

Regional Explorer



# HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | FROM US\$2175pp\*

SEE THE HANGING HOUSES IN CUENCA, DEVOUR DELICIOUS PAELLA IN VALENCIA AND ADMIRE THE TROGLODYTE CAVE DWELLINGS AT GUADIX, BEFORE HEADING TO PORTUGAL'S ALGARVE AND FÁTIMA, SITE OF CELEBRATED RELIGIOUS MIRACLES.



## THE *Icons*

**CITY TOUR** in Córdoba, Seville, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid

**ORIENTATION** of Valencia, Cádiz, the Algarve Region and Salamanca

**VISIT** the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the Shrine at Fátima, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca, Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo

**VIEW** the Hanging Houses of Cuenca, the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and the Cave Houses of Guadix

● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING  
● END

# YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

**1** **ARRIVE MADRID** Embrace *la buena vida* and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city's glorious sights. **(WR)** **Hotel: Ayre Gran Colón**

**2** **MADRID – CUENCA – VALENCIA** Witness the dramatic honey-coloured clifftop hanging houses of Cuenca during your first stop today, before continuing your journey to Valencia. An orientation drive will include views of the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. **(B)** **Hotel: Silken Puerta**

**3** **VALENCIA – GUADIX – GRANADA** We travel through the *sierra* of Spain bound for Guadix, where we'll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds. Next, we'll drive through the jagged Mora Pass to Granada. This evening, sample the hearty flavours of Andalusia during a special Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, RD)** **Hotel: Allegro**

**4** **GRANADA – CÓRDOBA – SEVILLE (3 NIGHTS)** Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your Local Specialist for a visit to the Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains. We leave Granada behind for Córdoba where we'll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerising Cathedral of Córdoba, the former mosque of the caliphs and a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art, featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville, our home for the next three nights. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Meliá Lebreros**

**5** **SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Seville takes centre stage today as we spend a full day exploring this charismatic city. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a Local Specialist, then visit the Maria Luisa Park. We'll stroll through the imposing Plaza de España and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to witness the twirling of colourful skirts and rhythmic clapping of castanets at a fiery flamenco performance. **(B)**

**6** **SEVILLE – JEREZ AND CÁDIZ EXCURSION** We indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we 'Dive Into Culture' and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are our next stop. **(B, 🍷)**

**7** **SEVILLE – ALGARVE REGION** We journey from Spain to the sun-kissed shores of southern Portugal's Algarve, a retreat for sun-worshippers, with its spectacular natural landscapes. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Agua Riverside**

**8** **ALGARVE – LISBON SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)** Travel north to the Serra da Arrábida mountains and the golden landscapes of the Alentejo, where you'll 'Connect With Locals' over a Be My Guest lunch at a traditional Stud Ranch which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Hieronymite Monastery, and Belém Tower, built as a tribute to Vasco da Gama's journey of discovery. **(B, BMG, 🍷)** **Hotel: Olisippo Marquês de Sá**

**9** **LISBON FREE DAY** Wander through old town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. **(B)**

**10** **LISBON – FÁTIMA – SALAMANCA** Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of celebrated religious miracles. Later, we leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca, where we will view its 18<sup>th</sup>-century Plaza Mayor during our orientation tour. **(B)** **Hotel: Gran Corona Sol**

**11** **SALAMANCA – TOLEDO – MADRID (2 NIGHTS)** See the walled city of Ávila, the town of stones and saints. We arrive in the clifftop city of Toledo, where we'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Join a Local Specialist for a guided walk through its streets. Later, 'Dive Into Culture' and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this evening, our home for the next two nights. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Rafael Atocha**

**12** **MADRID SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** This morning, we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where we'll see the Royal Palace and the Cervantes Monument. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your terms. This evening, marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD)**

**13** **DEPART MADRID** For now it's time to say a fond *adiós* to Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**

## MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

**Airport transfers:** Transfers on arrival at Madrid Airport will operate at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers from the last hotel will arrive at Madrid Airport at 8.30am and 11am.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$127 per person.

**Drinking Water:** Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

**TRIP CODE: WHIG**

Connect With Locals **L** Lunch  
**WR** Welcome Reception **D** Dinner  
**B** Breakfast Stays With Stories

Dive Into Culture Make A Difference  
**RD** Regional Dinner **BMG** Be My Guest  
**FD** Farewell Dinner

## YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

PricePP			PricePP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
SU 27 OCT	FR 08 NOV	<b>2195</b>	2020		
			+ SU 12 JAN	FR 24 JAN	<b>2175</b>
SU 10 NOV	FR 22 NOV	<b>2175</b>	SU 02 FEB	FR 14 FEB	<b>2175</b>
SU 24 NOV	FR 06 DEC	<b>2175</b>	SU 09 FEB	FR 21 FEB	<b>2175</b>
+ SU 01 DEC	FR 13 DEC	<b>2175</b>	SU 16 FEB	FR 28 FEB	<b>2175</b>
SU 15 DEC	FR 27 DEC	<b>2250</b>	SU 23 FEB	FR 06 MAR	<b>2175</b>
FR 20 DEC	WE 01 JAN	<b>2325</b>	SU 08 MAR	FR 20 MAR	<b>2195</b>
MO 23 DEC	SA 04 JAN	<b>2350</b>	+ SU 15 MAR	FR 27 MAR	<b>2195</b>
SU 29 DEC	FR 10 JAN	<b>2395</b>	SU 22 MAR	FR 03 APR	<b>2195</b>

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$570 p.p.  
Exceptions 29 Dec 19: US\$630 p.p.

- Christmas & New Year's Eve Highlights: The 15 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Madrid. The 20 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Seville. The 23 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Granada and toast New Year's Eve in Lisbon. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast New Year's Eve in Granada. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.
- Special Rate Solo Rooming: These departures include 20-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see [trafalgar.com](http://trafalgar.com) for pricing.



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SAVE US\$40 p.p.

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## TRIP *Highlights*

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

### CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked Be My Guest lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo. **(Day 8)**

### DIVE INTO CULTURE

Sample the famous sherry tradition in the southern Spanish city of Jerez, which has been making wine since the 7<sup>th</sup> century. **(Day 6)**

The invincible swords of Toledo have defended cities for centuries. Visit an inlaid steel factory in Toledo to see local craftsmen forging the highest quality steel. **(Day 11)**

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