

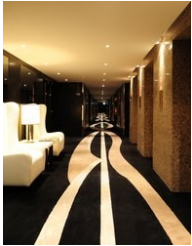


Itinerary

Spain's Classics & Portugal

Oct 23, 2019 - Nov 5, 2019

Pre Night: Altis Grand Hotel



The Altis Grand Hotel is a landmark 5-star hotel in central Lisbon. It is nearby to Avenida Liberdade and Lisbon's historic districts.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



You are on your way to a colorful cultural adventure featuring the best of Portugal and Spain.

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins



Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages and cork & olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Altis Grand Hotel
Lisbon

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 69°
Low 57°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Lisbon



A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music (UNESCO).

Hotel

Altis Grand Hotel
Lisbon

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 69°
Low 57°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos - Lisbon



Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), an example of Manueline architecture; then travel to the quaint seaside town of Nazare and the charming medieval walled town of Obidos.

Hotel

Altis Grand Hotel
Lisbon

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 69°
Low 57°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Lisbon - Madrid, Spain



Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy your day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving into the capital city of Spain – Madrid.

Hotel

Nh Collection Madrid Abascal
Madrid

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 68°
Low 47°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Madrid - Prado Museum - Toledo - Madrid



During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see 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. This afternoon travel to Toledo, a UNESCO site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. Also stop in the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz.

Hotel

Nh Collection Madrid Abascal
Madrid

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 68°
Low 47°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville



Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital."

Hotel

Barcelo Seville Renacimiento
Seville

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 78°
Low 56°
Rain 2"

Day 8: Seville



Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. Later visit the Casa de Pilatos, an Andalusian palace and an example of Mudejar architectural style in Spain. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers.

Hotel

Barcelo Seville Renacimiento
Seville

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 78°
Low 56°
Rain 2"

Day 9: Seville - Granada



Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a city tour of Granada including a visit to the Carlos V Palace.

Hotel

Melia Granada Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 73°

Day 10: Granada - Valencia



Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves.

Hotel

Eurostars Rey Don Jaime
Valencia

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 65°
Low 48°
Rain 2"

Day 11: Valencia - Paella Experience - Valencia



It's your choice! Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Towers and imposing 15th-century Quart Towers; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral - OR- explore the impressive City of Arts & Science, an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, handmade Lladro figurines.*** Later, gather together and travel to the area where paella cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the canals surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Hotel

Eurostars Rey Don Jaime
Valencia

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 65°
Low 48°
Rain 2"

Day 12: Valencia - Barcelona



Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colorful bird and flower stalls.

Hotel

H10 Itaca Barcelona
Barcelona

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 40°
Rain 2"

Day 13: Barcelona



Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases the Columbus Monument and the Parc de Montjuic, plus Antoni Gaudí's UNESCO sites including La Sagrada Familia, Parc Güell, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Portugal and Spain!

Hotel

H10 Itaca Barcelona
Barcelona

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 54°
Low 40°
Rain 2"

Day 14: Barcelona - Tour Ends



You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Post Night: H10 Itaca Barcelona



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