

FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL TOUR



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France, Spain & Portugal Tour with Flights

Duration: 16 days

Stay: 14 nights hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: FSPV16M

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About the holiday

Delight in the wonders of France, Spain and Portugal on a captivating tour that connects these three colourful European countries!

Enjoy incredible sightseeing in Paris, the City of Light. Travel to the legendary Loire Valley and Bordeaux. Cross into Spain, where you'll experience vibrant Barcelona, Valencia and Seville. Discover UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Granada and Lisbon.

Exploring historic sights, viewing iconic masterpieces, tasting delicious local cuisine and spending time in magnificent palaces and places of worship - it's all part of the unforgettable experience.

This escorted tour is your chance to discover the culture, history and highlights of these illuminating European countries!

Why you'll love this tour...

- This comprehensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with an experienced tour manager to get the best insight and tips
- Delve into history and greet the colourful French and Iberian cultures
- Stay in Paris, Tours, Lourdes, Andorra, Barcelona, Valencia, Granada, Seville & Lisbon
- What a great deal for a premium tour with flights from Australia!

Travel dates:

2024 & 2025 - Select dates from February to November*

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for available dates.*

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Escorted Tour Includes:

- International flights: Return economy airfare to Paris & from Lisbon
 - Fly from Australian capital cities (prices may vary)
 - Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Airport transfer to Paris hotel on arrival
- 14 nights accommodation in 3- to 4-star hotels
- Daily breakfast & 2 dinners
- Boat cruises on River Seine & Guadalquivir River
- Fully escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides
- Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary

Package excludes:

Airline fees for seat selection & additional luggage

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

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

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential, we can assist with a quote

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 - Fly from Australia to France

Day 2 - Arrive in Paris

Bienvenue! When you touch down at the airport, a dedicated team will be there to warmly welcome you and arrange your transfer to the hotel. You're free to savour your leisure time until the tour commences. To easily locate details about the meeting point and tour start time, simply consult the information boards conveniently placed in the hotel's reception area.

Hotel - Novotel Paris 13 Porte d'Italie or similar

Day 3 - Paris - Versailles - Paris

Early in the morning, we embark on an enchanting journey to Versailles, the magnificent residence of France's illustrious kings (entrance fee not included, paid locally). Following our visit, we return to Paris around lunchtime, offering you a seamless transfer to the Montmartre District. Here, we'll ascend to the hilltop via a charming funicular ride, treating you to a breathtaking panoramic view of the City of Light. Montmartre is renowned for its vibrant community of painters, artists, and cabarets, all contributing to its unique charm. Take a seat at a local eatery and savour a meal amidst this magical ambiance.

Next, get ready for a captivating guided tour that will unveil the rich history, iconic boulevards, and awe-inspiring monuments that define Paris. Your journey concludes as we return you to your hotel. As an optional experience, you have the opportunity to attend a variety show, adding an extra layer of entertainment to your Parisian adventure.

Hotel - Novotel Paris 13 Porte d'Italie or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 4 - Paris - Loire Valley - Tours

Our day begins in the heart of Paris, starting with the iconic Eiffel Tower area. Here, you'll have the opportunity to ascend to the second floor of this extraordinary metal marvel, and your ticket is already included. Please note that due to occasional long queues, we may adjust the timing of the climb for organisational purposes.

Following this thrilling ascent, we embark on a delightful boat cruise along the meandering River Seine, which gracefully divides the northern and southern realms of Paris. This cruise promises enchanting views of the city's landmarks, bathed in the soft glow of sunlight.

With a free afternoon at your disposal, you're free to explore Paris at your own pace, following your heart's desire. Around 5:30pm, we bid adieu to the City of Lights and make our way to the enchanting Loire Valley.

Our destination is Tours, the regional capital of the Loire, where we'll arrive in the late afternoon. We highly recommend using this time to take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque historic downtown and indulge in a delectable dinner amidst the charm of this beautiful locale.

Hotel - City Residence Tours or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 5 - Tours - Bordeaux - Lourdes

Today's adventure takes us through the picturesque landscapes of the south of France, where vineyards perfume the air with their rich aroma. Our first destination is Bordeaux, a city renowned for its historical significance, so much so that its town centre has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, you'll have ample time for a leisurely lunch and to explore this charming city. We recommend visiting the Port of the Moon, which graces the banks of the Garonne River, and St. Andrew's Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece that has withstood the test of time.

Our journey then leads us toward the Pyrenees, and by late afternoon, we reach the sacred town of Lourdes. Here, you can partake in the candle procession, a moving experience available from late March to the end of October, and explore the various places of worship that hold deep significance. As a special treat, we've arranged dinner at the hotel, ensuring a pleasant end to your day of exploration and spiritual discovery.

Hotel - Hotel Alba or similar

Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 - Lourdes - Carcassonne - Foix - Andorra

We continue our journey to Carcassonne, a city renowned for its striking walls that encircle its core. These walls have stood the test of time and will transport you back in history.

As we make our way through the Pyrenees, you'll be greeted by the often snow-capped summits, creating a picturesque backdrop to our travels. We visit Foix, a brief stop to stroll through the medieval city dominated by its impressive castle of the Counts of Foix. We continue towards the high mountains of the Pyrenees, with snowy peaks all year round. Eventually, we'll cross into the captivating country of Andorra, known for its natural beauty and charming landscapes. On our route we make a short stop next to Sant Joan de Caselles, a small Romanesque church from the 12th century. To conclude the day, we've arranged for a delightful dinner, ensuring you savour not only the culinary delights but also the memories of this unforgettable journey through medieval and mountainous wonders.

Hotel - Hotel Panorama or similar

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 - Andorra - Montserrat - Barcelona

This morning, enjoy some leisure time in Andorra for both shopping and exploration. After lunch, our journey will resume as we make our way towards Catalonia. The picturesque mountainous terrain will guide us to the awe-inspiring Montserrat Monastery, where you'll ascend the mountain via a rack train to witness its breathtaking scenery. Afterwards, we'll proceed to Barcelona, with our expected arrival in the late afternoon.

Hotel - Acta Voraport or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 8 - Barcelona

Our day unfolds in Barcelona, a captivating city nestled along the Mediterranean coastline. We commence with an informative city tour led by a local expert, offering you invaluable insights into Barcelona's rich history and culture. (Note: If the group comprises fewer than fifteen people, your tour guide will provide explanations.) Explore the historic heart of the city, including the Gothic neighbourhood dating back to the Middle Ages. Our journey continues to the site where the Olympic Games once captivated the world. Moreover, you'll have the privilege of witnessing La Sagrada Familia Basilica, a masterpiece envisioned by the visionary architect Gaudí.

Following this enriching tour, we include admission to 'Poble Espanyol' (meaning 'Spanish Village'), an open-air architectural museum located in one of Barcelona's most iconic areas. Here, you can immerse yourself in the craftsmanship of Spain and discover the diverse architectural styles, traditions, and folklore that define the various regions of this remarkable country. Subsequently, you'll have leisure time to explore Barcelona at your own pace.

This evening, we arrange transportation to the captivating Magic Fountain of Montjuïc. This enchanting show combines lights, colours, water and music, creating a mesmerising spectacle. You'll also have the opportunity to savour dinner in this picturesque area. (Please note that if, for any reason, the Magic Fountain show is not performed, we'll provide an alternative evening transfer to the Maremagnum or to Plaza Colón.) Our return to the hotel will be in the late evening.

Hotel - Acta Voraport or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 9 - Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia

Our journey today takes us along the beautiful Mediterranean coast, making a special stop at the captivating town of Peniscola. This charming walled town sits serenely by the sea and boasts a magnificent castle overlooking the shore. After a brief introduction by our guide, you'll have the freedom to explore at your own pace. Wander through the quaint fishing port, ascend to the castle for breathtaking views, and relax on the pristine beach.

Our next destination is Valencia, where you'll have time for a leisurely lunch. In the afternoon, a local guide will lead you on a captivating tour of the city. Valencia, the third-largest city in Spain, seamlessly combines modernity with history. During the tour, you'll delve into the city's historic centre, admire the grandeur of the cathedral, and be astounded by the avant-garde architecture of the City of Arts and Sciences.

Hotel - Hotel Eurostars Acteon or similar

Meals Breakfast

Day 10 - Valencia - Alicante - Caravaca de la Cruz - Granada

Our journey continues today as we head to the vibrant city of Alicante. Here, you'll have the opportunity to take a leisurely stroll through this charming coastal city. Following lunch (own expense), we'll proceed to the Murcia region, where our next destination awaits: Caravaca de la Cruz. This town holds a special place in the Catholic Church, being recognised as one of the five holy cities. Its church houses a precious relic of Christ's Cross.

In Caravaca, we'll embark on a touristic train ride, ascending to the historic area. You'll have the chance to explore this remarkable place at your own pace, absorbing its rich history and unique atmosphere. After our visit to Caravaca, we'll continue our journey along scenic roads as we make our way towards the enchanting region of Andalusia.

Our day will conclude in the stunning city of Granada, where you can anticipate a night filled with rest and anticipation for the adventures that await in this historic and culturally rich destination.

Hotel - Sercotel Gran Hotel Luna de Granada or Similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 11 - Granada

Our day in Granada is brimming with cultural delights. In the afternoon, we'll embark on a guided visit to the magnificent Alhambra Palace, an architectural marvel from Arabian times. We'll also explore the Generalife gardens, a testament to the opulence and beauty of the past.

As evening descends, we'll venture into the Albaicin district, a UNESCO World Heritage site much like the Alhambra. Here, you'll have the chance to dine in the narrow, winding streets of this captivating Medieval Moorish quarter, immersing yourself in its timeless charm.

For those seeking an extra dose of Andalusian culture, you'll have the option to attend a mesmerising flamenco dance show in the traditional neighbourhood of Sacromonte, where the passionate rhythms and movements will transport you to the heart of Spanish artistry (booked locally).

Please note that entrance to the Alhambra is subject to a maximum capacity imposed by the local government. While we include tickets, we cannot guarantee entry. In the unlikely event that we cannot secure access, we'll offer entry to the Reales Alcázares in Seville, a similarly remarkable historical site.

Hotel - Sercotel Gran Hotel Luna de Granada or Similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 12 - Granada - Malaga - Puerto Banus - Seville

Today's journey leads us from Granada to the stunning Costa del Sol. Along the way, we'll reach the coastal city of Malaga, where we'll delve into its historic city centre. Highlights include the impressive cathedral and the renowned Picasso Museum, offering a glimpse into the life and works of the iconic artist.

Continuing along the scenic coastal motorway, you'll be treated to beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea. Our next stop is Puerto Banus, located in Marbella, a luxurious resort often frequented by Europe's elite. Take in the elegance and charm of this coastal gem.

In the afternoon, our route winds through the hills, leading us to the captivating village of Ronda, known for its distinctive "white town" aesthetic and the breathtaking gorge that dramatically splits it in two. As we explore the town, you'll be enchanted by its unique beauty.

Our final destination for the day is Seville, where we'll arrive in the late afternoon. Prepare to immerse yourself in the rich culture and history of this remarkable city as our journey through Andalusia continues.

Hotel - Vertice Sevilla or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 13 - Seville - Guadalquivir River - Seville

Our day in Seville begins with a guided tour led by a local expert. You'll embark on a captivating journey through this magnificent city, exploring its most iconic landmarks. Highlights include the grand Cathedral, renowned for its Giralda (bell tower), and a leisurely stroll along the banks of the Guadalquivir River. We'll delve into the charming neighbourhoods of Santa Cruz and Triana, followed by a visit to the splendid Plaza de España.

Following the tour, we have a special treat in store, a relaxing boat trip along the Guadalquivir River. From the deck of the boat, you'll have the opportunity to soak in panoramic views of Seville's riverside beauty.

Afterward, you'll have free time to explore the city at your own pace, perhaps indulging in some local cuisine or immersing yourself further in Seville's rich culture. As the day transitions into evening, we'll transfer to the historic city centre area, specifically Calle Alfonso XII, where a diverse array of restaurants awaits. Here, you can enjoy a delightful dinner and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of this captivating city.

Hotel - Vertice Sevilla or similar

Meals - Breakfast

Day 14 - Seville - Merida - Evora - Lisbon

Our day begins with a departure from Seville, setting the stage for a picturesque journey through breathtaking landscapes. We'll traverse hills and groves of olive trees as we enter the Extremadura region. We discover Merida and its impressive Roman Theatre and Amphitheatre.

Next on our itinerary is the city of Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated for its white-painted streets, Renaissance palaces, and grand cathedral. Here, you'll have time for a leisurely lunch and further exploration.

As the day unfolds, we'll make our way to Lisbon, where we'll arrive toward the end of the day. Your journey through scenic beauty and historic wonders sets the stage for further discoveries in the vibrant capital of Portugal.

Hotel - Roma Lisboa or similar

Meals Breakfast

Day 15 - Lisbon

Our day in Lisbon commences with a captivating sightseeing tour led by a local guide. We'll embark on a journey through the city's traditional neighbourhoods, delving into its rich history and vibrant culture. Among our stops is the Belem district, a place of great significance as the birthplace of the intrepid Portuguese navigators who ventured across the oceans during the Fifteenth Century. During our tour, we'll explore the iconic Monument of the Discoveries, Belem Tower, and the exquisite Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy at your leisure, offering the perfect opportunity to further explore Lisbon's charm or relax as you desire. In the late afternoon, we have arranged a transfer to the Restauradores Square, a lively public square filled with an array of restaurants and cafes. We recommend taking a ride on the Elevador Da Gloria funicular, which transports you to the San Pedro viewpoint, offering breathtaking vistas of Lisbon and the Bairro Alto neighbourhood. Our day concludes as we return to the hotel, allowing you to reflect on your experiences and savour the memories of Lisbon's rich history and scenic beauty.

Hotel - Roma Lisboa or similar

Meals Breakfast

Day 16 - Depart Lisbon - Fly to Australia

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and checking out of the hotel this morning. At the appropriate time please make your own way to the airport for your flight home.

Meals Breakfast

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Hotels are subject to change at the discretion of the tour operator. 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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