# Itinerary

## Spain's Classics & Portugal

**May 23, 2021 - Jun 5, 2021**

### Pre Night: H10 Casanova

Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Barcelona?

### Day 1: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Spain. Begin your journey in the vibrant city of Barcelona. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers and enjoy a welcome dinner.

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### Day 2: Barcelona

Embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi’s Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi’s works.* Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect’s death.

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### Day 3: Barcelona - Pensicola - Valencia

Enjoy free time in the coastal town of Pensicola to explore on your own. Perhaps you will visit the 13th-century Pensicola Castle with panoramic views of lavender and olive trees, or visit the Museo de la Mar to discover the town’s nautical history. End your day in Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. Perhaps you will join a tour that explores the myths and legends of Valencia.

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*Note: *Days 8-11 are spent in Madrid, Spain.
Day 4: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a barraca, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch.

**Weather**
- High 24°
- Low 13°
- Rain 1°

**Hotel**
- Sh Valencia Palace
- Valencia

**Culinary**
- Breakfast
- Lunch

**Day 5: Valencia - Granada**

Today you’ll make your way to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore. After getting acquainted with the area, taste the local flavors during dinner at a nearby restaurant.

**Weather**
- High 25°
- Low 9°

**Hotel**
- Catalonia Granada
- Granada

**Culinary**
- Breakfast
- Dinner

**Day 6: Granada - Seville**

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO,)** a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. End your day in Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital."

**Weather**
- High 26°
- Low 13°
- Rain 1°

**Hotel**
- Barcelo Seville Renacimiento
- Seville

**Culinary**
- Breakfast
- Dinner

**Day 7: Seville**

Decide how you see Seville because it’s your choice! Walk the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses before continuing to the Plaza de España –OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus’ tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville’s top performers.

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**Day 8: Seville - Cordoba - Madrid**

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical Jewish Quarter. Then, perhaps you’ll opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase free time in Madrid. Your day ends in Madrid, Spain’s lively capital and largest city.

**Weather**
- High 22°
- Low 9°
- Rain 1°

**Hotel**
- Melia Madrid Serrano
- Madrid

**Culinary**
- Breakfast

**Day 9: Madrid**

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic center, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya.
Day 10: Madrid - Toledo - Elvas, Portugal

Travel to Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, it’s your choice! Visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco’s masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz -OR- explore the Santa Maria la Blanca museum, located in a former synagogue recognized as the oldest synagogue building still standing in Europe. Bid Spain adiós and cross the border into Portugal, arriving in the historic town of Elvas.

Day 11: Elvas - Lisbon

Make your way to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Spend your day uncovering legends of the country’s past, including visits to Jeronimo’s Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Enjoy time in the evening to settle into your new home for the next 3 nights.

Day 12: Lisbon

The day is yours! Discover the capital city on your own. Consider tasting the city’s mouthwatering cuisine or taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to the Estoril Coast, visiting the picturesque fishing village of Cascais.

Day 13: Lisbon - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon

Your day on Portugal’s “Silver Coast” begins with the quaint seaside town of Nazare, famous for its dramatic cliffs. Continue on to the charming medieval walled town of Obidos. You will have free time to explore each town independently and take in their beauty. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain and Portugal.

Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage.