedral Square, The Cathedral (free time to visit the Cathedral by yourself), the Old Jewish Quarter, among other interesting places. Later we will take our bus to start with a panoramic tour around the rest of the city. We will pass through the elegant Passeig de Gràcia Street, where two of the most important Gaudi's buildings (Casa Batlló and Casa Milà "la Pedrera"), the Triumph Arc, the Olympic Village and the Olympic Port. For the next part of the visit we will access Montjuic Mountain. This is an important place because it was the main scenery of the Olympic Games in 1992.

We will see the Olympic stadium from the bus and later we will have the opportunity to enjoy the panoramic views of the city riding the aerial tramway (subject to the weather conditions). For the next part we will go to the Spanish Village (Poble Espanyol) that consists of a synthesis of all the cultural variety in Spain. During the visit, you will be given some free time to enjoy the different areas inspired by different Spanish regions, where you will find craft shops, restaurants and bars. At the end, back to the bus, we will leave Montjuic and come back to the city centre passing through España square, the twin Venetian towers, the MNAC and the Shopping centre Las Arenas, built in an old bullring. We will arrive at Catalunya square, and we will end the tour.

Note: *January to March (dates to be confirmed) the cable car doesn't work due to revision tasks, this service will be replaced by a tapa tasting in Spanish Village.*

Afternoon is a leisure time to enjoy this wonderful city and surroundings. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 9 – Barcelona

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to the airport.