# Splendours of SPAIN

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#### DAYS 1 & 2 - GOODBYE CANADA, HOLA SPAIN!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Meet your fellow travellers and fly overnight to Madrid. Upon your arrival, meet your Group Guru before our luxury coach takes you to your hotel to settle in, before enjoying a light lunch. In the afternoon, prepare for a feast for the eyes with a visit to the Prado Museum, home to the world's most comprehensive collection of Spanish art. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Madrid. (L,D)

#### **DAY 3 'TREASURES OF MADRID**

Kick off your day with a panoramic tour of Madrid. Explore the old town by foot, soaking in its charming streets lined with lively street performances. Learn about the Neo-classical Puerta de Alcalá and bustling Plaza Mayor, before indulging in Spanish delights at a local restaurant. Explore the Spanish capital with free time at your leisure before dinner back at the hotel. Overnight in Madrid. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 4 TOUR TOLEDO (415 KM)

Embark on a walking tour of Toledo's historic old town, checking out the Gothic Toledo Cathedral and City Hall. Around each corner you'll find artisan shops showcasing traditional craftsmanship and metalwork. Uncover the treasures inside the Church of Santo Tomé. We continue our journey to Córdoba. Overnight in Córdoba. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5 · DISCOVER CÓRDOBA

Immerse yourself in Córdoba's rich tapestry during our morning walking tour. With each step, weave between traditional Castile-style squares lined with sandstone, surrounded by ornate homes and shops topped with terracotta. Explore the Great Mosque-Cathedral, a unique blend of Islamic and Christian architecture. Pass through the old Jewish Quarter and enter the fortress-palace of Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos. Following lunch, take the afternoon to explore this diverse city at your leisure. Overnight in Córdoba. (B,L,D)





# DAY 6 - ROAD TO SEVILLA (145 KM)

Embark on a journey to Sevilla, where you'll pass through the sandy, arid terrains of the Andalusia region, dotted with lush olive and orange orchards. After checking into your hotel and enjoying lunch, spend the afternoon at your leisure wandering through Sevilla's narrow streets, past whitewashed buildings and welcoming "terrazas" (terrace restaurants). Sevilla is the birthplace of flamenco, and tonight you'll take in a traditional flamenco show accompanied by traditional tapas. Overnight in Sevilla. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7 - EXPLORING SEVILLA

Today is dedicated to the many influences that have shaped the millennia-long history of Sevilla. Begin with the Cathedral of Sevilla: a one-time Moorish mosque turned into the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Next, visit the Real Alcázar, and feel like royalty strolling past its many internal courtyards, reflection pools, and vibrant gardens. End the day with a visit to Plaza de España, built in 1929 and made famous by its appearance in Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars Episode II. Enjoy free time at your leisure before dinner at your hotel. Overnight in Sevilla. (B,L,D)

## DAY 8 - MÁLAGA MUSE (211 KM)

Following breakfast, transfer to Málaga, our first taste of Mediterranean Spain. After lunch delighting in local seafood delicacies, check into your hotel before a walking tour of the historic city centre, including the Plaza de la Merced, the birthplace of Pablo Picasso – still overflowing with the same art and festivals that inspired his youth. Before dinner, enjoy free time, peering into one of the city's many museums, or simply soak up the sun somewhere on Málaga's 14 kilometres of beach. The choice is yours! Overnight in Málaga. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9 RONDA'S HEIGHTS

Today, we visit the dramatic clifftop town of Ronda, where we will enjoy lunch with a magnificent view. Get to know Ronda intimately with a walking tour of its winding cobbled streets before heading back to Málaga. Cap off the day with a tapas exploration dinner, sampling the authentic flavours of Andalusia. Overnight in Málaga. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 10 - GRANADA & ALHAMBRA

After breakfast, transfer to Granada for a captivating excursion into Andalusia's Moorish heart. Following lunch savouring local specialties, embark on a walking tour through Granada's enchanting streets before discovering the breathtaking Alhambra palace complex – a UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece where intricate Islamic architecture and serene gardens transport you back to the height of Moorish Spain. Return to Málaga where you will have dinner at your hotel. Overnight in Málaga. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11 • EN ROUTE TO VALENCIA (629 KM)

This morning, fly to Valencia, Spain's third-largest city, standing equal parts in the past and in the future. Medieval relics and cobblestone-lined streets stand next to modern complexes and a local tech start-up scene. Arrive in Valencia and enjoy a panoramic city tour, including the futuristic City of Arts & Sciences, the bustling Columbus Market, the iconic Bullring, and the Art Nouveau North Station. After lunch, check into your hotel before free time and dinner. Overnight in Valencia. (B,L,D)

# DAY 12 OLD VALENCIA & PAELLA COOKING

Begin your day with a tour of Valencia's old town to discover the role it's played in Valencian life since the Middle Ages. Spend free time in the afternoon working up an appetite for our paella cooking demonstration this evening. Overnight in Valencia. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13 · EXPLORING SITGES (313 KM)

Following breakfast, jump on a high-speed train towards charming Sitges, known for its beautiful beaches and whitewashed buildings. After checking into your hotel, soak in this coastal Catalonian town, wandering through its Old Quarter and waterfront promenade. Overnight in Sitges. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 14 'ICONIC BARCELONA**

Today is dedicated to a full-day visit of world-renowned Barcelona, Catalonia's vibrant capital, celebrated for its artistic heritage and architectural wonders. Set course for the city's most-iconic landmarks, including the Sagrada Família and the enchanting Parc Güell. Overnight in Sitges. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 15 'BARCELONA'S QUARTERS**

Antoni Gaudí's architectural style, making use of nature-inspired forms, bright colours, and intricate detailing, is on full display as we tour Passeig de Gràcia, Casa Batlló and Casa Milà. Take a quick Gaudí break with tours to the modern Olympic Port, Barceloneta, and Montjuïc. After touring the Gothic Quarter and lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy free time to explore Barcelona. Overnight in Sitges. (B,L,D)

## DAY 16 PENEDÈS WINE COUNTRY

After a morning of beach time at your leisure, venture into Catalonia's Penedès wine region, where rolling vineyards stretch across sun-drenched hills. Take part in a delicious lunch and wine tasting at a local winery before a walking tour of the surronding areas. In the afternoon, return to Sitges before gathering for our farewell dinner, where we'll toast to the unforgettable memories made. Overnight in Sitges. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 17 HOME SWEET HOME

Fly from Barcelona to Canada, with a same day arrival. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. (B)



# THIS TOUR INCLUDES



#### **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

- International flights with Air Canada
- 15 nights in first class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage porterage throughout



#### **FOOD & DRINK**

- All 45 meals, including: 15 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 15 dinners
- Two tapas tasting dinners (included in meal count)
- Paella cooking demonstration & dinner (included in meal count)
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



#### **UNIQUE MOMENTS**

- Feel like royalty exploring the Real Alcázar and Alhambra palaces
- Tap your foot to the rhythm watching a traditional flamenco show
- Savour rich incredients during a paella cooking demonstration
- Ogle Antoni Gaudí's greatest works all over Barcelona

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