

BEST OF SPAIN

9-DAYS MADRID TO BARCELONA

JULY 26, 2024 TO AUGUST 4, 2024



OVERVIEW

Although you might be enthralled with the idea of the Spanish siesta—the customary post-lunch nap to escape the midday heat—you’ll want to think twice about catching any afternoon Zzzs on this dreamy introductory tour of Spain. Otherwise, you’d miss all the sunny sights this 9-day vacation to Spain has in store. From Madrid’s art-filled Prado Museum to Barcelona’s tree-lined La Rambla, we show you the country’s top must-see sights, indulging in pans of zesty paella, and pitchers of tangy sangria along the way. While you’ll treat yourself to the fresh catches from the sea, the olives from the hills, and the wine from the lush river valleys; it’s sights such as Granada’s opulent Alhambra complex, Seville’s over-the-top Plaza de España, and Barcelona’s unparalleled Sagrada Familia Basilica that are a feast for the eyes.

PRICING

\$5,298.00 per person double occupancy, includes roundtrip air from DSM, Globus land and all optional excursions. \$480.00 per person single supplement.

\$1,000.00 per person non-refundable deposit due plus trip insurance along with completed personal information form and copies of passports to confirm reservation.

\$289 per person non-refundable trip insurance is recommended, but optional.

All payments to Allied Travel must be made by check. Final payment due April 30.

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES


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DAY ONE

Welcome to Madrid! Meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

DAY TWO

Guided sightseeing includes the Prado Museum and sights of the Cibeles Fountain and Calle Alcala.

DAY THREE

Guided walking tour of Cordoba includes the Mosque of the Caliphs. The mosque's architecture is rich in dazzling detail, with over 800 granite and marble pillars supporting its beautiful brick and stone arches - a major focal point in the mosque along with the soaring bell tower - the tallest structure in the city. Enjoy free time to browse before departing for Seville.

DAY FOUR

Walk through Seville's picturesque Plaza de España, originally built for Seville's Ibero-American Expo at the 1929 World's Fair. The 540,000-square-foot plaza features a sprawling mosaic patio. Explore the historic Santa Cruz quarter and its magical maze of tapas, flamenco, and cafés. Guided sightseeing includes Casa de Pilatos, and a walk through the Santa Cruz quarter.

DAY FIVE

Granada's Alhambra Complex stands as one of the largest ancient aristocratic sites of Western Muslim culture. Its leafy lanes and streams enhance the grand water gardens of Generalife, at the once summer palace and country estate of the Nasrid rulers. Guided walking tour includes the Alhambra complex and the Water Gardens of the Generalife.

DAY SIX

In Valencia, your guided walking tour includes a photo stop at the science complex and a traditional Horchata (drink made from tiger nuts) tasting. Later, enjoy an authentic Spanish paella dinner in Valencia. Traditional Paella Valenciana is made with chicken and sweet paprika and golden saffron in a slow simmered broth for a sumptuous, heart-warming hallmark of traditional Spanish cuisine.

DAY SEVEN

Scenic drive along the coast en route to Barcelona. Enjoy free time this afternoon and evening. Indulge in the tradition and tastes of 2,000 years in the Gothic Quarter. Take in the charm and captivating history with a walk down the tree-lined avenue of La Rambla amid the terraces and street performers on Barcelona's famous thoroughfare.

DAY EIGHT

Adiós, Barcelona! Guided sightseeing includes the Columbus Monument, Plaza de Cataluña, and panoramic view of the city and harbor from Montjuïc Hill. Visit the Sagrada Familia Basilica. Say farewell to Spain with Sangria and culinary specialties at a local city center restaurant. Often considered the signature drink of Spain and taking its name from its "blood red color", Sangria's origins are thought to go back to Roman times, when it was simply wine added to water. Since then, the recipe has been revisited many times and there are many delicious local variations. Tonight, lift your glass for a toast to your Best of Spain tour.

DAY NINE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Safe travels until we meet again!