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PORTUGAL AND ANDALUSIA

SIB-Round trip 12 days/11 nights

The Iberian Peninsula also known as Iberia, is a peninsula in the southwest corner of Europe, defining the westernmost edge of Eurasia. It is principally divided between Spain and Portugal, comprising most of their territory, as well as a small area of Southern France, Andorra and the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

*Your trip starts in **Madrid**, one of the leading metropolises in the Iberian Peninsula. Visit the old city with the Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol, two icons of the city. Once in Portugal, you will have the chance to visit **Porto**, **Coimbra** and **Fatima**. The Sanctuary of Fatima built in the 20th century after the apparitions of the Virgin, is the destination of an inner journey of Christian faith. It is one of the main Marian shrines of the world. Get involved in **Lisbon** with the romantic Tram and enjoy its avenues and monuments. We will visit The Alfama district, located at the foot of the Castle of São Jorge, that shows the nature of the old fishermen's neighbourhood. Its picturesque tiny streets are wonderful to get lost in and to discover the charm of the city.*

*Back to Spain, you will visit **Caceres**, a UNESCO World Heritage City and **Córdoba** with its impressive Mezquita, the Grand Mosque. In **Sevilla**, you will get into the Cathedral of Sevilla, the biggest Gothic cathedral in the world. Get in touch with some of the most interesting film scenarios as well as operas. In **Granada** you will get in touch with the Arabic past of Spain when you visit the **Alhambra** and the Generalife Gardens before you return to Spain. Come with us and live your Iberian adventure!!*

DAY 1 (Monday) ARRIVAL IN MADRID

After your international flight to Spain and arrival at the International Airport in Madrid, reception and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities or shopping. We can help you to choose the right optional tour for the day.

DAY 2 (Tuesday) MADRID – AVILA – SALAMANCA – PORTO

Breakfast at the hotel. The tour starts at your hotel where you will meet your guide and driver. Drive to Avila, a city that preserves its medieval wall. Short stop to know its walled and old town. Then to Salamanca. Free time in this University City Heritage of Humanity of great architectural and artistic wealth. Departure to the Portuguese border until you reach Porto. Accommodation. (B)

DAY 3 (Wednesday) PORTO

Breakfast. Panoramic sightseeing tour of Porto considered World Heritage city. We admire the Cathedral, Stock Exchange building and Santa Clara church. In the afternoon, possibility of an optional visit to a famous winery with tasting of its world-famous "port wine". Accommodation. (B)

DAY 4 (Thursday) PORTO – COIMBRA – FATIMA

Breakfast. Departure to Coimbra. City seat of one of the oldest universities in Europe and the birthplace of Fado. Free time. Then to Fatima. Center of the Christian Faith and World Pilgrimage Sanctuary with its impressive Basilica and the Cova da Iria place where the Virgin Mary appeared. The Chapel of the Apparitions, heart of the sanctuary, with the tombs of the three shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. At night possibility to attend the procession of the candles. Accommodation. (B)

DAY 5 (Friday) FATIMA – BATALHA – NAZARE – ALCOBAÇA – LISBON

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to the Batalha Monastery, a masterpiece of Gothic and Manueline style considered a World Heritage place by UNESCO. Continue to the picturesque fishing town of Nazaré. Free time and continue to Alcobaca (World Heritage) visit the XII C. church and admire the tombs of Pedro and Inés de Castro and then to Lisbon. Accommodation. Optional night tour to attend a show of Fado, typical Portuguese song and music. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON IN
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

EUR 1.575.-

Surplus single room **EUR 425.-**

Surplus high season (Jul 1 – Oct 31)
EUR 60.-

GROUP TOUR SET DEPARTURES 2021

03.05	10.05	17.05
24.05	31.05	07.06
14.06	21.06	28.06
05.07	12.07	19.07
26.07	02.08	09.08
16.08	23.08	30.08
06.09	13.09	20.09

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Guided visits in Porto, Lisbon, Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada (Alhambra and Generalife Gardens), Toledo and panoramic sightseeing tours as per the itinerary
- Tour escort during the tour
- Air-conditioned deluxe motor-coach
- Accommodation at selected class
- Daily Breakfast and 5 dinners
- Travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic Flights
- Meals or other tours not mentioned here
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters





DAY 6 (Saturday) LISBON

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning sightseeing tour of the ancient Olissipo, drive through its main squares and avenues, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery, Coach Museum, Monument to the Discoverers, Marquis of Pombal Square, Liberty Avenue. Afternoon at leisure for you to catch the nostalgic corners of Alfama Quarter, the old city gathered next to its Castle, with old buildings nested in narrow twisting “Ruas” full of color housing the genuine “tabernas” where Fado sounds as a missing past. Accommodation at the hotel. **(B)**

DAY 7 (Sunday) LISBON – CACERES – CORDOBA

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure at 07:30 hrs. to Caceres considered as World Heritage place because of the city’s blend of Roman, Islamic, Northern Gothic and Italian Renaissance architecture. Walk through its Plaza Mayor and the Old Town with its famous Medieval Quarter. Afterwards, continue on towards Cordoba, once the capital of the Caliphate. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 (Monday) CORDOBA – SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Impressive tour of its Mosque and other sites that will ease our mind and spirit strolling through its narrow winding streets of the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, after a short two hours ride reach Seville. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 (Tuesday) SEVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning panoramic city tour visiting: the exterior of the Cathedral (the second largest in the Catholic world after St. Peters in Rome), Santa Cruz quarter (a natural scenario of “Carmen” as well as precisely where the myth of “Don Juan” developed), Maria Luisa Park and Plaza de España. Afternoon at leisure for you to discover exclusive views, specific flavors of this active full of light city. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Flamenco tour. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 (Wednesday) SEVILLE – RONDA – COSTA DEL SOL

After breakfast at the hotel drive south passing typical villages. Reach Ronda; free time to admire this town of Celtic origin and the marvelous view of the valley and mountain range. In the afternoon continue on to the Costa del Sol, one of the most modern and important international tourist areas. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 (Thursday) COSTA DEL SOL – GRANADA

Breakfast. Departure towards the city of Granada and its incredible and amazing monumental environment, last stronghold of the Moorish Kingdoms up to 1492. Visit the world-famous Alhambra complex and Generalife Gardens that have inspired several authors with its sound and sights, such as the “Tales of the Alhambra” by W. Irving. Dinner and accommodation at the hotel. Optional Gipsy Flamenco show at Sacromonte quarter. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 (Friday) GRANADA – TOLEDO – MADRID

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive northward where it emerges, toward the sky of Castilla and surrounded by the Tagus River, the impressive Imperial city of Toledo –World Heritage City- where the three cultures Christians, Moorish and Jewish, have lived together. Resume of the Spanish art, history and spirituality the whole town is a National Monument. Short guided tour of this historical old town through its narrow streets. Then proceed with a visit to a famous “Damasquinado” (gold and silver inlaying in iron) factory. Continue to Madrid. END OF OUR SERVICES. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner