CROWN OF SPAIN TOUR



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Spain Escorted Tour with 4-Star Hotels

Duration: 10 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 9 nights first class hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour

Booking code: ECSG10M

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About the holiday

Delight in the wonders of Spain on an exciting tour that will spark a deep appreciation of this fascinating country.

Discover the astonishing art collections in the world's great museums and masterpieces by renowned Spanish artists. Experience the Moorish influence in Granada and explore UNESCO World Heritage sites. Take to the streets of Seville and there's the option to feel the rhythmic vibe at a Flamenco show. Experience the garden city of Valencia and the unique beauty of Barcelona.

Enjoy the comforts of 4-star hotels, many meals, wine with dinners and included entrance fees and sightseeing with expert guides, All the more reason to love exploring Spain on this amazing escorted tour!

Why you'll love this tour...

- At the renowned Prado Museum view the astonishing collection of Spanish masterpieces
- Enter the Church of Santo Tomé with its magnificent masterpiece by El Greco in Toledo
- Tour the astonishing Mosque of the Caliphs transformed into a soaring cathedral in Cordoba
- Explore the Gothic Cathedral of Seville, the largest in the world
- Visit the 13th century Alhambra in Granada
- Admire the City of Arts & Sciences buildings in Valencia

Travel dates:

2023 & 2024 - departs monthly from May to October*

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date.

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Escorted Tour Includes:

- 9 nights First Class 4-star accommodation
 - o 2 nights Madrid
 - 1 night Cordoba
 - 2 nights Seville
 - o 1 night Granada
 - o 1 night Valencia
 - o 2 nights Barcelona
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Package excludes:

International flights from Australia - please contact us for the latest airfare deals Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Tuesday - Arrive in Madrid

Welcome to Madrid! Arrive and make your way to the hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner

Overnight: Madrid

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Wednesday - Madrid City Tour

Take a morning sightseeing tour of Madrid. Drive along the Gran Via through the Opera District, Plaza de Colon, and view the Royal Palace. Pass through Plaza de Cibeles and Puerta de Alcala Gate. The tour will end at the Prado Museum, where you will be able to view works of art by famous artists such as El Greco, Velázquez, and Ribera. The balance of the day is at leisure, or join the *optional* El Escorial, the combination monastery-palace-mausoleum erected by King Phillip II as a memorial to his father

Optional: Half Day Escorial Tour (PM)

Overnight: Madrid Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3, Thursday - Toledo Sightseeing En Route to Cordoba

This morning, travel to nearby Toledo, the former capital city of Spain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a, visit to the St. Tome Church with its El Greco masterpiece and Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue with its beautiful Moorish architecture. Also admire Toledo's famous handcrafted work, the Damasquinado. Continue south to Andalucia via the region of La Mancha, legendary home of Don Quixote, featuring panoramic views of its famous windmills. Arrive in the former Roman city of Cordoba for dinner and overnight

Overnight: Cordoba Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Friday - Cordoba City Tour, Travel to Seville

Visit the Mezquita de Cordoba, a mosque that was transformed into a soaring cathedral in the 16th century. A walking tour of the city reveals the ancient Jewish Quarter with its labyrinth of winding narrow streets, courtyards, picturesque squares. View the 14th century Synagogue on Calle de los Judios before traveling to Seville, capital of Andalucia. Following dinner, an opportunity to attend the *optional* Flamenco Show in this city known as the birthplace of Flamenco

Optional: Evening Flamenco Show (PM)

Overnight: Seville

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Saturday - Seville City Tour

This morning, view Plaza de España and the gardens of Maria Luisa Park by the Guadalquivir River. Visit Barrio Santa Cruz and explore the narrow winding streets and plazas of the Old Quarter. Continue with a visit to the Cathedral of Seville, home to the burial site of Christopher Columbus. Built on the site of the former great mosque, its original minaret, the Giralda Bell Tower, still stands. The afternoon is at leisure, or join the *optional* Royal Alcazar of Seville tour that also includes a tapas lunch. After a tapas lunch, explore the royal palace complex with its Mudejar architectural style

Optional: Royal Alcazar of Seville Tour with Tapas lunch (PM)

Overnight: Seville Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Sunday - Travel to Granada, Moorish Influenced Alhambra

Morning drive to Granada. Here, your sightseeing of Moorish Granada is highlighted by a visit to the 13th century Alhambra,* perched atop Assabica Hill overlooking the entire city. This imposing hilltop fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a fine example of Moorish art and architecture. Walk along the lanes of the serene Generalife Gardens with its courtyards, waterfalls and ponds, and views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant

*Alhambra visiting times, which may include evening hours, and which areas of the complex are accessible on the day of your visit, are determined solely at the discretion of the Alhambra. Your itinerary will be arranged by your Tour Manager to accommodate the designated time of entry.

Overnight: Granada Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Travel to Valencia, Valencia City Tour

Today, head north to the garden city of Valencia. Discover this treasure trove of Roman and Moorish architecture before continuing to the City Gates, City Hall and Gothic Cathedral. Arrive at the City of Arts and Sciences, designed by contemporary artist Santiago Calatrava, with its avant-garde architecture that includes buildings such as the Hemisfèric and Oceanogràfic. Tonight, savour dinner together

Overnight: Valencia Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Tuesday - Travel to Barcelona, Barcelona City Tour

This morning drive along the coastline of Catalunya to Barcelona. This afternoon's tour of Barcelona begins with a panoramic tour of the old harbor, Plaza de España and Plaza Catalunya. You will also have a chance to view Gaudi's iconic Sagrada Familia*. Ascend Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics

*Entrance to La Sagrada Familia is not included. Passengers can visit on their own on DAY 10 and are advised to book tickets in advance.

Overnight: Barcelona Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Wednesday - Full Day in Barcelona

A full day at leisure to explore Barcelona on your own and choose to visit La Sagrada Familia independently. In the morning, join the *optional* guided tour to Montserrat that takes you on a drive past picturesque villages to Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica and view the world-famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta." Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant

Optional: Montserrat Tour (AM)

Overnight: Barcelona Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Thursday - Depart Spain

Check out of the hotel this morning. If you're flying out today, make your way to the airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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