



Alhambra

Experience the sophistication of Spain: the passion of flamenco, the art of the Prado, the magnificence of Gaudí's Barcelona, and so much more.

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Alhambra
- Barcelona Walking Tour
- Bodegas Viña Elena Vineyard
- Córdoba Mezquita Cathedral
- Córdoba Walking Tour
- Flamenco Performance
- Madrid City Tour
- Prado Museum
- Sagrada Família



#### HOTELS

- NH Madrid Ribera del Manzanares, Madrid (2)
- Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento, Seville (2)
- Meliá Granada, Granada (1)
- Senator Parque Central Hotel, Valencia (1)
- Hilton Barcelona, Barcelona (2)

#### MEALS

8 hot breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and 3 dinners (D)

*Changes to the daily itinerary may occur due to weather or attraction availability; your tour director will provide updates.*

*This is an active destination, with extended walking and standing, stairs, and uneven terrain that may be wet or slippery. Narrow streets and local regulations may require walking longer distances to reach key sites. Good physical mobility is required.*

Presenting a special group departure to Spain

9 DAYS | 8 NIGHTS | 12 MEALS

Price is per person, based on double occupancy

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

**Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit.**  
Depart North America for Madrid overnight the day before the tour start date.

Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.

To book or for more information, contact:

# BEST OF SPAIN

## 9-Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Madrid Arrival

Meet your tour director at 5:00 PM for a welcome drink at your hotel with your fellow travelers. Then enjoy dinner at the hotel, savoring the first tastes of Spanish cuisine. (D)

### Day 2: Madrid City Tour & Prado Museum

Soak in the vibrant atmosphere of Spain's capital city on a tour of Madrid. See magnificent sights such as The Royal Palace and Almudena Cathedral, Gran Via, and Plaza de España. Next explore the world-renowned Prado Museum, one of the most important art collections in Europe, with masterpieces from artists like Goya, Velazquez, and El Greco. The rest of the day is yours to discover this friendly, diverse city as you wish. Stroll the elegant shops of the Golden Mile, people-watch in El Retiro Park, or savor the gastronomic delights on offer at the Mercado San Miguel. (B)

### Day 3: Córdoba Walking Tour & Mezquita Cathedral

Board a train for a scenic, relaxing ride to Córdoba, where you'll take a walking tour to discover the city's Roman past and its Christian, Islamic, and Jewish cultures. Explore the labyrinthine streets of the old town, admiring the fusion of Moorish and Christian influences. Visit the magnificent Mezquita Cathedral, a former mosque and a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning architecture and cultural significance. Continue on to Seville, where you will dine at your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 4: Seville City Tour & Flamenco Performance

Discover the enchanting beauty of Seville on a guided city tour, exploring its charming streets and iconic landmarks. Marvel at the grandeur of Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Take some free time to stroll through town as you please before meeting your group again for a performance of the passionate, rhythmic art form of flamenco. Your evening is free to dine independently in one of the Old Town's many tapas bars and restaurants. (B)

### Day 5: Granada & Alhambra

Journey through the Andalusian countryside to Granada to discover its rich history and Moorish heritage, set against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Then visit the breathtaking Alhambra Palace, a magnificent monument that showcases the artistic and cultural influences of the Moorish rulers who commissioned it in the 13th century. The exquisite details of this UNESCO World Heritage Site include intricately carved stucco, arabesque designs, reflective pools, and lush gardens. This evening, explore Granada on your own; you might visit a tapas bar or take a walk through the historic Albaicín neighborhood, known for its winding medieval streets and picturesque views. (B)

### Day 6: Bodegas Viña Elena & Valencia

Visit Bodegas Viña Elena, a family-run winery producing Monastrell grapes, olives, and almonds. The Pacheco family, in their third and fourth generation of winemaking, will welcome you to their vineyard and cellar. Hear their stories before enjoying a four-course lunch with wine pairings; the regional dishes will include ingredients sourced locally. Then continue on to Valencia, where you'll take in the sights on a panoramic tour. Enjoy the evening at your leisure to explore Valencia's vibrant culture and cuisine. (B, L)

### Day 7: Valencia & Barcelona

Explore Valencia's futuristic architecture on a walking tour of its City of Arts and Sciences, a spectacular collection of modern buildings housing cultural and scientific institutions. Journey on to Barcelona, where you'll take a panoramic tour of this exhilarating, artistic city before a free evening. (B)

### Day 8: Barcelona Walking Tour & Sagrada Família

Discover the enchanting Gothic Quarter of Barcelona with a guided walking tour, strolling through its medieval streets and hidden squares. The district was home to Barcelona's Jewish Quarter, Picasso's art school, and Antonio Gaudí's first art project. Then, take in the awe-inspiring exterior of the Sagrada Família – Gaudí's iconic and still-unfinished masterpiece – exploring its intricate facades and symbolism. Enjoy some free time discovering Barcelona independently before gathering for a farewell dinner with your group. (B, D)

### Day 9: Tour Ends in Barcelona

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B)

### AUTHENTIC LOCAL EXPERIENCES

Immerse yourself in the time-honored traditions of **Spanish winemaking** on a visit to the family-owned **Bodegas Viña Elena**, where you'll tour, taste, and lunch in the family farmhouse.

Witness the passionate art of **flamenco** in an electrifying performance featuring the fiery footwork, soulful singing, intricate hand-clapping, and percussive rhythms of this quintessential Spanish cultural tradition.

