



MAGDALENA PALACE, SANTANDER

ESSENTIAL SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

01 TUE. Madrid - Arrival.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Transfer to the hotel. Evening transport to the Gran Vía district. Welcome to Madrid!

Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until the beginning of your tour. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area which have all the information about the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers. Towards the end of the day, we provide transfers to the **Egyptian Debod Temple, Plaza de España and Gran Vía**; a vibrant district where you can dine at your preferred restaurant: Indian, Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern are some of the options available.

02 WED. Madrid.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Madrid city tour. Stroll through the Retiro Park. Visit to the Las Ventas bullring. Evening transfer.

The morning starts with a **comprehensive tour** through the center of Madrid including the Paseo del Prado, Cibeles, Neptuno, the Gate of Alcalá, Plaza de Colón and Plaza Mayor. We then will visit Retiro Park, an oasis in the city center, where we will see the lake and the Glass Palace. A visit to **Las Ventas Bullring (admission included)** is next. This is one of the most famous bullrings in the world where we will learn about the tradition of the corridas at the Bullfighting Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. At sunset we will provide a **transfer to Plaza de Oriente**, opposite the Royal Palace, an elegant and bustling area with many restaurants serving different cuisines, such as local Spanish food, international and Chinese. Enjoy a pleasant dinner of your choice. At the end of the evening we will return to the hotel.

03 THU. Madrid- Cáceres- Evora- Lisbon.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Mediaeval Cáceres. Chapel of bones of Evora.

We leave Madrid and travel towards Extremadura. In **CÁCERES** you can have lunch and stroll in the historic centre, one of the best preserved mediaeval and Renaissance open complexes in the world. Once in Portugal, we will stop in **EVORA**, a World Heritage city with its white streets, its Renaissance palaces and its cathedral. We will include entry to the impressive **chapel of bones**, built using 5,000 skeletons! **LISBON**, arrival at the end of the afternoon.

04 FRI. Lisbon.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: City Tour of Lisbon. Evening transfer.

In the morning we will have a **sightseeing tour with a local guide**. We will visit the traditional neighborhoods including the Belem district, which is the birthplace of the great Portuguese navigators who sailed the oceans in the Fifteenth Century. We will have a look around the Monument of the Discoveries, Belem Tower, and the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy the free afternoon when you are free to explore the city at your own leisure. In the late afternoon, we will have a **transfer to the Restauradores Square**, a public square with plenty of restaurants and cafes. We suggest you ride the Elevador Da Gloria funicular that takes you to the viewpoint of San Pedro with beautiful views over Lisbon and the Bairro Alto. Return to the hotel.

05 SAT. Lisbon- Fatima- Porto.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Fatima Shrine. Visit Porto and the old cellars.

We will head to the north of Portugal and visit **FATIMA**, an important sanctuary. We will continue on our way through to **PORTO**, Portugal's second largest city. We will have time to have lunch and then go on a **sightseeing tour** of this city, which sits on the bank of the Duero river, and its historic city centre. We will also include a **visit to the old cellars**. Free time.

06 SUN. Porto- Bom Jesus Sanctuary- Cambados- Santiago de Compostela.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Cable car ride to the Bom Jesus Sanctuary. Wine and Mussels tasting during the boat trip. Visit to Santiago de Compostela.

On this day we will travel through beautiful landscapes. In the city of **BRAGA**, we will get on the worlds oldest **cable car** to ride up to the **Santuário do BOM JESUS**, where we will enjoy its gorgeous views. We recommend trekking back down in order to admire its beautiful stairway. Then, we will resume our trip and head to Galicia. We will visit the historic town of **CAMBADOS** in Rias Baixas where we will go on a **glass bottom boat trip** in which we will learn about the production of mussels and oysters. **Wine and mussel tasting included**. At lunchtime we will arrive in **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**, where we will go on a guided tour with a **local guide**. This town was a famous pilgrimage destination since the Middle Ages.

07 MON. Santiago de Compostela- Lugo- O Cebreiro- León - Madrid.-

TODAYS HIGHLIGHTS: Beautiful landscapes. Lugo city center. León.

We will travel along the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) to Castile. In **LUGO** we will have time to visit the historic town center and Roman walls, which were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will make a stop on route in **O CEBREIRO**, a small Galician stone village. Arrival in **LEÓN** at lunchtime, where we will have time to visit the Gothic cathedral with its stained-glass windows and to stroll through the historic town center. We will depart Leon at around 17:00h and arrive in **MADRID** at around 21.00h.

Note: In case the group is small, the portion of the trip from Leon to Madrid may be done by train or regular transport. End of our services. Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night.



DAYS 7
FROM RM 4108

DEPARTURE DATES

Every two weeks
on Tuesday

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Wine and mussel tasting in a boat trip in Cambados.
- **City tour in:** Madrid, Lisbon, Porto, Santiago De Compostela.
- **Evening Transfer:** Debod Temple and Plaza de España and Plaza de Oriente in Madrid, Restauradores Square in Lisbon.
- **Ticket admission:** Las Ventas bullring in Madrid, Chapel of Bones in Evora, Old cellars in Porto.
- **Funicular:** to Bom Jesus Sanctuary in Braga.



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