SPLENDORS OF SPAIN

8 Days FROM $1,745

Cibeles Fountain In Downtown Madrid

HOSTED PROGRAM

(2) Madrid • (2) Seville • (2) Granada • (1) Madrid

(#) - No. of overnight stays

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the old world meets cosmopolitan allure of one of Europe's most dynamic capital cities – Madrid
- Explore Madrid's world-class museums, old world monuments, activity-filled plazas, and palaces
- Let Seville into your soul, from the fervor of its fiery flamenco and tapas bars, to its iconic Giralda bell tower, to its winding streets that flow into lively plazas to enjoy
- Delve into the grandeur of Granada with visits to Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens
- Step back in time in Cordoba as you explore the city's imposing 8th century mosque turned cathedral

DAY 1 | THU | MADRID Arrive in spectacular Spain and transfer to your hotel. Get to know one of Europe's most dynamic capital cities at your own pace with the remainder of the day at leisure. Stroll the bustling streets of the old city, sit for a spell at a café in the impressive Plaza Mayor, see Madrid's Town Hall in Plaza de la Villa, delve into the old quarter, savor local delicacies at a tapas bar, and enjoy the virtually unending nightlife options. Overnight in Madrid.

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DAY 2 | FRI | MADRID Today's city tour takes you to explore Madrid's 17th century "Austrian" quarter where the austere exteriors of its palaces contrast with their luxurious interiors. Discover the 18th century neoclassical architecture represented in the Royal Palace, the Sabatini Gardens and "Campo del Moro," the Alcalá Gate, Paseo del Prado, and famous Cibeles and Neptuno fountains. See the more modern "Gran Via" and the "Paseo de la Castellana." Overnight in Madrid. (B)

DAY 3 | SAT | MADRID | SEVILLE After breakfast depart to Seville, the capital of Andalucía. This afternoon you will visit the Flamenco Museum and take in a one-hour performance that showcases the museum's dedication to bringing its visitors an authentic and unique flamenco experience. Next, enjoy a panoramic tour of Seville. See Plaza de España & Plaza de América, with its buildings left from the 1929 Latin-American Expo, the María Luisa Park and Torre del Oro by the Guadalquivir, and visit the Cathedral with its original minaret – La Giralda Tower, before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4 | SUN | SEVILLE Day at leisure to discover other interesting highlights of the Andalusian capital such as the Alcázar, a magnificent Moorish construction to which Mudéjar additions were made in 1326, and the old Jewish Quarter of Santa Cruz, with its characteristic 'Patios', artistically decorated with plants, flowers, tiles and wrought iron balconies. (B)

DAY 5 | MON | SEVILLE | CORDOBA | GRANADA After breakfast depart to fabulous Granada. En-route, we will stop in Cordoba for a tour of its historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Aljama, the 8th century Mosque combining Islamic, Baroque and Gothic design, and internationally recognized as an architectural treasure. After the capture of Cordoba by the Catholics, the Mosque was converted into a cathedral. Next, take in the charm of the Jewish Quarter and visit the Synagogue before continuing to Granada. Overnight in Granada. (B)

DAY 6 | TUE | GRANADA Power-up with breakfast at your hotel and get ready to explore Spain's foremost monument, "La Alhambra" – built on a hill atop the old Roman and Visigothic ruins overlooking Granada. Tour the main fortress, Alcazaba, with its magnificent Torres Bermejas and the Carlos V Palace before visiting the lush Generalife Gardens. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. Overnight in Granada. (B)

DAY 7 | WED | GRANADA | MADRID Today say good bye to Granada and board your high-speed AVE train to Madrid. Day at leisure for optional excursions. We suggest a visit of Toledo, the former Imperial capital city of Spain. Overnight in Madrid. (B)

DAY 8 | THU | MADRID TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Relish a delicious breakfast at your hotel before your departure transfer to Madrid's Airport for your flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast

City of Granada

Seville

INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- Buffet breakfast
- Assistance of English-speaking local representatives
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Guided tour of Madrid, including visit of Royal Palace
  - Guided tour of Seville, including visit of Cathedral, Giralda Tower and Flamenco Museum
  - Flamenco show in Seville
  - Guided tour of Granada, including visit of the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens*
  - Guided tour of Cordoba, including visit of the Mosque and Synagogue
- Transportation by deluxe private vehicle or AVE High-Speed Train
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

*Due to capacity restrictions at the Nazari Palaces at the Alhambra, the visit of this Palace for some bookings can only be confirmed 1 week prior to the visit. In case this Palace cannot be visited, a visit of the Cathedral & Royal Chapel will be included instead.

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First class hotel: $1,745

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on the following hotels:
Madrid: Claridge
Seville: Hesperia Seville
Granada: Luna de Granada

Thursday arrivals only. Additional pre/post nights are available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.

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