

# ***PORTUGAL & SPAIN TOUR***



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## Portugal & Spain Escorted Tour with Flights

Duration: 13 days

Stay: 11 nights first class hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EPSAG13M

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# 13 Days Affordable Portugal & Spain Tour with Flights

## About the holiday

Connect two colourful European countries on a wonderful tour of Portugal and Spain!

Discover Lisbon's historic monuments and explore enchanting Evora. Walk the streets of Seville and see the cathedral where Christopher Columbus is buried. Travel to the dramatic city of Ronda and take a beach break on the Costa del Sol. Experience the palaces and grand architecture of Madrid and unique beauty of Barcelona.

Delight in the wonders of these two exciting countries during the less-crowded months. Take time to wander at your own pace, while enjoying the convenience of a guided tour.

## Why you'll love this tour...

- Visit the Cathedral of Lisbon, the oldest place of worship in the city
- Tour enchanting Evora, one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns
- Visit the Cathedral of Seville, where Christopher Columbus is buried
- Travel to the cliffside city of Ronda, home to the oldest bullring in the country
- Leisure time in the Costa del Sol, with its gorgeous beaches and beautiful landscapes
- Visit the 13th century Alhambra in Granada
- At the renowned Prado Museum, view masterpieces by El Greco, Velázquez and Goya
- View Gaudi's legendary La Sagrada Familia, iconic symbol of Barcelona

## Travel dates:

2024 & 2025 - frequent departures from October to March\*

*\*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times of the year.*

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## Escorted Tour Includes:

- International Flights - return economy airfare to Lisbon & from Barcelona
  - Fly from Australian capital cities (surcharges may apply)
  - Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 11 nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
  - 2 nights Lisbon
  - 2 nights Seville
  - 3 nights Costa del Sol
  - 2 nights Madrid
  - 2 nights Barcelona
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges including Barcelona city taxes
- Hotel portorage
- AVE high-speed train: Costa del Sol - Madrid, Madrid - Barcelona
- 15 meals: 11 breakfasts, 4 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:

Airport transfers - let us know if you'd like to pre-book

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 airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.***

***Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

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## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Portugal**

Take off for flights to Lisbon

### **DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Lisbon**

Welcome to captivating Lisbon, one of the oldest cities in Europe with its Moorish and Roman ruins. On arrival at the airport, make your way to the hotel. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by dinner. We recommend flights that arrive no later than 5 PM

**Overnight:** Lisbon

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 3, Tuesday - Lisbon City Tour**

In Lisbon, the tour begins with a stop at the top of Edward VII's Park to marvel at the magnificent view over the hills of Lisbon and the River Tagus. Next, view the treasured 16th century Belem Tower and visit Jeronimos Monastery, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monastery is a masterpiece of Portuguese Manueline architecture. Afterwards, enjoy the elegant Liberdade Avenue. Afternoon is at leisure or, join the *optional* tour to quaint Sintra, the "Glorious Eden" of Lord Byron, and ancient summer retreat of the royal court, highlighted by lavish romantic castles and stunning monuments. Visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. Then, spend some free time in the Village Historical Center before returning to Lisbon

**Optional:** Half Day Sintra Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Lisbon

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 4, Wednesday - Enchanting Evora, Andalusia's Seville**

Travel from Lisbon to enchanting Evora, the walled UNESCO World Heritage Site, considered one of Portugal's most beautifully preserved medieval towns. Inside the town's 14th century walls, you find an elaborate cathedral and cloisters, columns of a Roman temple and the Sao Francisco Church and Ossuary Chapel, whose walls are decorated with thousands of human bones and skulls. Stroll through the picturesque squares and linger at an outdoor café. Later, head to Spain's energetic city of Seville, capital of the scenic Andalusia region on Spain's southern coast. Time to settle in before dinner at a local restaurant. Later, opportunity to attend an *optional* Flamenco Show in this city known as the birthplace of Flamenco

**Optional:** Evening Flamenco Show (PM)

**Overnight:** Seville

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 5, Thursday - City Tour of Seville**

Begin the day at the beautiful Plaza de España and the fragrant gardens of Maria Luisa Park before taking a walking tour in the quaint Barrio Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter of the city with its winding cobblestone streets. Continue with a visit to the Cathedral of Seville, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and legendary burial site of Christopher Columbus. The rest of the day is at leisure or, join the fascinating *optional* tour to Cordoba, founded by the Romans. Visit the astonishing Mezquita de Cordoba, one of the largest mosques in the world, 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, shady flower filled courtyards, picturesque squares, and view of the 14th century Synagogue on Calle de los Judios

**Optional:** Half Day Cordoba Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Seville

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 6, Friday - Ronda, Costa del Sol**

Your travels take you to the dramatic cliffside city of Ronda, which overlooks the El Tajo gorge, home to the Plaza de Toros, the oldest bullring in the country. Ronda, considered the birthplace of modern bullfighting in the 18th century, was once a horsemanship training facility. View the historic stables and its interesting museum with exhibits of some of Spain's most famous Matadors. Later, a scenic drive to the lovely resort area of the Costa del Sol. Dinner together this evening

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 7, Saturday - Full Day in the Costa del Sol**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the Costa del Sol, known for its hundreds of gorgeous beaches, quiet hidden coves and glamorous clubs, restaurants, and cafes. Or, join the *optional* morning tour to Malaga, birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum with over 285 works donated by members of Picasso's family. View the Paseo de la Alameda, fragrant Paseo del Parque and the Barrio de la Malagueta. A walking tour through this historical town is accented by views of the Malaga Cathedral, the second highest in southern Spain. After a stop at Cathedral Square, return to the Costa del Sol for time on your own

**Optional:** Half Day Malaga Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** Costa del Sol

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Sunday - Moorish Granada**

Today's journey takes you from Spain's southern coast to Moorish Granada. Here, visit the 13th century Alhambra,\* one of Spain's most celebrated monuments, dramatically perched atop Assabica Hill overlooking the entire city.

This imposing hilltop fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the world's finest examples of Moorish art and architecture. During the reign of the Moors, the Alhambra served as the residence of the royal family. Walk along the lanes of the serene Generalife Gardens with its beautifully designed courtyards, waterfalls and ponds, and views of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Return to the Costa del Sol for the rest of the day at leisure

*\*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:** Costa del Sol

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Monday - AVE High Speed Train to Madrid**

At the train station, board the AVE high speed train to Madrid that travels via the region of La Mancha, storied home of Don Quixote. View some of his legendary windmills before arriving in the lively metropolis of Madrid, birthplace of many of the world's greatest writers and painters. An orientation sightseeing tour begins with a drive along the Gran Via through the Opera District and Plaza de Colon, stopping for spectacular views of the magnificent Royal Palace. On to the world-renowned Prado Museum; stand before astonishing masterpieces by El Greco, Velázquez, and Goya. In the evening, experience on your own some of the tapas bars that have made Madrid famous

**Overnight:** Madrid

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 10, Tuesday - Full Day in Madrid**

Spend a full day at leisure in Madrid for independent discoveries. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to Toledo, the former capital of Spain that still retains its medieval atmosphere and charm. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Toledo is known for its unique historical coexistence of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures. Walk through the ancient Jewish Quarter to the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue, the oldest in Europe and the St. Tome Church, with its El Greco masterpiece. Enjoy a panoramic drive to the Alcazar of Toledo, a stone fortification located in the highest part of the city and the 13th century cathedral before returning to Madrid. Savour dinner tonight at a local restaurant

**Optional:** Toledo Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** Madrid

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Wednesday - AVE High Speed Train to Barcelona**

A morning transfer to the train station to board the AVE high speed train that whisks you to sensational Barcelona. Upon arrival, a drive along the old harbor to the Plaza de Catalunya, the city's bustling main square.



Then, your first look at the stunning works of Gaudi, the master architect, begins at the exterior of Casa Batllo, seemingly constructed from skulls and bones. View the legendary La Sagrada Familia, iconic symbol of Barcelona; this colossal church is still unfinished after 100 years\*. Ascend Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics. Tonight, enjoy your first taste of Barcelona's rousing nightlife and fabulous cuisine

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

**Overnight:** Barcelona

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 12, Thursday - Full Day in Barcelona**

A full day at leisure to explore Barcelona's countless museums and superb galleries, or 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." This evening, attend a reception with your Tour Manager at the hotel

**Optional:** Half Day Montserrat Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** Barcelona

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Friday - Depart Spain**

Check out of the hotel this morning, then make your own way to the airport for your departure flight. As the journey ends, the precious memories begin!

**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.

### **Optional tours**

Pre-book the optional tours and in addition to enhancing your travel experience, you can save by paying in advance with Australian dollars.

Space on the tours is limited, so make sure you contact your My Travel Experience consultant at least 7 days before departure to guarantee your place. Please note that the prices (per person) are only a guide and will be confirmed at time of booking.

### Half Day Sintra Tour

Enjoy an afternoon tour that includes a scenic drive along the Estoril coast with a short stop in Cascais. Then continue to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On arrival, visit the Sintra Royal Palace, a 15th-century royal residence, containing one of the largest tile collections in Portugal. Then enjoy some free time in the Village Historical Center.

Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Please note, this tour will require a good amount of walking. The pace is moderate, however, you may encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and slopes.

Day #3	01 May 2024 - 30 Nov 2025	\$125
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### Evening Flamenco Show

This evening, enjoy a drink and traditional Flamenco show. As performed by some of Seville's leading Flamenco artists, enjoy routines based on the cante jondo or "deep song," which describes the performer's profound emotions in ancient poetic phrases. Although the development of Flamenco has centred principally in the region of Andalucia, it has come to embrace many of the folk traditions of the northern provinces. As a result, it has become, along with the bullfight, a popular symbol of Spain.

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #4	01 May 2024 - 15 Nov 2025	\$94
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### Half Day Cordoba Tour

Enjoy a half day tour of Cordoba, founded by the Romans, and one of the most cultured and refined cities of medieval Europe. Visit the Mezquita, a former Moorish Mosque that today is Cordoba's main Cathedral. Continue with a walking tour of the city and visit the Jewish Quarter with a view of the medieval synagogue.

Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Day #5	01 May 2024 - 15 Nov 2025	\$94
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### Half Day Malaga Tour

Today, enjoy a half day tour of Malaga, the birthplace of Pablo Picasso. Visit the Picasso Museum and view the Paseo de la Alameda, Paseo del Parque & the Barrio de la Malagueta. Take a walk through the historical town and continue to view the Malaga Cathedral, the second-highest Cathedral in southern Spain. Then take some time on your own to wander, or perhaps visit a local market. Head over to Cathedral Square before returning to Torremolinos.

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #7	01 May 2024 - 15 Nov 2025	\$125
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## Toledo Tour

Toledo is a "Museum City" of great artistic beauty. Former capital of Spain and one of the oldest cities in Europe, Toledo has magnificent examples of architecture from different periods, making it one of the leading artistic cities of the country. In Toledo visit the most famous monuments, such as St. Tome Church, which houses El Greco's 'The Burial of Count Orgaz' and the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue. Also admire its famous hand-crafted work, the "Damasquinado." Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #10	01 May 2024 - 15 Nov 2025	\$125
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## Half Day Montserrat Tour

Enjoy a relaxing drive along the picturesque villages of the province to reach Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica, where you will see the famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta."

Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #12	01 May 2024 - 15 Nov 2025	\$125
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